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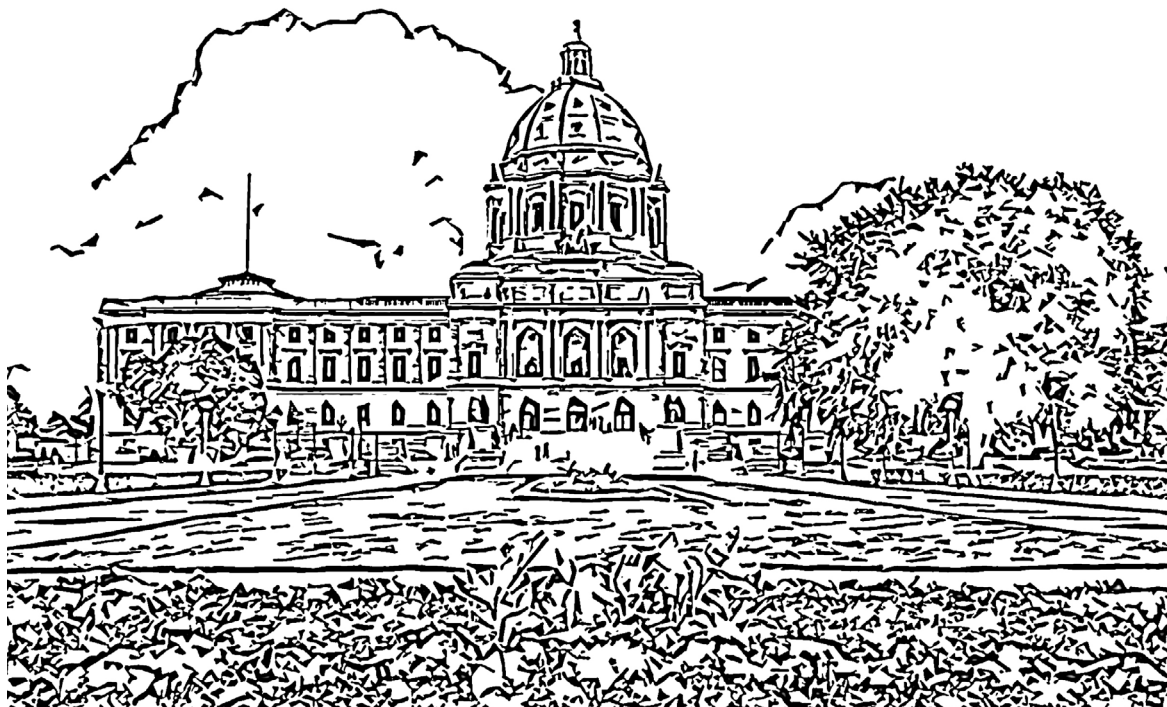
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NOTICE: How to Follow State Agency Rulemaking in the State Register

The State Register is the official source, and only complete listing, for all state agency rulemaking in its various stages. State agencies are required to publish notice of their rulemaking action in the State Register. Published every Monday, the State Register makes it easy to follow and participate in the important rulemaking process. Approximately 80 state agencies have the authority to issue rules. Each agency is assigned specific Minnesota Rule chapter numbers. Every odd-numbered year the Minnesota Rules are published. Supplements are published to update this set of rules. Generally speaking, proposed and adopted exempt rules do not appear in this set because of their short-term nature, but are published in the State Register.

An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (Minnesota Statutes §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the State Register at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as Proposed Rules, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the State Register as Adopted Rules. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety, but only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the State Register, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted.

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Provisions exist for the Commissioners of some state agencies to adopt expedited rules when conditions exist that do not allow the Commissioner to comply with the requirements for normal rules. The Commissioner must submit the rule to the attorney general for review and must publish a notice of adoption that includes a copy of the rule and the conditions. Expedited rules are effective upon publication in the State Register, and may be effective up to seven days before publication under certain conditions.

Expedited rules are effective for the period stated or up to 18 months. Specific *Minnesota Statute* citations accompanying these expedited rules detail the agency's rulemaking authority.

KEY: Proposed Rules - Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. ~~Strikeouts~~ indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material."

Adopted Rules - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. ~~Strikeout~~ indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Department of Natural Resources

Division of Fish and Wildlife

Proposed Expedited Game and Fish Rule: Fishing in Inland Waters; Notice of Intent to Adopt Expedited Rules without a Public Hearing

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Fishing Regulations for Inland Waters, *Minnesota Rules*, part 6262.0200; Revisor's ID Number R-4826

Introduction. The Department of Natural Resources (Department) intends to adopt rules under the expedited rulemaking process following the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2410, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.389. You may submit written comments on the proposed expedited rules until Friday, September 20, 2024.

Department Contact Person. Submit comments, questions, or a request for hearing on the rules to Shannon Fisher, Fisheries Populations Monitoring and Regulations Manager, at Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone 651-259-5206, or email shannon.fisher@state.mn.us.

Subject of the Expedited Rules. The proposed expedited rules adjust Minnesota's fishing regulations for inland waters.

1. **Season clarification for largemouth and smallmouth bass.** The Department proposes to use the term "through" instead of "to" consistently to define season end dates. The current use of "to" in some rules is unclear because it could mean an angler can harvest until 11:59 P.M. on the season end date listed or it could mean 11:59 P.M. on the day prior to the closing date listed. The amendments in this section replace the word "to" with "through" and include a specific time for clarity and consistency across fishing regulations.
2. **Stream trout rules updates.** The stream trout rules updates include four components.
 - a. The first is adding Dakota County to the list of counties that have an open stream trout season from January 1 through October 15 of each year. This season includes catch-and-release only from January 1 up to but not including the Saturday harvest opener in April and from September 15 through October 15.
 - b. The second part of the update is language consolidation. Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout and splake are listed separately in rule. The language for each trout type is the same and the daily and possession limits are "in aggregate." Therefore, these sections are consolidated into a single set of rules that covers brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, and splake.

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- c. The third component is a change to the April season opener. New language establishes the season opener on the second Saturday in April, instead of the current language which is for the Saturday closest to April 15.
 - d. The last component is season clarifications converting the use of “to” to “through” (see item 1 above).
3. **Season clarification for lake trout.** The only updates for lake trout are three “to” and “through” adjustments (see item 1 above).
4. **Season clarification for walleye and sauger.** The only change proposed for walleye and sauger is season clarification converting the use of “to” to “through” (see item 1 above).
5. **Corrections to northern pike season and zones.** The northern pike season was adjusted by changing “to” to “through” to ensure that the correct season dates are defined (see item 1 above). The other update here is the modification of northern pike zone boundary definitions. The proposed new zone boundary language: 1) clarifies that the western-most boundary begins at the South Dakota border on State Highway 12 in Ortonville, 2) adjusts the boundary within the metro area from the “near or north banks” of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers to a series of roadways above the floodplain, and 3) clarifies the intersection with the Canada border.
6. **Clarification of muskellunge rules.** To remove uncertainty from the previously combined muskellunge-tiger muskellunge rule, the two are being split into separate listings. The season was also clarified by change “to” to “through” (see item 1 above) and changing the end date from December 1 to November 30.
7. **Establishing a daily/possession limit and season for tiger muskellunge rules.** This new listing establishes a separate daily and possession limit for tiger muskellunge (northern pike-muskellunge hybrids), establishes that the open season shall run from the first Saturday in June through November 30, and removes the list of metro lakes managed for tiger muskellunge.
8. **Establishing a daily/possession limit and season for yellow bass.** Yellow bass are listed as a game fish, and therefore should have an established bag limit and harvest season. Because many anglers may not be able to tell the difference between white bass and yellow bass, we are proposing that the bag limit be considered in aggregate and with a continuous season. A combined bag limit of 30 is proposed across the species range. In some instances where yellow bass are proliferating, special regulations with higher bag limits may be used.
9. **Sunfish clarification.** Sunfish are defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, sec. 97A.015, subd. 46, but are not defined in *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 6262. This change ensures that it is clear which species are included in the sunfish rule.
10. **Catfish rules.** The intent of this language adjustment is to simplify and separate species-specific (channel catfish and flathead catfish) regulations that are currently combined within one species-group (catfish). The splitting of catfish into two separate species rules is based on angler input and biological differences. The change allows the DNR to set different management goals for each species and permit more angling opportunities.
11. **Removal of old perch regulations language.** We propose removing certain language from the current perch regulations that became obsolete in 2000 and 2001 and is no longer applicable.
12. **Sturgeon clarification.** Current sturgeon regulations reference simply “sturgeon.” However, in the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary water rules, lake sturgeon and shovelnose sturgeon have different regulations. To avoid confusion and clarify that the rule applies to multiple species of sturgeon, we are adding “lake and shovelnose” to sturgeon. “To” and “through” season clarifications are also addressed (see item 1 above).
13. **Removal of species from list.** The daily/possession limits and harvest seasons for species classified as “rough fish” are listed here. Several species (burbot, whitefish, and cisco) have been re-classified from “rough fish” to “game fish” and can be removed from this list because daily/possession limits are established. Gar also have a daily and possession limit and can be removed from the list as well.

14. **Establishing daily/possession limit and season for American eel.** A daily/possession limit has not been established for American eel. American eel are rare in the state. The proposed daily/possession limit of zero effectively prohibits the harvest of American eel in Minnesota waters – reflecting their rare status and need for protection.
15. **Establishing a daily/possession limit and season for burbot.** Burbot was reclassified from rough fish to game fish by the Minnesota legislature in 2020. The species is increasingly targeted by anglers and is also subject to population challenges due to warming lake conditions. Recent research has suggested that some populations (e.g., Bad Medicine Lake), are experiencing substantial exploitation. Because predatory fishes, such as burbot, tend to be present in limited numbers, the use of daily and possession limits is a commonly applied management tool to create sustainable fisheries. Based on engagement feedback and biological data, we are proposing a daily and possession limit of four.
16. **Establishing an angling daily/possession limit and season for lake whitefish.** Lake whitefish, like burbot, have gained substantial attention as a targeted species by Minnesota anglers; and the species was reclassified from rough fish to game fish by the Minnesota legislature in 2020. The species is also subject to population challenges due to warming lake conditions. To protect lake whitefish populations from overexploitation and based on our public engagement, we are proposing a daily and possession limit of 15 for angling. Because whitefish less than or equal to 7 inches in length are considered minnows, the limit of 15 only applies to whitefish greater than 7 inches.
17. **Establishing an angling daily/possession limit and season for cisco.** Cisco, also known as tullibee, have gained substantial attention as a targeted species by Minnesota anglers; and the species was reclassified from rough fish to game fish by the Minnesota legislature in 2020. The species is also subject to population challenges due to warming lake conditions. To protect cisco populations from overexploitation, we propose establishing a daily/possession limit. Based on engagement, we are proposing a daily and possession limit of 15 for angling. Cisco less than or equal to 7 inches in total length are considered bait in Minnesota, so the limit only applies to cisco greater than 7 inches in total length.
18. **Addition of paddlefish regulations to rule.** Minnesota Statutes, sec. 97C.411, establishes that paddlefish may not be taken, bought, sold, transported or possessed except as provided by rule of the commissioner. Paddlefish rules were added to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters rules and should also be clarified in the inland fishing rules to emphasize that the species may not be targeted, taken, or possessed.
19. **Addition of gar regulations to rule.** Minnesota Statutes, sec. 97C.401, subd. 3 requires the DNR to establish an annual special regulation for a daily and possession limit for longnose and shortnose gar. Rather than re-establishing this rule annually, we propose establishing a gar bag limit in permanent rule.

