

## **Bow Fishing Rules (5/19/08)p**

### **Current rules or statutes**

- MS. 97A.015, supd. 43 - Definition of rough fish.
- MS. 97A.091 - Game refuge: Can have uncased bow for taking fish.
- MS. 97B.035 - Equipment restrictions: no mechanical devices and no crossbows (except for people with disabilities), no poisoned or explosive arrows.
- MS. 97B.055 - Transport and discharge of bows: Boat may only be powered by an electric motor.
- MS. 97C.345 - Overall season: sunrise to sunset from May 1 to third Sunday in Feb.
- MS. 97C.371 - Deals with spearing.
- MS. 97C.375 - Rule making authority.
  
- MR. 6100.0800 - Restrictions in and within 200 ft of state parks and forest areas.
- MR. 6218.0100, subp 3 - Public access restrictions: Can't use within a public water access site.
- MR. 6136 - Restrictions when in Scientific and Natural Areas.
- MR. 6230 - Restrictions when on Wildlife Management Areas.
- MR. 6262.0600 - Rough fish taking: must use tethered arrows, crossbows prohibited except for people with disabilities. Repeats overall season for bow fishing.
- MR. 6262.0650 - Limits: Allowed for rough fish only as follows.  
suckers = 50; redhorse = 50; bullheads = 100; other rough fish = no limit.
- MR. 6262.0700 - Restrictions on taking: Can't take in designated trout streams or lakes; posted spawning areas; or any water where spawning, trapping, or hatchery operations are being done.
- MR. 6262.0750 - Can't return fish to the water or leave on the banks.
- MR. 6266 - Border water regulations on taking fish by archery varies for each state border and Canada.

### **Changes under MR 6262.0600 - Taking of Rough Fish, for night bow fishing adopted Dec. 2007**

Subp. 2.Night bowfishing.

A.Rough fish may be taken by night bowfishing, provided that the arrows used are tethered or controlled by an attached line. All broadheads used must have a barb.

B.While taking rough fish under this subpart, total noise from generators, engines to power the boat, and motorboats may not exceed 84 decibels on the A scale measured at a distance of 30 feet from the motorboat or equivalent noise levels at other distances in a pass-by test or at idle in a stationary test at least four feet above the water and at least four feet behind the transom of the motorboat being tested.

C.A person must take reasonable measures to retrieve arrows and wounded fish.

D.The following described water bodies are open to night bowfishing from June 1 to the last day in August.County

**Criteria Used to Select Water bodies that were included on this list**

1. Rough fish populations.
2. Rough fish harvest already occurs.
3. Level of development around lake.
4. Not already closed to spearing or bow fishing.
5. Other management efforts are not impacted (ie, spawning sites, research efforts, waterfowl management, etc.)
6. Disturbance of other wildlife that need protection, such as waterfowl or eagles.
7. Protect critical habitat.
8. Input from bowfishing clientele
9. Not considering rivers at this time, may include them later.

D. The following described water bodies are open to night bowfishing from June 1 to the last day in August.

County

Lake name (DOW number)                      Location

(1) Becker County:

Big Cormorant (3-576)    T.138, R.42, S.7,18,19,30;

   T.138, R.43, S.1,11-14,22-25

Dahlberg (3-577)            T.138, R.42, S.6;

   T.138, R.43, S.1;

   T.139, R.42, S.31;

   T.139, R.43, S.36

Leif (3-575)                    T.138, R.42, S.5,6;

   T.138, R.43, S.1;

   T.139, R.42, S.31

Larson (3-596)                T.138, R.43, S.10

Middle Cormorant (3-602) T.138, R.43, S.15,21,22

Nelson (3-595)                T.138, R.43, S.9,10,15,16

Rossman (Erickson)        T.138, R.43, S.3,4,9,10

(3-587)

Upper Cormorant (3-588) T.138, R.43, S.4,5,8,9,15,16,17

(2) Benton County:

Little Rock (5-13)

(upstream of the new    T.37, R.31, S.2,3,10,11,14;

Gordon Bridge)            T.38, R.31, S.34,35

(3) Big Stone County:

Big Stone (6-152)        T.121-124, R.46-49, S.Various

(4) Blue Earth County:

Loon Lake (7-96)            T.107, R.28, S.2-4,10,11

Crystal Lake (7-98)        T.107, R.28, S.4,5;

   T.108, R.28, S.32,33

(5) Carver County:

Waconia (10-59) T.116, R.24, S.6,7,18;  
T.116, R.25, S.1,2,10-15

(6) Chisago County:

