

**6262.0600 SEASONS AND METHODS FOR TAKING ROUGH FISH.**

Subpart 1. **Generally.** Rough fish may be taken according to Minnesota Statutes, sections 97C.345, 97C.371, and 97C.375.

Subp. 1a. **Taking by harpooning or dip net.** Rough fish may be taken as described in items A and B from May 1 through the Sunday before the third Monday in February between sunrise and sunset in all inland waters, except where the taking of fish is otherwise prohibited by law or rule.

A. Rough fish may be taken by harpooning with a rubber powered gun, spring gun, or compressed air gun. Harpooning equipment may not be used within 1,000 feet of an established swimming beach. Harpooning equipment may be discharged only when both the equipment and operator are entirely beneath the surface of the water and may not be carried in a cocked position while out of the water.

B. Rough fish may be taken by means of hand-held dip nets having a diameter not exceeding 24 inches.

Subp. 1b. **Taking by spear.** Rough fish may be taken by hand-held spears in open water or through the ice. The season for taking rough fish by hand-held spears is from the last Saturday in April up to but not including the third Monday in February. The season is closed from the third Monday in February to the Friday before the last Saturday in April. A person may possess a spear on or near waters between sunrise and sunset during the open season.

Subp. 1c. **Taking suckers.** Suckers may be taken by spearing from the last Saturday in April through the last Sunday in February. The season is closed from the Monday following the last Sunday in February to the Friday before the last Saturday in April. A person may possess a spear on or near waters between sunrise and sunset during the open season.

Subp. 1d. **Taking by archery.** Rough fish may be taken by archery, provided that the arrows used have a barb and are tethered or controlled by an attached line. Use of crossbows is prohibited, except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.106.

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 37 SR 1664]

Subp. 3. **Possession and use of bullheads 7.0 to 10.0 inches for bait.**

A. As described in this subpart, up to 100 bullheads greater than 7.0 inches and equal to or less than 10.0 inches may be taken, possessed, and held for use as live bait.

B. Bullheads taken under this subpart may be taken from the wild by:

- (1) dip net;
- (2) angling; or

(3) seines used as authorized for noncommercial taking of minnows as prescribed under part 6230.0250, subpart 6; chapter 6254; and Minnesota Statutes, sections 97C.505 and 97C.511, subdivision 1.

C. Bullheads taken under this subpart are considered part of the daily and possession limits in parts 6262.0200, subpart 1, item P, and 6262.0650, item C.

D. Bullheads taken under this subpart must be transported in a container with a locking lid or other device to prevent escape. Release of the live bullheads into the wild is not allowed.

E. A person transporting or holding bullheads under this subpart must allow inspection of the bullheads by the commissioner at any time.

F. A person may not transport live bullheads under this subpart across the borders into Minnesota without an appropriate commercial license and transportation permit.

Subp. 4. **Transportation restrictions.** Live bullheads, regardless of size, may not be transported north of State Highway 210.

Subp. 5. **Sale of fish over 12 inches.** White suckers that are over 12 inches and have been legally purchased from a licensed commercial vendor may be transported alive. The person transporting these fish must have the sales receipt on their person. The sales receipt must show the date and time of purchase.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 14.388; 97A.045; 97A.551; 97B.106; 97C.001; 97C.041; 97C.205; 97C.315; 97C.345; 97C.371; 97C.375; 97C.381; 97C.401; 19 SR 6*

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