

**6262.0500 WATERS CLOSED TO TAKING FISH.**

Subpart 1. **Waters permanently closed to taking fish.** The following waters or designated portions are closed to the taking of all fish at all times, except by permit according to part 6260.0300, subpart 1, and Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.041:

A. Aitkin County: Sandy Lake, within 300 feet below the Federal Dam, S.25, T.50, R.24.

B. Anoka and Ramsey Counties: Wilkinson Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.4,5,9, T.30, R.22; S.34, T.31, R.22.

C. Cass County: Thunder Creek at the outlet of Thunder Lake, within 500 feet below the dam, S.10, T.140, R.26.

D. Cass and Itasca Counties: Winnibigoshish Lake, within 300 feet below the Federal Dam, S.25, T.146, R.27.

E. Dakota and Washington Counties: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below the Federal Dam at Hastings, S.21, T.115, R.17.

F. Douglas and Grant Counties: Lake Christina, S.3-11,17,18, T.130, R.40 and S.1,12,13, T.130, R.41.

G. Goodhue County: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and Dam No. 3 near Red Wing, S.10, T.113, R.15; except that fishing from shore within 150 feet below the lock and dam and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted zone is permitted.

H. Hennepin County: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below the St. Anthony Falls Dam at Minneapolis, S.23, T.29, R.24.

I. Hennepin and Ramsey Counties: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and Dam No. 1 (Ford Dam), between Minneapolis and St. Paul, S.17, T.28, R.23.

J. Houston County: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and Dam No. 8 near Reno, S.7, T.101, R.3; except that fishing from shore within 150 feet below the lock and dam and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted zone is permitted.

K. Itasca County:

(1) Mississippi River, within 300 feet below the Pokegama Reservoir Dam, S.13, T.55, R.26.

(2) Mississippi River, from 500 feet upstream to 300 feet downstream of the Blandin Dam, S.21, T.55, R.25.

L. Itasca and Cass Counties: Winnibigoshish Lake. See Cass and Itasca Counties for area closed.

M. Otter Tail County:

- (1) Stream between East and West Battle Lakes, S.33,34, T.133, R.39.
- (2) Area between West Battle and Clitherall Lakes, S.2,11, T.132, R.40.
- (3) Pelican River from bridge in Trunk Highway 59 to Lake Lizzie, S.20, T.137, R.42.

N. Ramsey County:

- (1) Charles Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.12, T.30, R.23.
- (2) Deep Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.5,6,7, T.30, R.22.
- (3) Pleasant Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.7,8,18,19, T.30, R.22, and S.12,13, T.30, R.23.

O. Ramsey and Anoka Counties: Wilkinson Lake, including inlet and outlet channels. See Anoka and Ramsey Counties.

P. Ramsey and Hennepin Counties: Mississippi River. See Hennepin and Ramsey counties for area closed.

Q. St. Louis County:

- (1) French River, between Lake Superior and the new Highway 61, S.17, T.52, R.12.
- (2) Knife River, S.25, T.52, R.12, from the top of the second falls 100 feet downstream.
- (3) Lester River, immediately downstream of the Superior Street bridge to the bottom of the first falls. The pool downstream of the first falls remains open. S.8, T.50, R.13.

R. St. Louis and Carlton Counties: St. Louis River, from the Fond du Lac Dam downstream for one-half mile to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable, S.6, T.48, R.15.

S. Wabasha County: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and Dam No. 4 near Kellogg, S.17, T.110, R.9; except that fishing from shore within 150 feet below the lock and dam and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted zone is permitted.

T. Washington and Dakota Counties: Mississippi River. See Dakota and Washington Counties for area closed.

U. Winona County: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below the following U.S. Locks and Dams: No. 5, S.17, T.108, R.8; No. 5A, S.9, T.107, R.7; No. 6, S.8, T.106, R.5, near Winona; and No. 7, S.28, T.105, R.4, near Dresbach; except that fishing from shore

within 150 feet below these locks and dams and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted zone is permitted.

V. Lake and St. Louis Counties: Knife River from the U.S. Highway 61 bridge in S.36, T.52, R.12, downstream to the cable below the Knife River fish trap in S.31, T.52, R.11 and S.36, T.52, R.12.

W. Morrison County: Mississippi River, Zebulon Pike Reservoir's portion known as Musky Bay T.138, R.30, S.1 E1/2 of NE1/4.