Statutory Authority. The statutory authorities to adopt these rules include the following:

Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.045, directs the commissioner to do all things the commissioner determines necessary to preserve, protect, and propagate desirable species of wild animals, and to make special provisions for the management of fish and wildlife to ensure recreational opportunities for anglers and hunters. The commissioner may protect a species of wild animal in the state by prohibiting or allowing taking of the animal whether or not the animal is protected under the game and fish laws. The commissioner may regulate the taking, possession, and transportation of wild animals from state and international boundary waters. The commissioner may prescribe the form of permits, licenses, and tags issued under the game and fish laws.

Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.401, requires the commissioner to, by rule, prescribe the limits on the number of each species of fish that may be taken in one day and the number that may be possessed.

Under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 13a (b), the commissioner may use the expedited permanent process in section 14.389 to adopt rules that are authorized under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 97A and 97C, subject to the notice and public hearing provisions of section 14.389, subdivision 5.

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Publication of proposed rules. A copy of the proposed rules is published in the State Register and attached to this notice as mailed. A free copy of the rules is available upon request from the department contact person listed above. The proposed expedited rules may be viewed on the *DNR rulemaking webpage* at mndnr.gov/input/rules.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed expedited rules and any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the department contact person by the due date. The Department encourages comment. Your comment should identify the portion of the proposed expedited rules addressed and the reason for the comment. In addition, you are encouraged to propose any change desired. You must also make any comments that you have on the legality of the proposed rules during this comment period. If the proposed expedited rules affect you in any way, the Department encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Request for Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that a hearing be held on the rules. You must make your request in writing and the department contact person must receive it by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024. Your written request must include your name and address. You must identify the portion of the proposed rules to which you object or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the Department cannot count it for determining whether it must hold a public hearing. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

Withdrawal of Requests. If 50 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, a public hearing will be held unless a sufficient number withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 50, the Department must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the Department took to effect the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If the Department is required to hold a public hearing, it will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.131 to 14.20.

Modifications. The Department may modify the proposed expedited rules using either of two avenues: The Department may modify the rules directly so long as the modifications do not make them substantially different as defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.05, subdivision 2, paragraphs (b) and (c). Or the Department may adopt substantially different rules if it follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the final rules are identical to the rules originally published in the State Register, the Department will publish a notice of adoption in the State Register. If the final rules are different from the rules originally published in the State Register, the Department must publish a copy of the changes in the State Register.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the department contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. You may direct questions regarding this requirement to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 18006573889.

Adoption and Review of Expedited Rules. If no hearing is required, the Department may adopt the rules at the end of the comment period. The Department will then submit rules and supporting documents to the Office of Administrative Hearings for review for legality. You may ask to be notified of the date that the Department submits the rules. If you want to be so notified or want to receive a copy of the adopted rules or want to register with the Department to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the department contact person listed above.

7/31/2024

Sarah Strommen, Commissioner of Natural Resources

Expedited Rules

6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.

Subpart 1. **General inland fishing regulations.** Fish may be taken in inland waters by angling during the time specified for each of the following species; however, certain waters of the state are subject to experimental or special regulations or are closed for taking and possessing fish. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season extends through the following Sunday.

	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A.	Largemouth and smallmouth bass.	6 in aggregate.
(1)	In all waters lying east and north of U.S. Highway 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash Lakes, St. Louis County. Saturday two weeks ~~prior to~~ <u>before</u> the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend ~~to through 11:59 p.m.~~ the last Sunday in February.	
(2)	In all other waters.	
	From the Saturday two weeks ~~prior to~~ <u>before</u> the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend ~~to through 11:59 p.m.~~ the ~~Saturday of~~ Friday before Memorial Day ~~weekend~~ , angling for bass is limited to catch and release only. Any bass must be immediately returned to the water. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any bass while on or fishing in these waters. The Saturday of Memorial Day weekend ~~to through 11:59 p.m.~~ the last Sunday in February is the harvest season. From the second Monday in September ~~to through~~ the end of the season, angling for smallmouth bass is limited to catch and release only. Any smallmouth bass must be immediately returned to the water and it is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any smallmouth bass while on or fishing in these waters.	
B.	<u>Brook, brown, and rainbow trout and splake.</u> Except as provided in part 6264.0400, subparts 35, 36, 37, and 117, the following restrictions apply.	
(1)	In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, <u>Dakota</u> , and Goodhue Counties. January 1 ~~to through 11:59 p.m.~~ October 15.	5 in aggregate ~~with rainbow and brook trout and splake from the second Saturday in April through 11:59 p.m. September 14.~~ No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. Angling for trout is limited to catch and release only from January 1 up to but not including the <u>second Saturday nearest in April</u> ~~15~~ and from September 15 ~~to through 11:59 p.m.~~ October 15. During these time periods, all trout must be immediately returned to the water. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any trout while on or fishing in these waters. All legal methods of taking trout are allowed.

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	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
(2)	In all other streams, except those in part 6262.0300, subpart 6, item C, for St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties. <u>Second Saturday nearest in April 15 to through 11:59 p.m. September 30.</u>	5 in aggregate ~~with rainbow and brook trout and splake~~ . No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.
(3)	In lakes only:	5 in aggregate ~~with rainbow and brook trout and splake~~ . No more than 3 may be over 16 inches in length.
(a)	Statewide. Saturday two weeks ~~prior to before~~ Saturday of Memorial Day weekend ~~to through 11:59 p.m.~~ October 31.	
(b)	All lakes entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. January 1, except when January 1 falls on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, then opening day is the preceding Saturday (Saturday nearest January 1), ~~to through 11:59 p.m.~~ March 31.	
(c)	All lakes entirely or partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Saturday nearest January 15 ~~to through 11:59 p.m.~~ March 31.	
(d)	Little Andrus (Snowshoe) Lake, Cass County; Allen and Pleasant Lakes, Crow Wing County; and Bad Medicine Lake, Becker County, are closed for the winter season.	
E:	~~Brook trout and splake.~~ Except as provided in part 6264.0400, subparts 35, 36, 37, and 117, the following restrictions apply:	
(1)	~~In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. January 1 to October 15.~~	5 in aggregate with rainbow and brown trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. Angling for trout is limited to catch and release only from January 1 up to but not including the Saturday nearest April 15 and from September 15 to October 15. During these time periods, all trout must be immediately returned to the water. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any trout while on or fishing in these waters. All legal methods of taking trout are allowed.
(2)	~~In all other streams, except those in part 6262.0300, subpart 6, item B, for St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties. Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30.~~	5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.

Expedited Rules

	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
(3)	In lakes only:	5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. No more than 3 may be over 16 inches in length.
(a)	Statewide: Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to October 31.	
(b)	All lakes entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness: January 1, except when January 1 falls on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, then opening day is the preceding Saturday (Saturday nearest January 1), to March 31.	
(c)	All lakes entirely or partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness: Saturday nearest January 15 to March 31.	
(d)	Little Andrus (Snowshoe) Lake, Cass County; Allen and Pleasant Lakes, Crow Wing County; and Bad Medicine Lake, Becker County, are closed for the winter season.	
D:	Rainbow trout, including steelhead: Except as provided in part 6264.0400, subparts 35, 36, 37, and 117, the following restrictions apply:	
(1)	In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. January 1 to October 15.	5 in aggregate with brown and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. Angling for trout is limited to catch and release only from January 1 up to but not including the Saturday nearest April 15 and from September 15 to October 15. During these time periods, all trout must be immediately returned to the water. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any trout while on or fishing in these waters. All legal methods of taking trout are allowed.
(2)	In all other streams, except those in part 6262.0300, subpart 6, item A, for St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties. Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30.	5 in aggregate with brook and brown trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.
(3)	In lakes only:	5 in aggregate with brook and brown trout and splake. No more than 3 may be over 16 inches in length.
(a)	Statewide: Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to October 31.	

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(b)	All lakes entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. January 1, except when January 1 falls on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, then opening day is the preceding Saturday (Saturday nearest January 1), to March 31.	
(c)	All lakes entirely or partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Saturday nearest January 15 to March 31.	
(d)	Little Andrus (Snowshoe) Lake, Cass County; Allen and Pleasant Lakes, Crow Wing County; and Bad Medicine Lake, Becker County, are closed for the winter season.	
E. C.	Lake trout.	2
(1)	Statewide. Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to through 11:59 p.m. September 30.	
(2)	All lakes entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. January 1, except when January 1 falls on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, then opening day is the preceding Saturday (Saturday nearest January 1), to through 11:59 p.m. March 31.	
(3)	All lakes lying entirely or partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Saturday nearest January 15 to through 11:59 p.m. March 31.	
F. D.	Walleye and sauger. Saturday two weeks prior to before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to through 11:59 p.m. the last Sunday in February.	6 in aggregate.
G. E.	Northern pike. Saturday two weeks prior to before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to through 11:59 p.m. the last Sunday in February. The restrictions in this item do not apply to boundary waters, which are regulated under parts 6266.0100 to 6266.0700.	
(1)	Northeastern management zone.	2
	The northeastern management zone includes all inland waters lying east and north of U.S. Highway 53 from International Falls to Duluth.	When taking northern pike by angling, only 1 over 40 inches in length may be in possession; all northern pike from 30 to 40 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water.

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	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
		When taking northern pike by dark house spearing, only 1 over 26 inches in length may be in possession.
(2)	North-central management zone.	10
	The north-central management zone includes all inland waters lying west ~~and south~~ of U.S. Highway 53 from ~~the Canadian border at International Falls to Duluth and north of a line described as follows: from beginning at the South Dakota border, along U.S. Highway 12 to State Highway 7, thence south along State Highway 7 to State Highway 22, thence south on State Highway 22 to U.S. Highway 212, thence east on U.S. Highway 212 to State Highway 41, thence south on State Highway 41 to the near or north bank of the Minnesota River, thence along the near banks of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers Hennepin County Road 61, thence east on Hennepin County Road 61 to Hennepin County Road 1, thence east on Hennepin County Road 1 to State Highway 5, thence east on State Highway 5 to U.S. Highway 10, thence south on U.S. Highway 10 to the Wisconsin border.~~ The north-central management zone does not include waters of the Minnesota or Mississippi Rivers where those waters create the southern boundary of the zone.	When taking northern pike by angling, only 2 over 26 inches in length may be in possession; all northern pike from 22 to 26 inches must be immediately returned to the water. When taking northern pike by dark house spearing, either: (a) only 2 over 26 inches in length and none from 22 to 26 inches in length may be in possession; or (b) only 1 from 22 to 26 inches in length and 1 over 26 inches in length may be in possession.
(3)	Southern management zone.	2
	The southern management zone includes all inland waters lying south of a line described as follows: ~~from beginning at the South Dakota border, along U.S. Highway 12 to State Highway 7, thence south along State Highway 7 to State Highway 22, thence south on State Highway 22 to U.S. Highway 212, thence east on U.S. Highway 212 to State Highway 41, thence south on State Highway 41 to and including the waters of the Minnesota River, thence along the Minnesota River to and including the waters of the Mississippi River, Hennepin County Road 61, thence east on Hennepin County Road 61 to Hennepin County Road 1, thence east on Hennepin County Road 1 to State Highway 5, thence east on Highway 5 to U.S. Highway 10, thence south on U.S. Highway 10 to the Wisconsin border.~~	The minimum size is 24 inches in length, and includes northern pike taken by angling or dark house spearing.
(4)	Certain experimental and special management waters. This subitem applies to waters regulated under parts 6264.0300, subparts 74 and 76; and 6264.0400, subparts 19, 25, 54, 59, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 79, 80, 94, 98, and 102.	3
H. F.	Muskellunge (~~including muskellunge-northern pike hybrid~~). The first Saturday in June ~~to December 1~~ through 11:59 p.m. November 30.	1 in aggregate. The minimum size limit is 54 inches in length.

