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TITLE: Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules Relating to Taking Fish and Designated Experimental Waters

AGENCY: Department of Natural Resources

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1 Department of Natural Resources

2 Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules Relating to Taking Fish and
3 Designated Experimental Waters

4 6262.0550 WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.

5 [For text of subpart 1, see 23 SR 1866, March 22, 1999]

6 [For text of subp 2, see 23 SR 2132, May 10, 1999]

7 Subp. 3. Inland waters of Mississippi river pool 3. All walleye in possession while
8 on or fishing in the following waters must be 15 inches in length or greater. The
9 possession limit for walleye and sauger in aggregate is six. Taking walleye and sauger
10 in the following waters is limited to the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of
11 Memorial Day weekend to the third Sunday in February.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Inland waters of Mississippi river pool 3</u>	<u>from the railroad tracks on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border upstream to the dam at Hastings, Minnesota</u>	<u>Dakota, Washington</u>

18 6264.0300 DESIGNATED EXPERIMENTAL WATERS.

19 [For text of subps 1 to 31, see M.R.]

20 Subp. 32. **Rainy Lake experimental regulations.** The provisions of this subpart are
21 effective as of May 14, 1994, and apply to the waters listed below. To the extent that this
22 subpart is inconsistent with part 6266.0700, subpart 2, the provisions of this subpart
23 apply. While on or fishing in the waters listed below, all walleye in possession or under
24 control, regardless of where taken, must be less than 17 inches in length from the tip of
25 the nose to the tip of the tail when fully extended, except that a person's possession limit
26 may include one walleye greater than 25 inches in length, and except that walleye
27 legally taken from Ontario waters of Rainy Lake that are not within the above length
28 limits may be possessed with documented proof of fishing on Ontario waters of Rainy

1 Lake. Proof of fishing must consist of documentation of a residence or property on
 2 Ontario waters of Rainy Lake, or a dated receipt from an Ontario resort on Rainy Lake.
 3 A person in possession of walleye that were legally taken in Ontario waters of Rainy
 4 Lake, but not within the legal sizes for the waters listed below, may not fish on the
 5 waters listed below. Possession includes personal possession and possession in a
 6 vehicle.

7	Name	Location	County	End Date
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9	Rainy Lake	T.67,68,69,70, 10 71, R.18,19,20, 11 21,22,23,24, S. 12 Various, Minnesota 13 waters of Rainy 14 Lake from the dam 15 in International 16 Falls to the dam in 17 Kettle Falls, Black 18 Bay including Gold 19 Portage, Rat Root 20 Lake, and all of 21 the Rat Root River	Koochiching, 22 St. Louis	3/1/2000 23 <u>3/1/2001</u>

[For text of subps 33 to 61, see M.R.]

24 **6266.0300 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY**
 25 **WATERS.**

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

27 **Subp. 2. Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters.**

28 The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on
 29 Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters:

30	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
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34	A. Walleye and sauger	First Saturday in May 35 <u>through to the last</u> 36 <u>day in February.</u>	6 <u>5</u> in aggregate.

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March 1 to the
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first Saturday
in May.

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aggregate.
All fish
that are
from 18
inches to
28 inches
in length,
inclusive,
must be
immediately
returned to
the water.
A person's
possession
limit may
not include
more than
one walleye
greater than
28 inches
in length or
two walleye
less than
18 inches
in length.

B. Northern pike

First Saturday in May
through to the last
day in February.

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March 1 to the
Friday before the
first Saturday
in May.

3, except that
all northern
pike in
possession
must be
less than
27 inches
in length.
All northern
pike 27
inches or
greater in
length
must be

immediately
returned to
the water.

C. Small and large
mouth bass

~~First Saturday in May
through last day in
February.~~
Continuous.

6 3 in
aggregate.

[For text of items D to H, see M.R.]

I. Catfish

~~First Saturday in
May through last
day in February.~~
Continuous.

5₂ with only
1 over 24
inches in
length.

[For text of items J and K, see M.R.]

L. Muskellunge

Continuous.

1;
40-inch
minimum
size
limit.

~~When the closing date falls on a Saturday, the season will extend through the
following Sunday.~~

[For text of subps 3 to 7, see M.R.]

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

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

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
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[For text of items A to G, see M.R.]

1 H. Perch Continuous. 50 25

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3 [For text of items I to K, see M.R.]

4 [For text of subps 3 to 12, see M.R.]

5 [For text of subp 13, see 23 SR 1933, April 5, 1999]

6 Subp. 14. Possession requirement. Fish that are taken by angling on
7 Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters and not released freely into the water
8 immediately after capture must be considered to be in possession and part of the bag
9 limit and may not be released after such possession.

