

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

Subpart 1. **License requirements on boundary waters.** Residents may fish adjacent states' boundary waters listed in parts 6266.0200, subpart 1; 6266.0300, subpart 1; 6266.0400, subpart 1; and 6266.0500, subpart 1, only if in possession of a valid resident angling license or otherwise authorized to angle in this state. Residents of an adjacent state may fish the boundary waters only if in possession of a valid resident angling license of that state or otherwise lawfully authorized to angle in that state. Residents of nonadjacent states and foreign countries may fish the boundary waters only if in possession of a valid nonresident angling license issued by this state or the adjacent state or otherwise authorized to angle in this state or the adjacent state.

**Subp. 2. Possession limits on boundary waters.**

A. Licensed anglers, or those exempt from licensing, 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 immediately released or returned to the water as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 26c, are considered to be in possession and part of the bag limit. No culling or live well sorting (the act of replacing one fish with another one) is allowed. Fish may not be released after being reduced to possession, except that an angler may release fish to the same water body where the fish were taken when the angler is done fishing for that day and before the angler leaves the water body.

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.

Subp. 3. **Species of fish not specified.** Species of fish not specified in parts 6266.0200 to 6266.0600 may be taken and possessed in adjacent state boundary waters only as authorized for the inland waters of the state in which taken.

Subp. 4. **Designated water bodies.** To the extent that chapter 6264 is inconsistent with parts 6266.0200 to 6266.0600, the provisions of chapter 6264 apply.

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