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(1)	~~In all inland waters not listed in subitem (2):~~	
<u>G.</u>	<u>Tiger muskellunge (northern pike-muskellunge hybrid).</u> <u>First Saturday in June through 11:59 p.m. November 30.</u>	1 ~~in aggregate~~ . The minimum size limit is 40 inches in length.
(2)	~~In the following lakes in Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties:~~	
	~~Lake:~~	~~County:~~
	~~Bryant~~	~~Hennepin~~
	~~Bush~~	~~Hennepin~~
	~~Calhoun~~	~~Hennepin~~
	~~Cedar~~	~~Hennepin~~
	~~Cedar~~	~~Scott~~
	~~Clear~~	~~Washington~~
	~~Crystal~~	~~Dakota~~
	~~Crystal~~	~~Hennepin~~
	~~Eagle~~	~~Carver~~
	~~Elmo~~	~~Washington~~
	~~Gervais~~	~~Ramsey~~
	~~Island~~	~~Ramsey~~
	~~Isles~~	~~Hennepin~~
	~~Johanna~~	~~Ramsey~~
	~~Nokomis~~	~~Hennepin~~
	~~Orchard~~	~~Dakota~~
	~~Phalen~~	~~Ramsey~~
	~~Pierson~~	~~Carver~~
	~~Silver~~	~~Ramsey~~
	~~Wasserman~~	~~Carver~~
	~~Weaver~~	~~Hennepin~~
<u>F. H.</u>	Rock bass. Continuous.	30
<u>J. I.</u>	White (striped) and yellow bass. Continuous.	30 <u>in aggregate</u> .
<u>K. J.</u>	Crappies. Continuous.	10
<u>L. K.</u>	Sunfish, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 46. Continuous.	20

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	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
M. L.	Flathead and channel catfish. Continuous, except for flathead catfish, the season is closed from December 1 to March 31. April 1 through 11:59 p.m. November 30.	5 in aggregate. No more than 1 may be over 24 inches and no more than 2 may be flathead catfish. 2. Only one over 24 inches may be in possession.
M.	Channel catfish. Continuous.	5. Only one over 24 inches may be in possession.
N.	Perch. Continuous.	100 to November 30, 2000: 20 daily, 50 in possession, December 1, 2000, to November 30, 2001: 20 daily; 40 in possession, December 1, 2001, and thereafter.
O.	Bullheads. Continuous.	100
P.	Lake and shovelnose sturgeon. June 16 to through 11:59 p.m. April 14 for catch and release only. Closed April 15 to through 11:59 p.m. June 15. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season does not extend through the following Sunday.	0
Q.	Carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead, suckers, burbot, gar, whitefish, goldeyes, tullibees, buffalo, smelt. Continuous.	No limits.
R.	American eel. Continuous catch and release only.	0
S.	Burbot. Continuous.	4
T.	Whitefish. Continuous.	15. No more than 15 greater than 7 inches may be in possession.
U.	Cisco. Continuous.	15. No more than 15 greater than 7 inches may be in possession.
V.	Paddlefish. No open season. Paddlefish are a state threatened species and may not be targeted, taken, bought, sold, or possessed. An incidentally caught paddlefish must be immediately returned to the water.	0
W.	Longnose and shortnose gar. Continuous.	10 in aggregate.

[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

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Department of Natural Resources

Division of Fish and Wildlife

Proposed Expedited Game and Fish Rules: Taking Fish on Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Waters; Notice of Intent to Adopt Expedited Rules Without a Public Hearing

Proposed Amendment to Rules Governing Taking Fish in Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Waters, *Minnesota Rules*, part 6266.0500; Revisor's ID Number R-04795

Introduction. The Department of Natural Resources (Agency) intends to adopt rules under the expedited rulemaking process following the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2410, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.389. You may submit written comments on the proposed expedited rules until Friday, September 20, 2024.

Agency Contact Person. Submit comments, questions, or a request for hearing on the rules to Joel Stiras, Metro River Specialist, at Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 1200 Warner Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106, telephone 651-259-5806, or email joel.stiras@state.mn.us.

Subject of the Expedited Rules. The proposed expedited rules adjust Minnesota's fishing on boundary waters shared with the state of Wisconsin to ensure consistent regulations for all anglers.

1. **Season clarification.** Inconsistencies and confusion have resulted from the use of "to" and "through" to define open fishing seasons, so the season end will be clearer as a result of this rulemaking.
2. **St. Croix River fisheries management.** It is the goal that St. Croix River fish populations are managed under a single set of regulations across the entire river system. Based on a joint Minnesota-Wisconsin evaluation of St. Croix River fisheries data, we conclude that:
 - Current Minnesota rules are appropriate for the fish community above the Taylors Falls dam. Therefore, no changes are proposed to Minnesota's regulations above the dam.
 - However, for those species below the dam in the St. Croix River, the fish community should be managed more similarly to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters of the Mississippi River and Lake Pepin to maintain sustainable populations while also maximizing fishing opportunities. That fish community includes largemouth and smallmouth bass, sauger, walleye, northern pike, crappie, flathead and channel catfish, sunfish, yellow perch, and white and yellow bass.
 - These changes would create consistent daily and possession limits for several species in the St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls to its mouth (U.S. Highway 10 bridge at Prescott, Wisconsin) and through the Mississippi River and Lake Pepin along the boundary of Minnesota and Wisconsin.
 - Adopting these rule changes would also align Minnesota's rules on the lower St. Croix River with revised rules that Wisconsin adopted effective April 1, 2024.
3. **St. Croix River fish refuge modification.** Game fish stack up below the Taylor's Falls dam and need additional protections from over harvest at that location. This rulemaking addresses the need for additional fish refuge from March 2 to June 15 of each year within the area from the Taylors Falls (St. Croix Falls) dam on the St. Croix River to the upstream side of the U.S. Highway 9 bridge on the St. Croix River.

Statutory Authority. The statutory authorities to adopt these rules are:

- Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.045, subd 4, which provides that the commissioner may regulate the taking, possession, and transportation of wild animals from state and international boundary waters.

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- Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.401, which requires the commissioner to, by rule, prescribe the limits on the number of each species of fish that may be taken in one day and the number that may be possessed.

The statutory authority to adopt the rules under the expedited rulemaking process is Minnesota Statutes, section 84.027, subd. 13a (b). The Agency is using the expedited permanent rulemaking procedure to complete the rules changes before the opening of Minnesota's spring fishing season on March 1, 2025. In addition, it is beneficial to align border water regulations as soon as possible with Wisconsin's corresponding changes that went into effect on April 1, 2024.

Publication of proposed rules. A copy of the proposed rules is published in the State Register and attached to this notice as mailed. A free copy of the rules is available upon request from the agency contact person listed above. The proposed expedited rules may be viewed on the **DNR rulemaking webpage** at mndnr.gov/input/rules.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed expedited rules and any part or subpart of the rules. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. The Agency encourages comment. Your comment should identify the portion of the proposed expedited rules addressed and the reason for the comment. In addition, you are encouraged to propose any change desired. You must also make any comments that you have on the legality of the proposed rules during this comment period. If the proposed expedited rules affect you in any way, the Agency encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Request for Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that a hearing be held on the rules. You must make your request in writing and the agency contact person must receive it by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024. Your written request must include your name and address. You must identify the portion of the proposed rules to which you object or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the Agency cannot count it for determining whether it must hold a public hearing. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules.

Withdrawal of Requests. If 50 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, a public hearing will be held unless a sufficient number withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 50, the Agency must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the Agency took to effect the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If the Agency is required to hold a public hearing, it will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.131 to 14.20.

Modifications. The Agency may modify the proposed expedited rules using either of two avenues: The Agency may modify the rules directly so long as the modifications do not make them substantially different as defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.05, subdivision 2, paragraphs (b) and (c). Or the Agency may adopt substantially different rules if it follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the final rules are identical to the rules originally published in the State Register, the Agency will publish a notice of adoption in the State Register. If the final rules are different from the rules originally published in the State Register, the Agency must publish a copy of the changes in the State Register.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. You may direct questions regarding this requirement to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 18006573889.

Adoption and Review of Expedited Rules. If no hearing is required, the Agency may adopt the rules at the end of the comment period. The Agency will then submit rules and supporting documents to the Office of Administrative Hearings for review for legality. You may ask to be notified of the date that the Agency submits the rules. If you want to be so notified or want to receive a copy of the adopted rules or want to register with the Agency to receive notice of

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future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

7/31/2024

Sarah Strommen, Commissioner of Natural Resources

6266.0500 TAKING FISH ON MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS.

[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters.** To the extent that chapter 6264 is inconsistent with this part, the provisions of chapter 6264 apply. Lake sturgeon are designated under part 6264.0400, subpart 90. Except as provided in chapter 6264, the following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters:

	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A.	Smallmouth and largemouth bass	
(1)	St. Louis River. Saturday preceding Memorial Day ~~to through~~ March 1.	5 in aggregate; 14-inch minimum size limit.
(2)	St. Croix River upstream of the dam at Taylors Falls.	
	Saturday preceding Memorial Day ~~to through~~ the Sunday preceding the second Monday in September.	5 in aggregate; 14-inch minimum size limit.
	Second Monday in September ~~to through~~ 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 through~~ March 1.	5 in aggregate; 14-inch minimum size limit.
(4)	Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. Continuous.	5 in aggregate; 14-inch minimum size limit.
B.	Walleye and sauger	
(1)	St. Louis River. Saturday two weeks before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend ~~to through~~ March 1.	2 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit for walleye.
(2)	St. Croix River ~~upstream of the dam at Taylors Falls.~~ Saturday nearest May 1 ~~to through~~ March 1.	6 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit for walleye.
(3)	St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls to the mouth of the St. Croix River (U.S. Highway 10 bridge at Prescott, Wisconsin). Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1.	4 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit for walleye and only 1 walleye or sauger over 20 inches in length may be in possession.
(3)(4)	Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. Continuous.	4 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit for walleye and only 1 walleye or sauger over 20 inches in length may be in possession.
(4)(5)	Mississippi River below Lock and Dam 8 (Genoa, Wisconsin) to the Iowa border.	6 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit for walleye. Only 1 walleye over 27 inches in length may be in possession. All walleye from 20 to 27 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water.