10 6266.0500 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY
11 WATERS.

12 Subpart 1. Specified waters. The provisions of this part apply to the following
13 described Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters:

14 A. Mississippi river and Lake Pepin extending from the mouth of the St. Croix
15 river at the U.S. Highway 10 bridge at Prescott, Wisconsin to the southern boundary of
16 this state and lying between the Burlington Northern main railroad tracks on the
17 Wisconsin side and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad tracks on the
18 Minnesota side, including all sloughs, backwaters, bays, and newly extended water
19 areas lying between the railroad tracks.

20 [For text of items B and C, see M.R.]

21 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

22 Subp. 3. Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters.
23 The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on
24 Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters:

25 Species and Open Season Daily and Possession Limits

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27 A. Small and large mouth
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(1) St. Louis river and
St. Croix river.
Saturday preceding
Memorial Day through
March 1.

5 in aggregate;
12 inch minimum size limit in
the St. Louis river and
St. Croix river upstream of
Highway 70 near Pine City.
14 inch minimum size limit
downstream of Highway 70
and Mississippi river
including Lake Pepin.

(1) St. Louis river.
Saturday preceding
Memorial Day to March 1.

5 in aggregate;
14-inch minimum size limit.

(2) Mississippi river
and Lake Pepin.
Continuous.

(2) St. Croix river
upstream of the dam
at Taylors Falls.

Saturday preceding
Memorial Day to the
Sunday preceding the
second Monday in
September.

5 in aggregate;
14-inch minimum size
limit.

Second Monday in
September to March 1.

Limited to catch and release
only. Any smallmouth or
largemouth bass must be
immediately returned
to the water. It is
unlawful for anyone to
have in possession,
regardless of where taken,
any smallmouth or largemouth
bass.

(3) St. Croix river
downstream of the dam
at Taylors Falls to
its mouth (U.S. Highway
10 bridge at Prescott,
Wisconsin). Saturday
preceding Memorial Day
to March 1.

5 in aggregate;
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(4) Mississippi river
and Lake Pepin.
Continuous.

5 in aggregate;
14-inch minimum size
limit.

B. Walleye and sauger

(1) St. Louis river.
~~The Saturday~~
two weeks prior
to the Saturday
of Memorial Day
weekend ~~through~~
to March 1.

~~6 of either or~~
2 in aggregate;
~~except in the St. Louis
river the limit is 2 walleye.~~
15-inch minimum size limit
for walleye on the St. Louis,
St. Croix, Mississippi rivers,
and Lake Pepin except no size
limit in Pool 3 of the
Mississippi river between the
Red Wing dam and Hastings.

(2) St. Croix river.
Saturday nearest May 1
~~through~~ to March 1.

6 in aggregate; .
15-inch minimum size
limit for walleye.

(3) Mississippi river and
Lake Pepin. Continuous.

6 in aggregate;
15-inch minimum size limit
for walleye.

[For text of items C to P, see M.R.]

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Subp. 4. **Number of lines allowed.** Except as provided, a person may not angle with more than two lines or one line with more than two baits ~~or one line with a single treble hook~~ on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters. A person may not fish with an unattended line or take fish by snagging. A fish hooked in any part of the body, except the mouth, must immediately be unhooked and returned to the water.

[For text of subps 5 to 10, see M.R.]

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6266.0700 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-CANADA BOUNDARY WATERS.

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

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Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Canada boundary waters.** Except as provided in part 6264.0300, subpart 56, the following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota-Canada boundary waters.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
	A. Walleye and sauger		
	<u>(1) All other border waters not listed</u>	Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through to April 14.	6 in the aggregate; except (i) Lake of the Woods, 14 in the aggregate, of which not more than 6 may be walleye; (ii) Rainy Lake, 12 in the aggregate, of which not more than 6 may be walleye and not more than 1 over 19.5 inches; (iii) Rainy River, 6 in the aggregate, with not more than 1 walleye over 19.5 inches except from March 1 through April 14 2 in the aggregate and no walleye over 19.5 inches may be taken; and (iv) Saganaga Lake including Sea Gull River and Gull Lake, where the limit is 6 walleye with only 1 walleye over 19.5 inches.
	<u>(2) Lake of the Woods</u>	Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to November 30. December 1 to April 14.	8 in the aggregate, of which not more than 6 may be walleye and not more than 1 over 19.5 inches daily. 14 in the aggregate, of which not more than 6 may be walleye and not more than 1 over 19.5 inches daily.
	<u>(3) Rainy lake</u>	Saturday two weeks prior to the	12 in the aggregate, of which not more than

