

CHAPTER 97C

FISHING

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97C.085 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR TAGGING FISH.

A person may not tag or otherwise mark a live fish for identification without a permit from the commissioner, except for special fish management tags as authorized under section 97A.551.

History: *1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 114*

97C.087 SPECIAL FISH MANAGEMENT TAGS.

Subdivision 1. **Tags to be issued.** If the commissioner determines it is necessary to require that a species of fish be tagged with a special fish management tag, the commissioner shall prescribe, by rule, the species to be tagged, tagging procedures, and eligibility requirements.

Subd. 2. **Application for tag.** Application for special fish management tags must be accompanied by a \$5, nonrefundable application fee for each tag. A person may not make more than one tag application each year. If a person makes more than one application, the person is ineligible for a special fish management tag for that season after determination by the commissioner, without a hearing.

History: *1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 115*

97C.203 DISPOSAL OF STATE HATCHERY PRODUCTS.

The commissioner shall dispose of fish hatchery products according to the following order of priorities:

- (1) distribution of fish eggs and fry to state hatcheries to hatch fry or raise fingerlings for stocking waters of the state for recreational fishing;
- (2) transfer to other government agencies in exchange for fish or wildlife resources of equal value or private fish hatcheries in exchange for fish to be stocked in waters of the state for recreational fishing;
- (3) sale to private fish hatcheries or licensed aquatic farms at a price not less than the fair wholesale market value, established as the average price charged at the state's private hatcheries and contiguous states per volume rates;
- (4) transfer to other government agencies, colleges, or universities for cooperative fish management and research purposes; and
- (5) sale of not more than \$25 fair market value to any school, museum, or commercial enterprise for curriculum implementation, educational programs, public exhibition, or cooperative displays.

History: *2005 c 146 s 43*

97C.327 MEASUREMENT OF FISH LENGTH.

For the purpose of determining compliance with size limits for fish in this chapter or in rules of the commissioner, the length of a fish must be measured from the tip of the nose or jaw, whichever is longer, to the farthest tip of the tail when fully extended.

History: *2005 c 146 s 44*

97C.345 RESTRICTIONS ON USE AND POSSESSION OF NETS AND SPEARS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 2. **Possession.** (a) Except as specifically authorized, a person may not possess a spear, fish trap, net, dip net, seine, or other device capable of taking fish on or near any waters. Possession includes personal possession and in a vehicle.

(b) A person may possess spears, dip nets, bows and arrows, and spear guns allowed under section 97C.381 on or near waters between sunrise and sunset from May 1 to the last Sunday in February, or as otherwise prescribed by the commissioner.

[For text of subs 3 to 5, see M.S.2004]

History: 2005 c 146 s 45

97C.395 OPEN SEASONS FOR ANGLING.

Subdivision 1. **Dates for certain species.** (a) The open seasons to take fish by angling are as follows:

(1) for walleye, sauger, northern pike, muskellunge, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass, the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the last Sunday in February;

(2) for lake trout, from January 1 to October 31;

(3) for brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and splake, between January 1 to October 31 as prescribed by the commissioner by rule except as provided in section 97C.415, subdivision 2; and

(4) for salmon, as prescribed by the commissioner by rule.

(b) The commissioner shall close the season in areas of the state where fish are spawning and closing the season will protect the resource.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2004]

History: 2005 c 146 s 46

97C.401 LIMITS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 2. **Walleye; northern pike.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person may take no more than one walleye larger than 20 inches and one northern pike larger than 30 inches daily.

(b) The restrictions in paragraph (a) do not apply to boundary waters.

History: 2005 c 146 s 47

NOTE: The amendment to subdivision 2 by Laws 2005, chapter 146, section 47, is effective March 1, 2006. Laws 2005, chapter 146, section 47, the effective date.

97C.403 [Repealed, 2005 c 146 s 52]**97C.825 LAKE OF THE WOODS AND RAINY LAKE FISHING.**

[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 5. **Net limits for Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake.** (a) The maximum amount of nets permitted to be licensed shall be:

(1) in Lake of the Woods, 50-pound nets, 160 submerged trap nets, and 80 fyke or staked trap nets; and

(2) in Rainy Lake, 20-pound nets.

(b) Commercial fishing may be prohibited in the Minnesota portions of international waters when it is prohibited in the international waters by Canadian authorities.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 2005 c 146 s 52]

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 2005 c 146 s 52]

Subd. 8. [Repealed, 2005 c 146 s 52]

Subd. 9. [Repealed, 2005 c 146 s 52]

[For text of subd 10, see M.S.2004]

History: 2005 c 146 s 48