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	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
C.	Northern pike	
	(1) St. Louis River. The Saturday two weeks before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 1.	2
	(2) St. Croix River <u>upstream of the dam at Taylors Falls.</u> Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1.	5
	(3) <u>St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls to the mouth of the St. Croix River (U.S. Highway 10 bridge at Prescott, Wisconsin).</u> Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1.	3; only 1 northern pike over 30 inches in length may be in possession.
	(3)(4) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. Continuous.	3; only 1 northern pike over 30 inches in length may be in possession.
D.	Channel and flathead catfish	
	Channel catfish. Continuous.	
	Flathead catfish. April 1 ~~to~~ <u>through</u> November 30.	
	(1) St. Louis River and St. Croix River <u>above the dam at Taylors Falls.</u>	10 in aggregate.
	(2) St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls <u>to the upstream side of the U.S. Highway 10 bridge at Prescott, Wisconsin.</u>	5 channel catfish; only 1 over 24 inches in possession. 2 flathead catfish; only 1 over 24 inches in possession.
	(2)(3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin.	10 in aggregate; only 1 catfish over 30 inches in length may be in possession.
E.	Lake sturgeon	
	(1) St. Louis River and all waters of the Mississippi River below the Red Wing Dam. June 16 ~~to~~ <u>through</u> April 14 for catch and release only. Closed April 15 ~~to~~ <u>through</u> June 15. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season does not extend through the following Sunday.	
	(2) All waters of the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers above Red Wing Dam. June 16 ~~to~~ <u>through</u> March 1 catch and release only. Closed March 2 ~~to~~ <u>through</u> June 15. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season does not extend through the following Sunday.	
F.	Shovelnose sturgeon	
	(1) All waters of the Mississippi River below Red Wing Dam. Continuous.	3
	(2) All waters of the Mississippi, St. Croix, and St. Louis Rivers above Red Wing Dam. June 16 ~~to~~ <u>through</u> March 1 for catch and release only. Closed March 2 ~~to~~ <u>through</u> June 15. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season does not extend through the following Sunday.	
G.	Crappie	
	Continuous.	
	(1) St. Louis River and St. Croix River <u>above the dam at Taylors Falls.</u>	25
	(2) St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls, <u>Mississippi River, and Lake Pepin.</u>	25 <u>15</u>

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	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
	(3) ~~Mississippi River and Lake Pepin.~~	~~15~~
H.	Rock bass. Continuous.	25
I.	Sunfish Continuous.	
	(1) ~~St. Louis River and St. Croix River above the dam at Taylors Falls.~~	25 in aggregate.
	(2) ~~St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls, Mississippi River, and Lake Pepin.~~	~~25~~ 15 in aggregate.
	(3) ~~Mississippi River and Lake Pepin.~~	~~15 in aggregate.~~
J.	Yellow perch Continuous.	
	(1) ~~St. Louis River and St. Croix River above the dam at Taylors Falls.~~	25
	(2) ~~St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls, Mississippi River, and Lake Pepin.~~	~~25~~ 15
	(3) ~~Mississippi River and Lake Pepin.~~	~~15~~

[For text of items K and L, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of item M, see State Register, volume 47, page 849]

[For text of item N, see Minnesota Rules]

O.	White and yellow bass Continuous.	
	(1) ~~St. Louis River and St. Croix River above the dam at Taylors Falls.~~	25 in aggregate.
	(2) ~~St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls, Mississippi River, and Lake Pepin.~~	~~25~~ 10 in aggregate.
	(3) ~~Mississippi River and Lake Pepin.~~	~~10 in aggregate.~~

[For text of items P and Q, see State Register, volume 47, page 849]

[For text of subparts 4 and 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. **Closed areas.** A person may not fish from any point shore or from any boat within the area from the Taylors Falls (St. Croix Falls) dam on the St. Croix River to 50 feet downstream from the pier in the center of the river. A person may not fish from shore or boat within the area from the Taylors Falls (St. Croix Falls) dam on the St. Croix River to the upstream side of the U.S. Highway 8 bridge on the St. Croix River from March 2 through June 15. Closed areas must be marked with suitable signs or buoys designating the closed areas. A person may not fish in the St. Louis River from Fond du Lac Dam downstream approximately one-half mile to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable at any time. A person may not fish in the St. Louis River from the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable downstream to the Highway 23 bridge from March 1 through May 18 each year.

[For text of subparts 7 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]

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Provisions exist for the Commissioners of some state agencies to adopt expedited emergency rules when conditions exist that do not allow the Commissioner to comply with the requirements for emergency rules. The Commissioner must submit the rule to the attorney general for review and must publish a notice of adoption that includes a copy of the rule and the emergency conditions. Expedited emergency rules are effective upon publication in the *State Register*, and may be effective up to seven days before publication under certain emergency conditions.

Expedited emergency rules are effective for the period stated or up to 18 months. Specific *Minnesota Statute* citations accompanying these expedited emergency rules detail the agency's rulemaking authority.

KEY: Proposed Rules - Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. ~~Strikeouts~~ indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material."

Adopted Rules - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. ~~Strikeout~~ indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2024 Waterfowl and Sandhill Crane Hunting, Game Refuges, Controlled Hunting Zones, and Feeding and Resting Areas

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 content of the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 84.027, subdivision 13(a), 97A.091, subdivision 2; 97A.092; 97A.137, subdivision 2; 97A.401, subdivision 5; 97B.105; 97B.112; and 97B.731, subdivision 1(b).

The following conditions do not allow compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459: Waterfowl hunting season dates are based on annual determinations of season timing and selection of options as allowed under federal frameworks for migratory bird hunting. Provisions allowing or prohibiting taking waterfowl on refuges are based on local annual population assessments that show whether a harvestable surplus of ducks or geese exists.

State game refuges open to taking geese are adjusted on a regular basis to reflect changing use by Canada goose populations. Additions to the list of Migratory Waterfowl Feeding and Resting Areas where electric motors may be used during waterfowl season allows additional access and hunting opportunity while maintaining substantial areas of undisturbed waterfowl habitat.

Modifications to controlled hunting zones (CHZs) have been implemented in response to annual harvest data showing declining use by hunters due in part to changes in goose abundance and fall staging patterns.

Falconry season changes standardize opening and closing dates with firearms seasons for waterfowl and provide additional days after the firearms season to reach the maximum number of falconry hunting days allowed under the federal framework.

Regulations prohibiting the take of teal on certain rice beds within the Leech Lake and White Earth Reservations address tribal concerns about interference between hunters and *manoomin* (wild rice) harvesters during the early teal season. During the early teal season (Sept. 1-5), hunters will be restricted from hunting in an area one-half mile from rice beds posted as open for ricing by tribal authorities when hunting within the boundaries of the Leech Lake tribal reservation. During the early teal season (Sept. 1-5), hunters will be restricted from hunting on rice beds posted as open for ricing by tribal authorities when hunting within the boundaries of the White Earth tribal reservation.

Amendments governing migratory bird seasons include: (a) setting dates for the early goose season; (b) setting shooting hours to allow duck hunters to begin shooting one-half hour before sunrise on the opening day of duck season, which is consistent with federal waterfowl regulations; (c) setting shooting hours to begin one-half hour later during the early teal season to prevent misidentification by hunters; (d) increasing the possession limit for harvested migratory waterfowl to be consistent with federal regulations; (e) providing allowances for the use of watercraft in certain areas

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during the waterfowl seasons; (f) setting a mourning dove season that reflects an expansion in the federal framework introduced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; (g) setting a youth waterfowl hunting day that is consistent with federal regulations; and (h) setting open seasons, limits, and restricted areas for the sandhill crane, coot, moorhen, duck, merganser, and goose seasons. Each of these seasonal variables are required to be adjusted on an annual basis based upon current biological and harvest data.

Dated: June 25, 2024

Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Natural Resources

6230.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 1a. **Early goose season.** “Early goose season” has the meaning given in part 6240.0100, subpart 1a.

[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]

6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Bemidji Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

[For text of item A, see State Register, volume 48, page 111]

B. ~~Canada~~ goose hunting during the early goose season, except on Lake Bemidji, the Mississippi River, and Stump Lake, and Lake Irving;

[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game Refuge in Clay County is open to:

[For text of item A, see State Register, volume 48, page 111]

[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]

D. ~~Canada~~ goose hunting during the early goose season.

[For text of subparts 6 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 11. **Evansville Game Refuge, Douglas County.** The Evansville Game Refuge in Douglas County is open to:

A. trapping;

B. ~~Canada~~ goose hunting during the early goose season; and

C. deer and bear hunting by firearms.

[For text of subpart 12, see State Register, volume 48, page 111]

Subp. 13. **Fox Lake Game Refuge, Martin County.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County is open to:

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

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C. ~~special goose hunts~~ goose hunting during the September goose season;

[For text of items D and E, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 14 to 20, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 21. **Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.** The following special provisions apply to the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties:

A. Those portions within the Lac qui Parle Mission Site are closed to hunting. The remainder of the refuge is open to:

(1) waterfowl hunting only from the third Thursday in October through the open Canada goose season, only at designated hunting stations as provided by ~~parts part~~ part 6230.0500 ~~to 6230.0700;~~

(2) deer hunting; and

(3) small game hunting other than waterfowl, except from the second Saturday in October through November 30, when small game hunting is allowed only at designated hunting stations as provided by ~~parts part~~ part 6230.0500 ~~to 6230.0700~~. Small game hunting is not allowed on closed Canada goose hunting days during a split goose season.

B. No unauthorized person may trespass during the dates posted on any part of the refuge posted with “State Wildlife Sanctuary - Do Not Trespass” signs, except for:

(1) ice fishing; and

(2) open water fishing in the posted closed area from the close of the Canada goose season until ~~the second Saturday in October~~ November 1.

[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 22 to 32, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 33. **Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County.** The Ocheda Lake Game Refuge in Nobles County is open to:

[For text of items A to C, see Minnesota Rules]

D. ~~Canada~~ goose hunting during the early season and from the first Saturday in December through the end of the statewide goose season; except that hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season; and

[For text of item E, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 34 to 40, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 41. **St. James Game Refuge, Watonwan County.** The St. James Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to:

A. trapping; and

B. ~~special goose hunts~~ goose hunting during the early goose season.

[For text of subpart 42, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 43. **Schoolcraft Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Schoolcraft Game Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

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A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 100 series firearms deer season;

[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 44 to 47, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 48. **Talcot Lake Waterfowl Refuge, Cottonwood County.**

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. The Talcot Lake State Waterfowl Refuge is open to goose hunting by persons with disabilities at designated hunting stations. Hunters with disabilities may reserve designated stations according to regulations available at the Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area Headquarters. All other applicable controlled hunt regulations in parts part 6230.0500 and 6230.1100 apply to persons hunting at these stations.

[For text of subpart 49, see State Register, volume 48, page 111]

[For text of subparts 50 to 53, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 54. [See repealer.]

[For text of subpart 55, see State Register, volume 48, page 111]

[For text of subparts 56 to 60, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 61 to 63, see State Register, volume 48, page 111]

6230.0500 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES AND DESIGNATED HUNTING STATIONS IN STATE GAME REFUGES.

