

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

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**EARLY GOOSE HUNTING;
WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREAS**

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Please see enclosure for text of the expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to early goose hunting, waterfowl feeding and resting areas, and refuges open to goose hunting.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Early Goose Hunting;**
 1.3 **Waterfowl Feeding And Resting Areas**

1.4 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

1.5 [For text of subps 1 to 8, see M.R.]

1.6 Subp. 9. **Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges, Isanti County.** The
 1.7 Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges in Isanti County are open to all hunting and
 1.8 trapping, except waterfowl during the regular and late waterfowl seasons. The refuges are
 1.9 open for goose hunting during the early goose season. Youth who are accompanied by a
 1.10 nonhunting adult and participating in a mentoring program approved by the commissioner
 1.11 may hunt ~~Canada geese during the early goose season and~~ waterfowl on youth waterfowl
 1.12 day.

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

1.14 [For text of subps 10 to 59, see M.R.]

1.15 **6240.1200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY**
 1.16 **SEASONS.**

1.17 Subpart 1. **Taking near water.**

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

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

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

1.23 [For text of subitem (3), see M.R.]

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

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

2.2 **6240.1700 TAKING GEESE IN SOUTHEAST ZONE EARLY SEASON.**

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

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

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

2.7 **6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.**

2.8 Subpart 1. **Goose refuges.** Those portions of the Douglas County Goose Refuge in
2.9 Douglas County, the Otter Tail County Goose Refuge in Otter Tail County, and the Sauk
2.10 Rapids-Rice Goose Refuge in Benton County, in the respective zone or zones in which they
2.11 are located, are open to goose hunting during the early, regular, and late goose seasons for
2.12 those zones. All other goose hunting regulations apply in these refuges. Taking waterfowl
2.13 from public roads and their rights-of-way is prohibited. ~~The Ashby Goose Refuge in Grant~~
2.14 ~~County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season.~~

2.15 Subp. 2. **Game refuges.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the
2.16 Saint James Game Refuge in Watonwan County are open to goose hunting during the
2.17 first three days of the regular goose season in the respective zones in which they are
2.18 located. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting ~~from the last Saturday of~~
2.19 ~~the December Canada goose season to the end~~ for the last three days of the goose season
2.20 ~~in the zone in which it is located~~, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox
2.21 and Temperence Lakes.

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

2.23 **6240.2000 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREA**
2.24 **RESTRICTIONS.**

3.1 [For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

3.2 Subp. 4. **Use of electric motors.** On the lakes listed in items A to ~~J~~ K, a person
3.3 may use an electric motor of less than 30 pounds thrust within the designated migratory
3.4 waterfowl feeding and resting area during the open waterfowl season:

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

3.6 I. Pope County: Nelson Lake; ~~and~~

3.7 J. Traverse County: Mud Lake; and

3.8 K. Freeborn County: Upper Twin Lake.

3.9 **6240.2100 DESIGNATED MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND**
3.10 **RESTING AREAS.**

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

3.13	Name	Location	County
3.14	<u>[For text of items A to DD, see M.R.]</u>		
3.15	<u>EE. Upper Twin Lake</u>	<u>T.102N; R.22W</u>	<u>Freeborn</u>

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

3.17 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules,
3.18 parts 6230.0400, 6240.1200, 6240.1700, 6240.1850, 6240.2000, and 6240.2100 expire
3.19 January 31, 2011. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as
3.20 they read prior to those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended
3.21 by permanent rule.