

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

Subpart 1. **Specified waters.** The provisions of this part apply to all parts of the following named Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters:

- A. Lake Hendricks;
- B. Big Stone Lake;
- C. Lake Traverse;
- D. Mud Lake;
- E. Bois de Sioux River; and
- F. Mustinka River from the mouth to the Minnesota State Highway 117 bridge.

Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters.** 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	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February.	4; with only one walleye over 20 inches.
B.	Northern pike	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February.	6
C.	Small and large mouth bass	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February.	6
D.	Crappie	Continuous.	10
E.	Sunfish and bluegill	Continuous.	10
F.	Rock bass	Continuous.	20
G.	Bullhead	Continuous.	100

H.	Perch	Continuous.	15 daily, 30 in possession.
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.

Subp. 3. **Spearing restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing is prohibited on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, and gar may be taken by spearing and possessed without limit from May 1 through the last day in February between sunrise and sunset each day. When the closing day falls on a Saturday, the season extends through March 1. A person may not have a spear in possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters at any time, except during the open season for spearing. Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle.

Subp. 4. **Restricted equipment.** A person may not have in possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters a spear or spring gaff at any time, except during the open season for spearing.

Subp. 5. **Dark house spearing.** Taking fish by spearing from or within a dark house is allowed on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters according to items A to F.

A. Spearing season is November 15 to the last Sunday in February, inclusive, between sunrise and sunset.

B. Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, and gar may be taken by spearing and possessed without limit.

C. Northern pike may be taken with a spear and the possession limit is three.

D. Catfish may be taken by spear, except on Bois De Sioux River from the White Rock Dam to the North Dakota border. The possession limit is five. Only one fish may be over 24 inches.

E. A person may not have a spear in possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters at any time, except during the open season for spearing.

F. Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle.

Subp. 6. **Shelter house deadline.** A person may not permit a shelter house to remain on the ice of Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters after March 5.

Subp. 7. **Use of set lines.** The taking of fish by means of a set line is prohibited on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters.

Subp. 8. **Number of lines allowed.** A person may not angle with more than two lines or have more than three hooks on each line on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters.

Subp. 9. [Repealed, 37 SR 1431]

Subp. 10. **Taking of minnows exempted.** This part does not apply to the taking of minnows, which are governed by the laws and regulations of the state in which the minnows are taken.

Subp. 11. **Commercial fishing.** Only the following species may be taken by commercial fishing operations from Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters: carp, buffalo, suckers, redhorse, sheepshead, bowfin, burbot, tullibeas, gar, goldeyes, bullheads, smelt, whitefish, and white (striped) bass.

Subp. 12. **Species prohibited for use as bait.** On Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters, carpsucker and buffalo species may not be used for bait and live mussels and clams may be used for bait only on the body of water where taken.

Subp. 13. [Repealed, 37 SR 1431]

Subp. 14. [Repealed, 28 SR 629]

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