The following regulations apply to all persons within a controlled hunting zone or in designated hunting stations during the an open Canada goose seasons waterfowl season or as otherwise specified in parts 6230.0600 to 6230.1100:

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. ~~Only one hunting group, consisting of no more than three hunters, may occupy a designated hunting station at a time. Except for stations reserved for hunters with disabilities, use of designated hunting stations is first-come, first-serve. A person may not occupy a station that is posted closed.~~

C. ~~Persons occupying a hunting station must fulfill all license requirements to hunt waterfowl.~~

C. No trailers of any kind are allowed in designated parking lots. Hunters using designated hunting stations must park their vehicles in provided parking areas or numbered stalls. Designated parking areas may not be occupied between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

D. All persons hunting in controlled hunting zones or in designated hunting stations must adhere to any additional regulations that apply.

~~D. E.~~ A person may not leave any refuse, offal, or feathers on public lands in the controlled hunting zone or in any parking lot.

~~E. F.~~ Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed or possessed at any of the hunting stations on public lands.

F. ~~A person may not loiter in areas between the designated hunting stations on public lands.~~

G. ~~On public lands, dogs must be on a leash except within ten feet of stations or while retrieving, and must be~~

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under control at all times.

H. On public lands, after each party member has bagged a limit of Canada geese, or expended a limit of shells, the party must promptly leave the station.

I. No trailers of any kind are allowed in designated parking lots.

6230.0600 DESCRIPTIONS OF CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Thief Lake Zone, Marshall County.** On the Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area in Marshall County, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:

The Southwest Quarter of Section 8, the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 9, ~~the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 11,~~ the West Half (W 1/2) of Section 17, and the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 20; as well as portions of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 8, the South Half of the South Half (S 1/2 S 1/2) of Section 9, ~~the South Half (S 1/2) of Section 10,~~ ~~the South Half of the South Half (S 1/2 S 1/2) of Section 11,~~ the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section 20, Township 158 North, Range 41 West.

Subp. 3. [See repealer.]

[For text of subparts 4 and 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. [See repealer.]

Subp. 7. [See repealer.]

[For text of subpart 8, see Minnesota Rules]

6230.0900 ORWELL SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

Subp. 3. **Restrictions on entry to zone.** ~~Persons may not enter the controlled hunting zone except when their vehicles are occupying numbered parking stalls in the designated parking lot in the controlled hunting zone.~~ Persons other than those hunting at a designated station in the controlled hunting zone may not occupy a numbered stall in a designated parking lot.

Subp. 4. [See repealer.]

Subp. 5. [See repealer.]

Subp. 6. [See repealer.]

Subp. 7. **Hunting restrictions.** Hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited.

6234.0800 HUNTING BY FALCONRY.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Open season and hours for migratory game birds.** Woodcock, sora and Virginia rails, mourning dove, and common snipe may be taken by falconry from September 1 to December 16. Ducks, coots, and moorhens (Gallinules) may be taken by falconry ~~from the Saturday nearest October 1 to the Saturday nearest January 14 during the open~~ seasons prescribed in part 6240.0640, subpart 1, and from December 7, 2024, through January 20, 2025. Geese may

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be taken by falconry during any open goose season. Crows may be taken by falconry during the open season. Falconry hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, ~~except during the regular waterfowl season when falconry hours are the same as waterfowl shooting hours.~~

6240.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 1a. **Early goose season.** “Early goose season” means goose seasons ~~beginning before open~~ September 1 through September 15.

[For text of subparts 2 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6240.0200 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING AND POSSESSION OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.

Subpart 1. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for migratory waterfowl, coots, gallinules, rails, and snipe are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, ~~except as follows:~~ during the early teal season from September 1 through September 5, when shooting hours are sunrise to sunset for teal.

A. ~~on the opening day of the duck season, shooting hours begin at 9:00 a.m.; and~~

B. ~~from the opening day of the duck season to the Saturday nearest October 8, shooting hours end at 4:00 p.m.~~

Subp. 2. **Possession limits.** The possession limit is ~~twice~~ three times the daily limit, except for rails where the daily and possession limits are the same. All restrictions specific to a species or gender apply.

[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Use of motorized watercraft.** A person may use motorized watercraft in the waterfowl feeding and resting area established on South Heron Lake during the goose season ~~established in part 6240.1200.~~

[For text of subparts 5 and 6, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 7. **Taking in open water.** A person may take migratory waterfowl, coots, gallinules, rails, and snipe in open water on the following waters of Minnesota with the restrictions given:

A. the area of the Mississippi River and backwaters within the boundary beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 61 and the Minnesota border in Dakota County; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 63; thence along U.S. Highway 61/63 to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 61/14 to Interstate 90; thence along Interstate 90/U.S. Highway 61/14 to State Trunk Highway 16; thence along State Trunk Highway (STH) 16 to STH 26; thence along STH 26 to the state’s southern boundary; thence along the southern boundary to the eastern boundary; thence along the eastern boundary to the point of the beginning; hunting is allowed not more than 100 feet from any shoreline, including islands, from boats that must be at anchor;

B. Lake Pepin, Lake of the Woods, and Lake Mille Lacs: hunting is allowed from boats that must be at anchor;
and

C. Lake Superior north and east of Minnesota/Park Point peninsula: hunting is allowed from boats that must be at anchor.

Subp. 8. **Early teal season restrictions.** Within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, taking teal during the early teal season prescribed under subpart 1 is prohibited within one-half mile of wild rice beds that are posted by Tribal authorities as open to rice harvest.

Subp. 9. **Early teal season restrictions.** Within the boundaries of the White Earth Indian Reservation, taking teal during the early teal season prescribed under subpart 1 is prohibited on wild rice beds that are posted by Tribal authorities as open to rice harvest.

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6240.0250 TAKING MOURNING DOVES.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Mourning doves may be taken during the ~~60-day~~ 90-day period beginning September 1.

[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAY.

Subpart 1. **Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.** Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and ~~Canada dark or light geese~~, as defined in part 6240.0950, subpart 2, may be taken statewide on Youth Waterfowl Hunting ~~Day~~ Weekend, September 7 and 8, by resident and nonresident hunters ~~15~~ 17 years of age or younger. An adult resident or nonresident mentor 18 years of age or older, who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting license or state waterfowl stamps are required, except all youths age 16 and older must have a federal migratory bird stamp.

Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to ~~4:00 p.m.~~ sunset.

Subp. 3. **Bag limits.** The daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens is as allowed by federal rule. The daily bag limit for geese is five ~~Canada dark geese and 20 light geese~~, as defined under part 6240.0950, subpart 2.

6240.0630 TAKING SANDHILL CRANE.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sandhill cranes may be taken from September 14 through October 20.

Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for sandhill cranes are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Subp. 3. **Open area; taking restrictions.**

A. Sandhill cranes may be taken only in the Northwest Goose Zone described in part 6240.0860, subpart 1.

B. Sandhill cranes may be taken by bow and arrow or shotgun with nontoxic shot approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A person may not take sandhill cranes with a rifle or handgun.

Subp. 4. **License and requirements.**

A. Sandhill cranes may only be taken under:

(1) a valid permit to take sandhill cranes issued by the commissioner for a fee of \$3; and

(2) a small-game license, unless exempted.

B. A hunter must have a license to take sandhill cranes in possession when taking or possessing sandhill cranes.

C. A hunter must not have had small- or big-game hunting privileges revoked within one year of purchasing a license to take sandhill cranes.

Subp. 5. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than two sandhill cranes per day or have more than six sandhill cranes in possession.

Subp. 6. **Penalties.** Violating this part or the conditions of any permit issued under this part results in revocation of the license and any other penalty provided by state or federal law.

Subp. 7. **Game and waterfowl refuges.** All state game refuges closed to migratory-waterfowl hunting are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part. All waterfowl refuges closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any

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portion of the fall waterfowl seasons are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part.

6240.0640 TAKING COOTS, MOORHENS, DUCKS, AND MERGANSERS.

Subpart 1. Open season.

A. Coots, moorhens, ducks, and mergansers may be taken as follows:

(1) in the North Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 2, during the 60-day period from September 21 through November 19;

(2) in the Central Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 4, during the 60-day period that includes September 21 through September 29 and October 5 through November 24; and

(3) in the remainder of the state, during the 60-day period that includes September 21 through September 29 and October 5 through November 24.

B. Blue- and green-winged and cinnamon teal may be taken statewide from September 1 through September 5.

Subp. 2. Daily limits.

A. In any one day, a person may not take more than six ducks, five mergansers, and a total of 15 coots and moorhens.

B. The daily limit of ducks, other than mergansers, may not include more than:

(1) four mallards, including two female mallards;

(2) one pintail;

(3) two redheads;

(4) three wood ducks;

(5) two black ducks; and

(6) two canvasbacks.

C. The limit of scaup is one per day through October 10 and two per day the remainder of the duck season.

D. The daily limit of mergansers may not include more than two hooded mergansers.

6240.0950 TAKING GEESE.

Subpart 1. Open season. Geese may be taken as follows:

A. statewide during the early goose season. The early goose season is a special season for which a special season goose license is required under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.802;

B. in the North Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 2, September 21 through December 21;

C. in the Central Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 4, September 21 through September 29 and October 5 through December 26; and

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D. in the remainder of the state, during the 60-day period that includes September 21 through September 29 and October 5 through December 26.

Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** The bag limit for dark geese is five combined and the bag limit for light geese is 20 combined during any open season. Dark geese are Canada, cackling, brant, and white-fronted geese. Light geese are snow, blue, and Ross's geese.

6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO TAKING GEESE.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. Game refuges.

A. The following refuges are open to goose hunting during the first two days of the regular goose season: Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint James Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to goose hunting during the first two days of the regular goose season.

B. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting for from the last seven days day of the statewide duck season through the end of the goose season. There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.

Subp. 3. Waterfowl refuges.

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. The Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada goose hunting from the Saturday on or nearest November 1 October 9 to the end of the goose season. There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and Bardwell Lakes.

6240.2000 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREA RESTRICTIONS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Use of electric motors.** On the lakes listed in items A to J K, a person may use an electric motor with battery power of 12 volts or less within the designated migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area during the open waterfowl season:

[For text of items A to E, see Minnesota Rules]

F. Kandiyohi County: ~~Wagonga~~ Wakanda Lake, Lake Lillian;

[For text of items G and H, see Minnesota Rules]

I. Pope County: Nelson Lake; and

J. Traverse County: Mud Lake; and

K. Le Sueur County: Diamond Lake, Dora Lake, and Sanborn Lake.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0400, subpart 54; 6230.0600, subparts 3, 6, and 7; 6230.0700; 6230.0800, subparts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7; 6230.0900, subparts 2, 4, 5, and 6; 6230.1000; 6230.1100; 6240.1150, subpart 2; 6240.1200, subparts 3, 4, and 5; and 6240.1800, subpart 1, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0100, 6230.0400, 6230.0500, 6230.0600, 6230.0900, 6234.0800, 6240.0100, 6240.0200, 6240.0250, 6240.0610, 6240.1850, and 6240.2000, and the repealer expire January 30, 2025. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read before those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule. Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0630, 6240.0640, and 6240.0950, expire January 30, 2025.

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Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Wildlife Management Areas, State Game Refuges, Small Game, and Fall Wild Turkey

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 content of the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 84.027, subdivision 13; 84.15, subdivision 1; 97A.091, subdivision 2; 97A.137, subdivisions 1 and 2; 97A.401, subdivision 4; 97B.111; 97B.112; 97B.605; and 97B.721.