Subp. 2. **Waters seasonally closed to taking fish.** The following waters in the portions designated are closed to the taking of all fish during the periods specified:

A. Cook County:

(1) Sea Gull River, S.19,30,31, T.66, R.4, and S.25,36, T.66, R.5, from Sea Gull Lake including Gull Lake to Saganaga Lake approximately 1/3 mile north of the narrows. The dates of closure are from April 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend;

(2) Gauthier Creek, S.27, T.62, R.3E; Kadunce Creek, S.2, T.61, R.2E, from 0.2 to 0.4 miles above the mouth; and Devil Track River, S.11,12, T.61, R.1E, from 1.1 to 1.6 miles above the mouth. The dates of the closure are September 1 through May 31;

(3) Granite River (at Saganaga Lake) S.4, T.66, R.4, from Saganaga Falls downstream to Saganaga Lake, including Saganaga Lake within 300 yards of the mouth of the Granite River. The dates of the closure are April 1 through May 31;

(4) Little Gunflint-Little North channel (Granite River at Gunflint Lake) S.16, T.65, R.2, the channel between Little Gunflint Lake and Little North lake, including Little Gunflint Lake within 300 yards of the channel mouth and Little North Lake within 100 yards of the head of the channel. The dates of the closure are April 1 through May 31; and

(5) Cross River (at Gunflint Lake) S.24,25,26, T.65, R.4, and S.19,30, T.65, R.3, from Cook County Road 12 (Gunflint Trail) crossing downstream to Gunflint Lake, including Gunflint Lake within 300 yards of the mouth of the Cross River. The dates of the closure are April 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend.

B. St. Louis and Carlton Counties:

(1) St. Louis River, S.6,7, T.48, R.15, from the State Highway 23 bridge upstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable crossing the river. The dates of closure are from the Saturday closest to March 1 to May 18; and

(2) Lake Superior from the mainland to a line that runs from the mouth of Chester Creek, S.23, T.50N, R.14W, to the outermost portion of the north/west arm of the

Duluth ship canal, S.27, T.50N, R.14W. The dates of closure are from the day after the first full weekend in October to November 30. When November 30 falls on a Saturday, the closure extends to the following Sunday. Fishing is allowed only from shore in this area during the dates of closure.

C. Sherburne County: Elk River, S.33, T.33, R.26, for a distance of 1,000 feet below the power dam at the city of Elk River. The dates of closure are November 1 to the third Sunday in February.

D. Cass County: the Gull River from the United States Army Corps of Engineers dam (Government Lot 1, S.20, T.134N, R.29W) downstream 250 feet. The closure is from the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the Friday before Memorial Day.

E. Goodhue County:

(1) Mississippi River, within 300 feet below Lock and Dam 3 at Red Wing, S.10, T.113, R.15. The closure is from March 1 to April 30; and

(2) Cannon River and Hay Creek floodplain, S.10,11,13,14,15,23,24,25,26, T.113, R.15, and S.19, T.113, R.14, includes floodplain lakes and streams in the area bounded on the northwest by the Vermillion River, on the south and southwest by Canadian Pacific Railroad track, and on the north and east by the Mississippi River. The dates of closure are April 1 through May 15.

F. Wabasha County: Mississippi River, within 300 feet below Lock and Dam 4 at Alma, Wisconsin, S.17,20, T.110, R.9. The closure is from March 1 to April 30.

Subp. 2a. **Waters closed to possession of fish.** The following waters have restrictions on the possession of fish:

A. Mink Lake in Wright County: S.23-25, T.121, R.27, and Somers Lake in Wright County, S.24-25, T.121, R.27, are closed to the possession of all fish through February 28, 1998, except that the daily and possession limit for sunfish is five. Possession and use of minnows as bait, except processed minnows in a dried, frozen, or pickled condition, is prohibited.

B. Annie Battle inlet and outlets in Otter Tail County: The inlet stream (T.133N, R.40W, S.24) beginning at the northeast exit point of Molly Stark Lake to the confluence with Annie Battle Lake and the outlet stream (T.133N, R.40W, S.12) beginning at the northwest exit of Annie Battle to Blanche Lake are closed to the possession of northern pike and largemouth bass. The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five.

C. Eagle Creek in Scott County: S.7,18, T.115N, R.21W, and S.13, T.115N, R.22 (south of State Highway 101 to the source of the east and west branches that are west of State Highway 13) is closed to the possession of trout.

D. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]

E. Crawford Lake in Wright County: S.20, T.119N, R.25W, is closed to the possession of largemouth bass. The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five, for crappie is five, for walleye is two, and for yellow perch is ten.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 19 SR 2222]

Subp. 4. **Waters with seasonal restrictions on taking fish and motorboat operations.**

A. Waters or portions of waters designated as spawning beds or fish preserves under chapter 6264 may be posted closed to the taking of fish or posted to restrict motorboat operations based on:

- (1) the abundance of spawning fish;
- (2) climatic conditions; or
- (3) anticipated angling activities.

B. Waters or portions of waters being used by the commissioner for research or management activities may be posted closed to the taking of fish or posted to restrict motorboat operations if necessary to prevent:

- (1) interference with research and management;
- (2) excess depletion of fish;
- (3) destruction of critical habitat; or
- (4) activities that compromise management or research efforts.

C. Notice of closures or restrictions under this subpart shall be posted at all public access sites and on the Department of Natural Resources Web site no less than 48 hours prior to the effective date. The posting shall include a description of the closure or restriction and associated dates.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84D.05; 84D.09; 84D.10; 84D.11; 84D.13; 86B.121; 97A.031; 97A.045; 97A.101; 97A.401; 97A.418; 97A.505; 97A.510; 97A.551; 97C.001; 97C.005; 97C.085; 97C.205; 97C.315; 97C.325; 97C.345; 97C.395; 97C.401; 97C.801*

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