97A.551 POSSESSING AND TRANSPORTING FISH.

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1987 c 149 art 1 s 54]

Subd. 2. **Fish transported through state.** A person may not transport game fish taken in another state or country through the state during the closed season or in excess of the possession limit unless the fish are:

(1) transported by common carrier; or

(2) tagged, sealed, or marked as prescribed by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Shipping fish.** A person that has a license to take fish may make three shipments of fish in a license year to any person within or out of the state after obtaining a permit for each shipment from the commissioner. A shipment may not contain more than a possession limit of one species of fish per licensee.

Subd. 4. **Walleye; northern pike.** Walleye and northern pike may be possessed, transported, or shipped in a dressed or undressed condition.

Subd. 5. **Preparing and packing fish for transporting.** The commissioner may adopt rules for the preparation and packing of fish for transportation.

Subd. 6. **Tagging and registration.** The commissioner may, by rule, require persons taking, possessing, and transporting certain species of fish to tag the fish with a special fish management tag and may require registration of tagged fish. A person may not possess or transport a fish species taken in the state for which a special fish-management tag is required unless a tag is attached to the fish in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall prescribe the manner of issuance and the type of tag as authorized under section 97C.087. The tag must be attached to the fish as prescribed by the commissioner immediately upon reducing the fish to possession and must remain attached to the fish until the fish is processed or consumed. Species for which a special fish management tag is required must be transported undressed, except as otherwise prescribed by the commissioner.

History: *1986 c 386 art 1 s 81; 1987 c 149 art 1 s 39; 1993 c 185 s 1; 1993 c 231 s 37; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 104; 2006 c 281 art 2 s 34*