The following conditions do not allow compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459. Changes to rules for wildlife management areas correspond to changing habitat conditions and changes in use based on staff encounters with users, opinion surveys, harvest data and field data. Wild rice (*manoomin*) harvest is being restricted on Swamp Lake Wildlife Management Area and the adjoining water body to protect ongoing restoration efforts. Changes to game refuges allow recreational activities that include bird watching, ricing, fishing, waterfowl, archery, and firearms hunting and trapping where these activities are compatible with the purpose of the refuge and where a harvestable population of species exists, based upon current biological and harvest data. These changes generally provide for public hunting and recreation opportunity where sustainable and safe to provide. The changes to rules for taking jackrabbits, weasels, fishers, pine martens, bobcats, and otters, as well as the modified wild turkey permit areas open for the fall hunting season, are all based on the need to adjust season variables on an annual basis based upon current biological and harvest data. The changes to rules for taking fisher, pine marten and bobcat provide an increased opportunity for harvesting and are based on annual data, including biological samples and location data from animals harvested the previous year, winter and summer track surveys, and confiscations of accidentally killed animals. The harvest of these species may need to be further amended, depending on ongoing monitoring to ensure sustainability.

Dated: July 24, 2024

Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Natural Resources

6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Areas with hunting, trapping, and firearms restrictions.** The Bayport Wildlife Management Area in Washington County, the Hastings Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County, and the Raguet Wildlife Management Area in Scott and Carver Counties are:

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. closed to the possession of firearms unless unloaded and contained in a case, except that shotguns with only No. 4 buckshot BBB-sized shot or smaller diameter shot may be used during the small game season in posted areas; and

[For text of item C, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. **Areas closed to hunting and trapping.**

A. The following wildlife management areas are closed to hunting and trapping all species:

(1) Boerner Wildlife Management Area in Sibley County, the;

(2) Buelow Wildlife Management Area in Steele County, the;

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(3) Bryson Wildlife Management Area in Freeborn County; ~~the~~;

(4) Chapa-Kak-Say-Za Wildlife Management Area in Steele County; ~~and the~~

(5) Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in McLeod County ~~are closed to the hunting and trapping of all species.~~

B. The Sand Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Sherburne County is closed to ~~the~~ hunting and trapping of all species, except for:

(1) hunting by individuals with disabilities participating in a special hunt;

(2) youth ages ten to 17 who are participating in the regular archery season. Youth may take one deer under this subitem but may not hunt during events for individuals with disabilities; and

(3) youth up to age 17 during the spring turkey season.

[For text of subparts 6 to 8, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 9. **Areas closed to firearms deer hunting.** The Lake Blanche Wildlife Management Area in Otter Tail County, the Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County, the Bruce J. Schwartz Wildlife Management Area in Becker County, a portion of the Timber Lake Wildlife Management Area (as posted) in Jackson County, and a portion of the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area (as posted) in Dakota County are closed to firearms deer hunting. Small game taken by firearms on a portion of Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County that is posted with firearms restrictions may only be taken with shotguns using BBB or smaller diameter shot.

[For text of subpart 10, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 11. **Areas with other restrictions.**

[For text of items A to D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of item E, see State Register, volume 48, page 878]

F. The Sandstone Wildlife Management Area in Pine County is open for:

(1) hunting deer during the archery deer season;

(2) hunting bear by special permit only; and

(3) hunting and trapping all other species by legal means during designated seasons.

G. The Hampton Woods Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County is open as posted for:

(1) hunting deer during the archery deer season;

(2) hunting turkey during the spring and fall turkey seasons;

(3) trapping by special permit only;

(4) hunting predators by special permit only; and

(5) hunting small game through November 30.

H. Swamp Lake Wildlife Management Area in Aitkin County and the adjoining Swamp Lake are closed to wild rice harvest.

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Subp. 12. **Sanctuary areas open to hunting.** The following sanctuary areas of wildlife management areas posted with “Wildlife Sanctuary Do Not Trespass” signs are open ~~for hunting~~ as specified:

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of item B, see State Register, volume 48, page 878]

C. The posted sanctuary within the Ricehaven Wildlife Management Area in St. Louis County is open:

(1) May 1 through September 14 to wild rice harvesting during the wild rice season, canoeing, and bird-watching; and

(2) November 25 through May 15 for hunting and trapping any species for which there is an open season.

[For text of subpart 13, see Minnesota Rules]

6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

Subpart 1. **Hunting.** The Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area located in Dakota County is closed to all hunting and trapping except:

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

C. trapping beginning January 1 by special permit only; and

D. hunting predators beginning January 1 by special permit only; and

~~D.~~ E. spring turkey hunting.

Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Bemidji Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 200-Series firearms deer season November 24;

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game Refuge in Clay County is open to:

A. ~~prairie chickens~~ small-game hunting except ducks and geese during the regular duck season;

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 6 to 11, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 12. **Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge, Kanabec County.** The Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge in Kanabec County is open to all hunting and trapping, ~~except waterfowl.~~

[For text of subparts 13 to 48, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 49. **Warroad Game Refuge, Roseau County.** The Warroad Game Refuge in Roseau County is open to:

A. trapping; and

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B. hunting for deer by archery as described in part 6232.0600.

[For text of subparts 50 to 54, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 55. **Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery deer hunting and firearms deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission of the landowner.

[For text of subparts 56 to 60, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 61. **St. Cloud Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The St. Cloud Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to taking deer and bear by archery.

Subp. 62. **Hagali-Rice Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Hagali-Rice Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, beginning November 1 through the end of the respective seasons;

B. trapping beginning November 1 through the end of the respective seasons;

C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

D. deer hunting by firearms.

Subp. 63. **Butterball and Little Rice Game Refuges, St. Louis County.** The Butterball and Little Rice Game Refuges in St. Louis County are open November 25 through May 15 for trapping any species for which there is an open season.

6234.0600 TAKING JACK RABBITS, COTTONTAIL RABBITS, AND SNOWSHOE HARES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than ten cottontail rabbits, ~~jack rabbits~~, and snowshoe hares, combined, per day or possess more than 20 cottontail rabbits, ~~jack rabbits~~, and snowshoe hares, combined, at a time. A person may not take more than one jack rabbit per day or possess more than three jack rabbits, combined, at a time.

6234.1000 DESCRIPTION OF FURBEARER ZONES.

[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **North ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone.** That portion of the state lying ~~within~~ north of the following described boundary is known as the North ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone.

Beginning on State Trunk Highway (STH) 200 at the west boundary of the state; thence along STH 200 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to STH 73; thence along STH 73 to STH 27; thence along STH 27 to Interstate Highway 35 (I-35); thence along I-35 to the Carlton-Pine County line; thence east along the Carlton-Pine County line to the east boundary of the state; thence along the east, north, and west boundaries of the state to the point of beginning Interstate Highway 94 (I-94) at the west boundary of the state; thence along I-94 to U.S. Highway 10; and thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the state.

Subp. 4. **South ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone.** That portion of the state lying outside of the North ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone is known as the South ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone.

6234.1100 TAKING MINK AND MUSKRATS.

Subpart 1. **Open season in North Furbearer Zone.** Mink and muskrats may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m.

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on the Saturday nearest October 26 to the last day in February in the North Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3.

Subp. 2. **Open season in South Furbearer Zone.** Mink and muskrats may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to the last day in February in the South Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.1200 TAKING RACCOON.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Raccoons may be taken statewide with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22, except in the North ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone, as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, where raccoon may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17. The season ends March 15.

[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.1300 TAKING RED FOX AND GRAY FOX.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Gray and red fox may be taken statewide with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22, except in the North ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone, as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, where gray and red fox may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17. The season ends March 15.

[For text of subparts 2 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.1400 TAKING WEASELS, BADGER, AND OPOSSUM.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Long-tailed weasels, short-tailed weasels, badgers, and opossums may be taken statewide ~~with by~~ legal firearms, bow and arrow, and ~~by~~ trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22, except in the North ~~Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter~~ Furbearer Zone, as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, where ~~badger and opossum~~ long-tailed weasels, short-tailed weasels, badgers, and opossums may be taken ~~with by~~ legal firearms, bow and arrow, and ~~by~~ trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17. The season ends March 15.

[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.1600 TAKING BOBCAT.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Bobcats may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping ~~from the first Saturday following Thanksgiving to the Sunday nearest January 6, during the following seasons:~~

A. from Saturday, December 14, through Sunday, January 19, bobcats may be taken in the North Furbearer Zone as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3; and

B. from Saturday, January 4, through Sunday, January 19, bobcats may be taken in the South Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.

Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

Subp. 3. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than five bobcats per season by either hunting or trapping or both, ~~and only one of the five bobcats may be taken in the South Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.~~ A person may not possess more than five bobcats at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took, tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

[For text of subpart 4, see Minnesota Rules]

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6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher ~~and~~ or pine marten may be taken by trapping ~~from the first Saturday following Thanksgiving to the Sunday nearest December 12;~~ during the following seasons:

A. from Saturday, December 14, through Sunday, December 22, fishers and pine marten may be taken in the North Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3; and

B. from Saturday, January 4, through Sunday, January 19, fishers may be taken in the South Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.

Subp. 2. **Bag limits.**

A. The combined limit for fisher and pine marten is ~~five~~ two per season, in aggregate.

B. During the season described in subpart 1, item A, a person may not take more than ~~five~~ two fisher and pine marten, combined, per season or possess more than ~~five~~ two fisher and pine marten, combined, at a time; ~~except that,~~

C. During the season described in subpart 1, item B, a person may not take more than one fisher. A fisher taken during this season is included in the statewide bag limit of two per season in combination with pine marten.

D. A person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took, tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. *[See repealer.]*

6234.1900 TAKING BEAVER.

Subpart 1. **Open season and bag limits for beaver in North Furbearer Zone.** Beaver may be taken and possessed in the North Furbearer Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, without limit by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 to May 15.

Subp. 2. **Open season and bag limits for beaver in South Furbearer Zone.** Beaver may be taken and possessed in the South Furbearer Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4, without limit by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to May 15.

6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.

Subpart 1. **Open season for otter in North Furbearer Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 to ~~the Sunday nearest January 6 only~~ May 15, ~~in that portion of the state the North Furbearer Zone~~ described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3.

Subp. 2. **Open season and area for otter in South Furbearer Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to ~~the Sunday nearest January 6~~ May 15, ~~in the remainder of the state~~ South Furbearer Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Farmland Furbearer Zone restrictions.** In the Farmland Furbearer Zone, a person may use snares as follows:

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A. from April 1 to the Friday nearest October 26, a person may not set, place, or operate any snare except as a waterset in that part of the Farmland Furbearer Zone lying within the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3; and

B. from the Saturday nearest October 26 to March 31, a person may not set, place, or operate any snare on public lands, including on the surface of frozen water within public lands, on road rights-of-way, or in fence lines along road rights-of-way, except as a waterset in that part of the Farmland Furbearer Zone lying within the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3;

C. from April 1 to the Friday nearest October 30, a person may not set, place, or operate any snare except as a waterset in that part of the Farmland Furbearer Zone lying outside the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3;

D. from the Saturday nearest October 30 to March 31, a person may not set, place, or operate any snare on public lands, including on the surface of frozen water within public lands, on road rights-of-way, or in fence lines along road rights-of-way, except as a waterset in that part of the Farmland Furbearer Zone lying outside the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3.