1		<u>Saturday of Memorial</u>	<u>6 may be walleye and not</u>
2		<u>Day weekend to</u>	<u>more than 1 over 19.5</u>
3		<u>April 14.</u>	<u>inches.</u>
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5	<u>(4) Rainy</u>	<u>Saturday two weeks</u>	<u>6 in the aggregate,</u>
6	<u>river</u>	<u>prior to the Saturday</u>	<u>with not more than 1</u>
7		<u>of Memorial Day</u>	<u>walleye over 19.5</u>
8		<u>weekend to the last</u>	<u>inches.</u>
9		<u>day in February.</u>	
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11		<u>March 1 to</u>	<u>2 in the aggregate,</u>
12		<u>April 14.</u>	<u>and no walleye over</u>
13			<u>19.5 inches may be</u>
14			<u>taken.</u>
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16	<u>(5) Saga-</u>	<u>Saturday two weeks</u>	<u>6 walleye, with only</u>
17	<u>naga lake,</u>	<u>prior to the</u>	<u>1 walleye over 19.5</u>
18	<u>including</u>	<u>Saturday of Memorial</u>	<u>inches.</u>
19	<u>Sea Gull</u>	<u>Day weekend to</u>	
20	<u>river and</u>	<u>April 14.</u>	
21	<u>Gull lake</u>		
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23 [For text of items B to I, see M.R.]

24 [For text of subps 3 to 5, see M.R.]

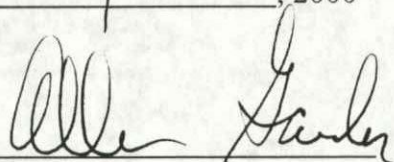
25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Minnesota Rules, parts 6262.0550, subpart 3, 6266.0500, subparts 1,
 26 3, and 4, and 6266.0700, subpart 2, are effective May 13, 2000. Minnesota Rules, parts
 27 6264.0300, subpart 32, and 6266.0300, subpart 2, are effective March 1, 2000. Minnesota
 28 Rules, part 6266.0400, subparts 2 and 14, are effective April 29, 2000.

Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Closed and Designated Experimental
Waters

Notice is hereby given that the above entitled rules have been adopted through the process prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.027, subdivision 13 (b). The statutory authority for the contents of these rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.045, subdivision 2, 97C.395, subdivision 1, and 97C.401, subdivision 1.

Dated: 2/4, 2000



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Commissioner of Natural Resources

1 Department of Natural Resources

2 Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules Relating to Closed and
3 Designated Experimental Waters

4 6262.0500 WATERS CLOSED TO TAKING FISH.

5 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

6 Subp. 2a. Waters closed to possession of fish or with reduced possession limits. The
7 following waters have restrictions on the possession of fish:

8 [For text of items A to D, see M.R.]

9 E. Crawford lake in Wright county: S.20, T.119N, R.25W, is closed to the possession
10 of largemouth bass. The possession limit for sunfish is five, for crappie is five, for
11 walleye is two, and for perch is ten.

12 F. Clitherall lake in Ottertail county: S.11-15, 23, and 24, T.132N, R.40W; S.6, 7,
13 T.132N, R.39W, is closed to the possession of smallmouth bass until March 1, 2009.

14 [For text of item G, see 23 SR 2132, May 10, 1999]

15 H. Norway lake in Otter Tail county: T.133N, R.41, 42W, S.19, 20, 24, 25, 29, 30 is
16 closed to the possession of largemouth bass. The possession limit for walleye is three,
17 for northern pike is one, for crappie is five, for sunfish is five, and for yellow perch is
18 ten.

19 6264.0300 DESIGNATED EXPERIMENTAL WATERS.

20 [For text of subps 1 to 58, see M.R.]

21 Subp. 59. **Pelican Lake experimental regulations.** All largemouth bass and
22 smallmouth bass in possession while on or fishing in Pelican Lake must be less than 14
23 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth bass and
24 smallmouth bass that are 14 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately
25 returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include more than one

1 largemouth bass or smallmouth bass over 20 inches in length. All northern pike in
 2 possession while on or fishing in Pelican Lake must be less than 24 inches in length or
 3 greater than ~~38~~ 32 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to ~~38~~ 32 inches in
 4 length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession
 5 limit may not include more than one northern pike over ~~38~~ 32 inches in length.

6	Name	Location	County	End Date
7	Pelican Lake	T.64,65, R.19, 20,21, S.Various	St. Louis	3/1/2008
10	[For text of subps 60 and 61, see M.R.]			

11 **REPEALER.** The emergency amendment to Minnesota Rules, part 6262.0500, subpart
 12 2a, item E, published in the State Register, volume 23, page 1866, March 22, 1999, is
 13 repealed.

14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Minnesota Rules, part 6262.0500, subpart 2a, item F, is effective
 15 May 27, 2000.