

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

**Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:**

**6240**

**EARLY GOOSE HUNTING AND WATERFOWL**

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**Please see enclosure for text of the expedited emergency game and fish rules for the 2009 waterfowl and early goose seasons.**

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Early Goose Hunting and**  
1.3 **Waterfowl**

1.4 **6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.**

1.5 Subpart 1. **Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.** Ducks, mergansers, coots,  
1.6 moorhens, and Canada geese may be taken statewide on ~~special youth waterfowl hunting~~  
1.7 ~~days~~ September 19 by hunters 15 years of age or younger. An adult mentor 18 years of age  
1.8 or older, who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth  
1.9 hunter at all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting  
1.10 license or waterfowl stamps are required.

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

1.13 Subp. 3. **Bag limits.** The daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens  
1.14 is as allowed by federal rule. The daily bag limit for geese is five Canada geese, ~~except~~  
1.15 ~~in those areas where taking Canada geese near water is restricted under part 6240.1200,~~  
1.16 ~~subpart 1, item A, where the daily bag limit is one Canada goose.~~

1.17 **6240.1200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY**  
1.18 **SEASONS.**

1.19 Subpart 1. **Taking near water.**

1.20 A. Taking Canada geese during the early seasons is prohibited on or within 100  
1.21 yards of all surface waters in the following areas:

1.22 (1) the Northwest, ~~Southeast, and Twin Cities Metro~~ Goose Zones Zone;

1.23 (2) ~~at~~ within the boundaries of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management  
1.24 Area, ~~including that portion outside the Twin Cities Metro Goose Zone~~; and

2.1 (3) the Swan Lake area in Nicollet County, within the boundary described  
2.2 as follows:

2.3 Beginning at the junction of State Trunk Highway (STH) 14 and County State-Aid  
2.4 Highway (CSAH) 12 north along CSAH 12 to CSAH 5; thence east along CSAH 5  
2.5 to CSAH 13; thence south along CSAH 13 to STH 99; thence west along STH 99  
2.6 to CSAH 17; thence south along CSAH 17 to STH 14; thence northwest and west  
2.7 along STH 14 to CSAH 12.

2.8 [For text of item B, see M.R.]

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

2.10 **6240.1700 TAKING GEESE IN SOUTHEAST ZONE EARLY SEASON.**

2.11 [For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

2.12 Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than ~~two~~ five Canada geese  
2.13 per day during the early season.

2.14 [For text of subp 3, see M.R.]

2.15 **6240.1750 TAKING GEESE IN NORTHWEST GOOSE ZONE.**

2.16 Subpart 1. **Open season.** The open season for taking Canada geese in the Northwest  
2.17 Goose Zone, described in part 6240.0860, begins the first Saturday in September, except  
2.18 the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on  
2.19 September 7. The season closes on September ~~15~~ 22.

2.20 Subp. 2. **Daily limits.** A person may not take more than ~~two~~ five Canada geese  
2.21 per day during the early season.

2.22 **6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.**

2.23 Subpart 1. **Goose refuges.** Those portions of the Douglas County Goose Refuge in  
2.24 Douglas County, the Otter Tail County Goose Refuge in Otter Tail County, and the Sauk  
2.25 Rapids-Rice Goose Refuge in Benton County, in the respective zone or zones in which they

3.1 are located, are open to goose hunting during the early, regular, and late goose seasons for  
 3.2 those zones. All other goose hunting regulations apply in these refuges. Taking waterfowl  
 3.3 from public roads and their rights-of-way is prohibited. The Ashby Goose Refuge in Grant  
 3.4 County is ~~open~~ closed to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season.

3.5 Subp. 2. **Game refuges.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint  
 3.6 James Game Refuge in Watonwan County are open to goose hunting during the first three  
 3.7 days of the regular goose season in the respective zones in which they are located. The Fox  
 3.8 Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting ~~from the Saturday on or nearest November~~  
 3.9 ~~26 to the end~~ for the last three days of the goose season ~~in the zone in which it is located,~~  
 3.10 except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.

3.11 Subp. 3. **Waterfowl refuges.** The Harstad Slough Waterfowl Refuge in Stevens  
 3.12 County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The  
 3.13 Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada goose hunting from  
 3.14 the Saturday on or nearest ~~October 30~~ November 1 to the end of the goose season in the  
 3.15 zone in which it is located, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and  
 3.16 Bardwell Lakes. The Rickert Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Steele County is open to Canada  
 3.17 goose hunting during the early September goose season. The waterfowl sanctuary within  
 3.18 this refuge is closed to hunting and trespass, as posted.

3.19 **6240.2100 DESIGNATED MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND**  
 3.20 **RESTING AREAS.**

3.21 Subpart 1. **Designation of entire lakes.** The following lakes are designated as  
 3.22 migratory waterfowl feeding and resting areas:

3.23	Name	Location	County
3.24	<u>[For text of items A to Z, see M.R.]</u>		
3.25	<u>AA. Goose Lake</u>	<u>T.143N; R.23W</u>	<u>Cass</u>

4.1	<u>BB.</u>	<u>Lake Henry</u>	<u>T.110N; R.25W</u>	<u>Le Sueur</u>
4.2	<u>CC.</u>	<u>Mud Lake</u>	<u>T.144N; R.23W</u>	<u>Cass</u>
4.3	<u>DD.</u>	<u>Thielke Lake</u>	<u>T.122N; R.46W</u>	<u>Big Stone</u>

4.4 [For text of subps 2 to 9, see M.R.]

4.5 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules,  
4.6 parts 6240.0610, 6240.1200, 6240.1700, 6240.1750, 6240.1850, and 6240.2100, expire  
4.7 January 1, 2010. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they  
4.8 read prior to those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by  
4.9 permanent rules.