[For text of subparts 3 to 11, see Minnesota Rules]

6234.2600 PELT TAGGING AND REGISTRATION.

[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **Registration of pelts.** The pelt of each bobcat, fisher, pine marten, and otter must be presented, along with completed site validation coupons for each fisher, pine marten, or otter, by the person taking it, to a state wildlife manager designee for registration before the pelt is sold and before the pelt is transported out of the state, but in no event more than 48 24 hours after the season closes for each species, respectively fisher and pine marten and 48 hours after the season closes for river otter and bobcat. The entire carcass of bobcat and the entire head of pine marten and fisher must be surrendered to the state wildlife manager designee. The pelt of bobcat, otter, fisher, and pine marten must have been removed from the carcass.

[For text of subparts 4 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]

6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the fall turkey season as prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid for taking turkeys only in the wild turkey permit area specified on the license statewide. The following wild turkey permit areas are open for the 2024 fall season: 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, and 512.

[For text of subpart 5, see Minnesota Rules]

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0295, subpart 2; 6234.1600, subpart 2; and 6234.1700, subpart 4, are repealed. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200; 6230.0295; 6230.0400; 6234.0600; and 6234.1400, as published in the State Register, volume 48, page 111, July 31, 2023, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200, 6230.0295, 6230.0400, 6234.0600, 6234.1000, 6234.1100, 6234.1200, 6234.1300, 6234.1400, and 6234.2400, expire August 15, 2025. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6234.1600, 6234.1700, 6234.1900, 6234.2000, 6234.2600, and 6236.0700, expire May 30, 2025. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules again take effect, subject to any permanent rule amendments that have been adopted in the interim.

Commissioner's Orders

Various agency commissioners are authorized to issue "commissioner's orders" on specified activities governed by their agency's enabling laws. See the *Minnesota Statutes* governing each agency to determine the specific applicable statutes. Commissioners' orders are approved by assistant attorneys general as to form and execution and published in the *State Register*. These commissioners orders are compiled in the year-end subject matter index for each volume of the *State Register*.

Department of Natural Resources

Commissioner's Order #1 ML 2024: Amend Walleye Regulations for Open Water Angling on Lake Mille Lacs

Date: August 16, 2024

Statutory authority: *Minnesota Statutes*, section 97C.005, subd. 3

Amends Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rule 6264.0400, subd. 4, item F, referring to the angling seasons and possession restrictions for multiple fish species: Mille Lacs Fishing Regulations as published in the 6 May 2024 State Register (48 SR 1014)

BACKGROUND

Each year a harvestable surplus is set for walleye in Lake Mille Lacs by a joint management process between the state and the eight Ojibwe Bands that are signatories to the Treaty of 1837. The harvestable surplus is the pounds of fish that can be taken safely from Lake Mille Lacs while ensuring sufficient walleye remain in the lake for a healthy population. The state's allocation of the harvestable surplus for the 2024 season was set at 91,550 pounds. The state then set the walleye harvest and possession limit for the 2024 season for state anglers by Expedited Emergency Rule on April 6, 2024. Walleye angling was catch and release-only beginning at 12:01 a.m. on May 11, 2024, until 11:59 pm on August 16, 2024. The rule then authorized the harvest of one walleye between 21 and 23 inches or over 28 inches from 12:01 a.m. August 16, 2024, through 11:59 p.m. February 23, 2025. This set of regulations was predicted to result in anglers taking 11,000 pounds less than the state's allocation.

Angler hours, angler catch rates, and water temperature (correlated with hooking mortality) thus far in the 2024 season have all been lower than expected. Actual harvest data gathered to date and modeling for the remainder of the walleye season indicate that, under the current regulation, state anglers will harvest 34,000 pounds of walleye, or about 37% of the state's allocation, by the end of the 2024 season on November 30, 2024.

To enhance angler opportunity to harvest walleye on Mille Lacs while remaining well within the state's walleye allocation, the state is modifying the walleye angling regulation beginning 12:01 a.m. on August 16, 2024. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on August 16, 2024, the walleye daily and possession limit will be two, one of which may be over 28 inches in length. All other walleye less than 18 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. Modeling indicates this regulation modification will increase the state harvest by 10,000 pounds to about 44,000 pounds, or 48% of the state's allocation.

This regulation will remain effective until 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2024. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on December 1, 2024, the daily and possession limit for walleye on Lake Mille Lacs will revert to one walleye, which must be either between 21 and 23 inches in length or over 28 inches.

For all other species, the Expedited Emergency Rule adopted on April 6, 2024, remains the same.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, including *Minnesota Statutes*, section 97C.005, subdivision 3, that:

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1. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on August 16, 2024, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2024, while a person is on or fishing in Lake Mille Lacs or its associated tributaries to the posted boundaries, the daily and possession limit for walleye is two, one of which may be over 28 inches in length. All other walleye less than 18 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water.
2. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on December 1, 2024, while a person is on or fishing in Lake Mille Lacs or its associated tributaries to the posted boundaries, the daily and possession limit for walleye is one, which must be either between 21 and 23 inches in length or over 28 inches in length. All other walleye must be returned immediately to the water.

Fishing regulations for all other species, including northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, cisco, perch and panfish, are unaffected by this order.

Date: August 1, 2024

Sarah Strommen, Commissioner

AGENCY CONTACT. For additional information or to receive this document in an alternative format please contact: Jon Hansen, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Rd, St. Paul, MN 55155, Phone: 651-259-5239, *Email: jon.hansen@state.mn.us*.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Revisions to the 2011 Minnesota Uniform Traffic Control Devices Manual – Order No. 100704

This is the thirteenth order revising the 2011 Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (2011 MN MUTCD).

By Order number 92452 dated December 15, 2011 and published in the State Register of December 26, 2011, the Commissioner of Transportation (Commissioner) has adopted the 2011 MN MUTCD establishing a uniform system of traffic control devices for streets and highways of the State of Minnesota as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.06, Subdivision 1 (2011). The 2011 MN MUTCD correlates with and so far as possible conforms to the current system as approved by the American Association of State Highway Officials and the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (National MUTCD). (Minn. Stat. § 169.06, subd. 1 (2011); Federal Highway Administration, 23 C.F.R. § 655.603 (2011).)

The Commissioner adopted revisions and changes to the 2011 MN MUTCD by Order numbers:

- 1) 93167 dated July 12, 2012 published in the State Register of July 23, 2012;
- 2) 93799 dated July 8, 2013 published in the State Register of August 5, 2013;
- 3) 94040 dated December 11, 2013 published in the State Register of December 16, 2013;
- 4) 94687 dated February 10, 2015 published in the State Register of February 17, 2015,
94687 revised April 1, 2015 published in the State Register of April 13, 2015;
- 5) 97233 dated January 30, 2018 published in the State Register of February 12, 2018;
- 6) 97267 dated February 21, 2018 published in the State Register of March 12, 2018;
- 7) 98253 dated December 4, 2019 published in the State Register of December 9, 2019;
- 8) 98764 dated September 8, 2020 published in the State Register of September 3, 2020;
- 9) 99562 dated February 16, 2022 published in the State Register of February 14, 2022;
- 10) 99911 dated December 19, 2022 published in the State Register of December 26, 2022;
- 11) 100159 dated June 12, 2023 published in the State Register of June 19, 2023;

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- 12) 100439 dated January 22, 2024, published in the State Register of January 29, 2024;
13) 100704 dated August 1, 2024, published in the State Register of Aug 12, 2024

A multi-agency committee has reviewed the changes in the 2009 National MUTCD and recommended further revisions and additions.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.06, subd. 1 (2011), and 169.215, subd. 2 (2011), the Commissioner hereby adopts the revisions listed below:

Record of Revisions or Additions to the MN MUTCD		
Revision Number	Date Issued	Pages Revised or Added
13	Aug 1, 2024	v, xi, 2B-i, 2B-14, 2B-15.1, 2B-15.2, 2B-15.3

This Order revises Commissioner's Order number 92452 dated December 15, 2011, as revised by Commissioner's Orders numbers 93167 dated July 12, 2012, 93799 dated July 8, 2013, 94040 dated December 11, 2013, 94687 dated February 10, 2015, 94687 revised dated April 1, 2015, 97233 dated January 30, 2018, 97267 dated February 21, 2018, 98253 dated December 4, 2019, 98764 dated September 8, 2020, 99562 dated February 16, 2022, 99911 dated December 19, 2022, 100159 dated June 12, 2023, and 100439 dated January 22, 2024.

Signed this 1st day of August 2024.

Nancy Daubenberger
Commissioner of Transportation

Official Notices

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101, an agency must first solicit comments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

The *State Register* also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Agricultural Chemical Response & Reimbursement Account (ACRRA)

Notice of Public Hearing to Disclose Future ACRRA Surcharges

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Chapter 18E.03 Subd. 3, the MDA, in providing administrative support to the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board (ACRRA Board), has determined that the amount of the annual response and reimbursement fees (surcharge revenues) for ACRRA must be decreased in order to maintain the statutorily required ACRRA balance.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the public hearing will be held on August 21st, 2024 immediately following the regularly scheduled 9:30am ACRRA Board meeting. The meeting will be held in Room B555 at 625 Robert Street North in St. Paul. More information about ACRRA can be found on the MDA website at www.mda.state.mn.us/acrra.

Prior to the meeting, written comments may be sent to: Jennie.Andryski@state.mn.us

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Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB)

Notice of Completed Application - Ringdahl Ambulance - Fergus Falls Application to Provide Part-Time Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (hereinafter EMSRB) has received a completed application from **Ringdahl Ambulance- Fergus Falls, Fergus Falls, Minnesota**, for a change in service type to provide Part-Time Advanced Life Support (ALS).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 3, each municipality, county, community health board, governing body of a regional emergency medical services system, ambulance service and other person wishing to make recommendations concerning the disposition of the application, shall make written recommendations or comments opposing the application to the EMSRB **within 30 days or by September 10, 2024, 4:30 p.m.**

Written recommendations or comments opposing the application should be sent to: Dylan Ferguson, Executive Director, EMSRB, 335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 220, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102. If no more than five comments opposing the application are received during the comment period, and the EMSRB approves the application, the applicant will be exempt from a contested case hearing, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 4(a). If more than five comments in opposition to the application are received during the comment period, or the EMSRB denies the application, the applicant may immediately request a contested case hearing, or may try to resolve the objections of the public and/or the EMSRB within 30 days, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 5(a)(b). If the applicant is unable to resolve the objections within 30 days, or if the applicant initially requests a contested case hearing, one will be scheduled and notice of the hearing given pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 144E.11, subdivision 5(c)-(e).

Date: August 12, 2024

Dylan Ferguson, Executive Director

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations

Notice of Solicitation for Public Review and Comment on the Draft State Freight Plan

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is asking Minnesota businesses and residents to provide feedback on the new Minnesota State Freight Plan. All comments received will be used to help guide final updates to the plan, which shapes the future of Minnesota's freight infrastructure and investments.

