

**6254.0600 REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD AND MOVE MORE THAN 24 DOZEN MINNOWS.**

Subpart 1. **Restrictions apply to quantities of minnows in excess of 24 dozen.** This part applies only to quantities of minnows in excess 24 dozen.

Subp. 2. **Water volume for handling and transporting minnows.** After being taken, minnows may not be moved in less water than the volume that will sustain them in good condition.

Subp. 3. **Oxygen content and temperature requirements.** All containers used to hold minnows other than for transport must be provided with aerating equipment or with a continuous flow of water which at all times maintains sufficient dissolved oxygen to sustain the minnows in good condition, except that containers so equipped are not required for holding leeches. Leeches may not be held in any container in which the dissolved oxygen in the water or the temperature is not maintained at a level that will sustain the leeches in good condition. Minnows, including leeches, may be transported only in containers in which the dissolved oxygen in the water is maintained at a level that will sustain the minnows in good condition.

Subp. 4. **Inspection of minnow containers.** Minnows must be transported only in containers that permit inspection of the minnows by the commissioner at any time.

Subp. 5. **Required reporting.** Minnow dealers and exporting minnow dealers must report, on forms provided by the commissioner, for the previous calendar year. Reports must be submitted to the address identified on the form so that they are received prior to February 15 of each year. A minnow dealer's license or exporting minnow dealer's license may not be renewed until the yearly report has been received.

Subp. 6. **Exemption from water volume, oxygen, and temperature requirements.** Subparts 2 and 3 do not apply to persons licensed as aquatic farm or private fish hatchery operators.

Subp. 7. **Permit documents required.**

A. Before a licensed minnow dealer is allowed to harvest and transport cisco, rainbow smelt, and animals on the official list of viral hemorrhagic septicemia susceptible species published by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, the dealer must obtain one of the following permit documents:

(1) a state-issued live fish transportation, importation, and stocking permit from the local fisheries area or regional office; or

(2) a valid fish health certification for the source water body showing no presence of viral hemorrhagic septicemia within the past year.

B. The permit documents may be used for multiple shipments within the term of the permit as long as the source water body remains the same. The transportation permit must have a single destination. A fish health certification may be used for multiple destinations.

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