

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

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

**6264**

**MILLE LACS LAKE FISHING**

**PUBLISHED 08-24-2015**

**EFFECTIVE 08-24-2015**

**EXPIRES 02-24-2017 (18 months)**

Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to Mille Lacs Lake fishing under bass tournament permits.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Mille Lacs Lake Fishing**

1.3 **6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.**

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

1.5 Subp. 4. **Mille Lacs Lake and associated tributaries special management**  
1.6 **regulations.**

1.7 [For text of item A, see M.R.]

1.8 B. While a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries,  
1.9 the possession limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass in aggregate is six, with only  
1.10 one smallmouth bass greater than 18 inches in length, except that the regulation limiting  
1.11 anglers to one smallmouth bass over 18 inches is waived by Department of Natural  
1.12 Resources permit for a limited number of bass fishing tournaments each year. Selection  
1.13 of tournaments for this exemption is based on tournament size, expected participation,  
1.14 and potential to generate public interest and local economic activity. The season for  
1.15 taking largemouth and smallmouth bass is the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of  
1.16 Memorial Day weekend to the last Sunday in February. Notwithstanding part 6262.0200,  
1.17 subpart 1, item A, subitem (2), the catch and release season does not apply to Mille Lacs  
1.18 Lake or its associated tributaries to the posted boundaries.

1.19 [For text of item C, see 39 SR 1569]

1.20 [For text of item D, see M.R.]

1.21 [For text of items E and F, see 39 SR 1539]

1.22 G. Fish that are taken by angling and not immediately released into the water  
1.23 after capture are considered to be in possession and part of the bag limit. Once a fish has  
1.24 been reduced to possession, culling or live-well sorting (the act of exchanging one fish for  
1.25 another) is not allowed: except that culling or live-well sorting, prior to meeting a bag

2.1 limit of fish reduced to possession, is allowed for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Once  
2.2 a smallmouth bass over 18 inches is reduced to possession, culling or live-well sorting  
2.3 of smallmouth bass over 18 inches is not allowed, except as authorized by permit under  
2.4 item B, since the possession limit is one.

2.5 [For text of item H, see 39 SR 1539]

2.6 [For text of subps 5 to 58, see M.R.]

2.7 [For text of subp 59, see 39 SR 1086]

2.8 [For text of subps 60 to 124, see M.R.]