The State Freight Plan is a federally required document that envisions the future of Minnesota's freight transportation system over the next 20 years. The Plan describes the importance of freight to Minnesota's economy, freight system trends and future freight needs. It also identifies key freight investments that improve the transportation of goods and services across modes. This update will link into previous statewide engagement efforts, including the *Manufacturer Perspectives' Studies* and the *District Freight Plans*.

The draft State Freight Plan is available for review online at <https://www.minnesotago.org/final-plans/state-freight-plan>, and paper copies are also available for review at 8 MnDOT District offices located in Duluth, Bemidji, Baxter, Detroit Lakes, Rochester, Mankato, Willmar and Roseville.

Written comments on the plan must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 13th, 2024, by email to FreightPlans.DOT@state.mn.us, or by mail to:

Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations

Attn: Andrew Andrusko

Minnesota Department of Transportation

395 John Ireland Blvd

MS 050

Saint Paul, MN 55155

A public open house will also be held on **Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at MnDOT Central Office (395 John Ireland Blvd, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155) in room G13.** A short presentation will begin at 2 p.m. Copies of the draft State Freight Plan will be available for review.

To request an ASL or foreign language interpreter or other reasonable accommodation, call Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an email to janet.rae.miller@state.mn.us. Please request at least one week in advance.

State Grants & Loans

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts Section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the State Register, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself. Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

SEE ALSO: Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>

Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Child Safety and Permanency Administration

Notice of Request for Proposals to Children's Justice Act Task Force CAPTA Grant Funds

The Minnesota Department of Children, Youth and, Families (DCYF or State) is requesting proposals to make improvements to the investigation, prosecution, and overall handling of child abuse and neglect cases as authorized under **Section 107 of CAPTA**. Funds are made available to improve systems related to the investigation, prosecution, and overall handling of child abuse and neglect cases with particular focus on cases involving child sexual abuse and exploitation, child abuse or neglect related fatalities, or maltreatment of children with disabilities. **Awarded grantees must spend the funds by September 30, 2024.**

DCYF is seeking proposals for a grant period of August 23 through September 30, 2024.

For more information contact:

Laura Gapske, Child Safety Consultant
Department of Children, Youth, and Families
Child Safety and Permanency Administration
444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: (651) 431-3821
Laura.gapske@state.mn.us

This is the only person designated to answer questions by potential responders regarding this request.

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To obtain this information in a different format, please email Emily.Waymire@state.mn.us.

Proposals submitted in response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) must be received at the email listed in the RFP no later than **4:00 p.m., Central Time, on Friday August 16, 2024. Late proposals will not be considered.** Proposals received via other methods will **not** be considered.

The RFP can be viewed by visiting the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families' Grant RFP Programs web site: ***Grant RFP Programs | Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families (mn.gov)*** .

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Commerce

Division of Energy Resources

Request for Proposals for *Minnesota Battery Storage Incentive Program*

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) is seeking applications for the Minnesota Battery Storage Program, *Minn. Stat. 216C.379*, to provide incentives to stimulate the installation of storage systems paired with solar PV installation systems outside of Xcel service territory. In the first year, \$3,000,000 is available for grants to install on-site energy storage systems, as defined in *Minn. Stat., Sec. 216B.2422, subd. 1, (f)*, with a capacity of 50 kilowatt hours or less and that are located outside the electric service area of the electric utility subject to *Minn. Stat 116C.779*. To receive a grant under this paragraph, an owner of the energy storage system (storage system) must be operating a solar energy generating system (solar system) at the same site as the storage system or have filed an application with a utility to interconnect a solar system at the same site as the storage system. Both a Tribal and Low Income carve out have been applied but will be rolled out at a later date.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) is available for download on the Department's RFP website at ***Request for Proposals (RFP) / Minnesota Department of Commerce - Business (mn.gov)***.

All responses to this RFP need to be submitted through a single responder user account via the grant portal. Instructions and links for submitting proposals are detailed in the RFP and attachments.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Notice of Grant Opportunity

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) places notice of any available grant opportunities online at <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Request for Proposals for the High-Rise Sprinkler System Grant Program

Minnesota Housing announces the availability of up to \$6 million in one-time state appropriations to install sprinkler systems in eligible high-rise residential buildings.

The High-Rise Sprinkler System Grant Program (HRSS Program) was established in *Minnesota Laws 2023, chapter 37, article 1, section 2, subdivision 27* as a grant program to install sprinkler systems in eligible high-rise residential

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buildings as described in *Minnesota Session Laws 2023, Regular Session, chapter 37, article 2, section 10*.

Applications are due to Minnesota Housing by Monday, November 4, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Central Time.

Refer to Minnesota Housing's *High-Rise Sprinkler System Program* webpage for more information and application materials, including the *HRSS Program Guide* which provides more information on definitions, eligibility requirements, and eligible uses.

Questions about the program should be directed to *Highrise.Sprinkler.mhfa@state.mn.us*.

This request does not obligate the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to award a contract or complete the proposed program, and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered in its best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this solicitation are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Notice of Request for Proposals for Manufactured Home Community Redevelopment to Manufactured Home Parks for Infrastructure or Acquisition

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) is requesting proposals from eligible manufactured home park owners, or non-profit intermediaries applying on behalf of a park owner, to receive grants for infrastructure improvements or acquisition of manufactured home parks, as described in Minn. Stat. §462A.2035, Subd. 1b for the Manufactured Home Community Redevelopment Program. Proposals will be scored based on projects that focus on health, safety and critical need improvements, as well as affordability of lot rents, project support from the local community, project leverage, and project feasibility.

The application will open Monday, August 12, 2024. The required Intent to Apply is due 12:00 p.m. Friday, August 30, 2024. Proposals submitted in response to this Request for Proposals must be received no later than 12:00 p.m., Central Time, September 19, 2024.

The Manufactured Home Community Redevelopment program guide, application, instructions and materials can be found by visiting the Minnesota Housing website at: <https://www.mnhousing.gov/homeownership/community-initiatives-programs/manufactured-home-community-redevelopment-.html>.

For more information or questions regarding the Manufactured Home Community Redevelopment Program or the application submission process, contact:

Jeramiah Townsend
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Manufactured Housing Supervisor
Phone (651) 296-8835
Jeramiah.townsend@state.mn.us

Monica Tucker
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Manufactured Housing Program Manager
Phone (651) 296-5602
monica.tucker@state.mn.us

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

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Department of Human Services

Contracts and Legal Compliance Division

Notice of Changes to Grant Request for Proposal noticing in the State Register for the Department of Human Services

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will no longer publish individual grant RFP notices to the State Register effective March 27, 2023. The RFPs and RFIs can be viewed by visiting the Minnesota Department of Human Services Grants, Requests for Proposals (RFP) and Requests for Information (RFI) website: <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/grants-rfps/open-rfps/>.

The RFPs and RFIs do not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in the respective notices. The State reserves the right to cancel solicitations. All expenses incurred in responding to the RFPs and RFIs are solely the responsibility of the responder.

State Contracts

Informal Solicitations: Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Office of State Procurement (OSP) Website. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the OSP Website at <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> for informal solicitation announcements.

Formal Solicitations: Department of Administration procedures require that formal solicitations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

Requirements: There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Office of State Procurement strongly recommends meeting the following requirements: \$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised; \$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days; \$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar days.

Contact the Office of State Procurement at: (651) 296-2600

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State)

Notice of Bid and Contracting Opportunities

Minnesota State is now placing additional public notices for contract opportunities for goods and services on its Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website (<https://www.minnstate.edu/vendors/index.html>). Minnesota State may add new public notices to the website daily and post for the time indicated within the public notice.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or are having problems viewing the information on the Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website, please email the Minnesota State Procurement Unit at Sourcing@MinnState.edu.

Minnesota State Lottery

Request for Proposal for Leadership Consulting Services for the Minnesota State Lottery

PROJECT NAME: Request for Proposal for Leadership Consulting Services for the Minnesota State Lottery

DETAILS: The Minnesota State Lottery is requesting proposals for the purpose of a contractor to deliver leadership consulting services on an as-needed, hourly basis to the Minnesota Lottery executive director and senior team. The Contractor will provide consulting services in a timely manner with delivery dates agreed on by the State and the Consultant as each request for consulting services is made by the State.

Work is anticipated to start after Friday 9/20/24.

COPY REQUEST: To receive a copy of the Request for Proposal, please send a written request by email to: Pam Mogensen at purchasing@mnlottery.com. The RFP is also publicly available at <https://www.mnlottery.com/vendor-opportunities>

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received by email or mail not later than 2:00 p.m. Central Time, Tuesday 9/3/24. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Faxed proposals **will not** be considered.

This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota to award a contract or complete the proposed program, and the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered in its best interest. All costs incurred in responding to this solicitation will be borne by the responder.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

Engineering Services Division

Notices Regarding Professional/Technical (P/T) Contracting

P/T Contracting Opportunities: MnDOT is now placing additional public notices for P/T contract opportunities on the MnDOT's Consultant Services website. New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act (TTAA) Notices: MnDOT is posting notices as required by the TTAA on the MnDOT Consultant Services website.

MnDOT's Prequalification Program: MnDOT maintains a Pre-Qualification Program in order to streamline the process of contracting for highway related P/T services. Program information, application requirements, application forms and contact information can be found on MnDOT's Consultant Services website. Applications may be submitted at any time for this Program.

MnDOT Consultant Services website: www.dot.state.mn.us/consult

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or are having problems viewing the information on the Consultant Services website, please call the Consultant Services Help Line at 651-366-4611, Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Non-State Public Bids, Contracts & Grants

The State Register also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector. It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for further details.

Besides the following listing, readers are advised to check: <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Request for Qualifications for DELTA - MSP T1 Modernization Project (AMP) - Phase 3

J.E. Dunn Construction Company, hereafter referred as the **Construction Manager**, is Requesting for Qualifications for the following project described below and requests for your interest on bidding on the project. The following list highlights information associated with the Project that may be helpful in your prequalification process.

The following list highlights information associated with the Project that may be helpful in your bidding process. Bidders should review the Bidding Documents in their entirety for a complete discussion of the items highlighted below.

PROJECT NAME	DELTA - MSP T1 Modernization Project (AMP) - Phase 3
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	We are currently prequalifying for Phases 3 on the project which includes Concourse A, B, and G Concourses. The forthcoming bid packages may include the following scopes but not limited to: Final Cleaning, Decorative and Misc. Metals, Equipment Support Systems, Glass and Glazing, Stainless Steel and Column Covers, Joint Sealants, Firestopping, Drywall, Tile and Stone Work, Acoustical and Metal Ceilings, Terrazzo, Flooring, Painting, Quartz Paneling, Signage, Furniture Install, Fire Protection, Mechanical, Electrical, and Lighting Controls.
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS	1. To be qualified to perform the Work described in the Bidding Documents, the Bidder must submit and/or update the necessary information on Construction Manager's online Subcontractor Management System located at https://sms.jedunn.com. 2. When your subcontractor profile is completed and/or updated, please notify Jessica Venegas at JE Dunn Construction to allow for formal review from JE Dunn to determine prequalification status.
QUESTIONS	All questions regarding the prequalification process should be directed to the Construction Manager, please contact Jessica Venegas at 952-833-5911 or jessica.venegas@jedunn.com.