South Center Lake T.33, R.20, S.2,3,4,9,10;  
(13-27) T.34, R.20, S.34,35  
Green Lake, including T.33, R.20, S.6,7,18,19;  
Little Green (13-41) T.33, R.21, S.12,13,23,24,25,26

(7) Cottonwood County:

North Oaks Lake (17-44) T.105, R.38, S.5,8;  
T.106, R.38, S.32

(8) Crow Wing County:

Borden Lake (18-20) T.44, R.28, S.2,9,10,11,  
14,15,16,22

(9) Douglas County:

Mary Lake (21-92) T.126,127, R.38, S.Various  
Maple Lake (21-79) T.127, R.37, S.19,20,29-32;  
T.127, R.38, S.25-36

(10) Goodhue County:

Byllesby (19-6) T.112, R.18, S.8,9,10,11,  
14,15,16,17

(11) Grant County:

Pomme de Terre (26-97) T.129, R.41, S.5-7,29-32;  
T.130, R.42, S.12,25,36

(12) Hubbard County:

Upper Twin Lake (29-157) T.138,139, R.34, S.6,31

(13) Jackson County:

Loon Lake (32-20) T.101, R.35, S.18,19;  
T.101, R.36, S.13,24,25

(14) Kandiyohi County:

Big Kandiyohi (34-86)

Bowfishing is not  
allowed within 330 T.117, R.34, S.3;  
feet of the island. T.118, R.34, S.20-23,26-29,31  
Long Lake (34-192) T.120, R.35, S.11-15,22,23  
East Solomon Lake T.120, R.35, S.20,21,28-30;  
(34-246) T.120, R.36, S.25

(15) Lincoln County:

Hendricks (41-110) T.112, R.46, S.18,19;  
T.112, R.47, S.13,24

(16) Le Sueur County:

Dora Lake (40-10) T.110, R.23, S.3,4,9,10  
Sabre Lake (40-14) T.110, R.23, S.29,30  
Gorman Lake (40-32) T.110, R.23, S.7;  
T.110, R.24, S.11-14  
German Lake (40-63) T.109, R.24, S.4,5,8,9  
East, Middle, and West  
Jefferson Lake (40-92) T.109-110, R.24-25, S.Various

(17) Martin County:

East Chain (46-10) T.101, R.29, S.7,18,19;  
T.101, R.30, S.13,24  
Cedar Lake (46-121) T.103, R.32, S.19,30;  
T.104, R.33, S.1,24,25,26  
Bright Lake (46-52) T.101, R.31, S.8,9,16,17

(18) Meeker County:

Jennie Lake (47-15) T.118, R.29, S.20,21,27-29,32,33  
Washington (47-46) T.118,119, R.29,30, S.Various

(19) Murray County:

Currant Lake (51-82) T.108, R.42, S.7,18;  
T.108, R.43, S.12,13  
Bloody Lake (51-40) T.108, R.40, S.20,28,29  
Fox Lake (51-43) T.108, R.40, S.21,22,27,28  
First Fulda  
(South Fulda Lake) T.105, R.40, S.35,36  
(51-21)

(20) Nobles County:

West Graham Lake T.104, R.39, S.15,16,21,22  
(53-21)

(21) Olmsted County:

Zumbro Lake (55-414) T.108, T.109, R.14, S.Various  
Shady Lake (55-5) T.108, R.14, S.7,8,17,18;  
T.108, R.15, S.12

(22) Ottertail County:

Big Pine (56-130) T.136,137, R.38, S.Various  
Eagle (56-253) T.131, R.40, S.10,11,14,15  
Jolly Ann (56-370) T.131, R.40, S.13,24;  
T.131, R.41, S.13,24  
Pickerel (56-475) T.134, R.41, S.10-15  
North Ten Mile (56-604) T.131, R.42, S.16,17,20,21  
Ten Mile (South  
Ten Mile) (56-613) T.131, R.42, S.21,27-29,32-34

(23) Pine County:

Pokegama (58-142)  
between the Pine County  
Highway 11 bridge on  
the north end of the  
lake and the Pine  
County Highway 53  
bridge and Pine County  
Highway 7 on the south T.39, R.22, S.13,14,23,24,  
end of the lake 25,26,35,36

(24) Polk County:

Union (60-217) T.147,148, R.42,43, S.Various  
Maple (60-305) T.148,149, R.43,44, S.Various

(25) Pope County:

Reno (61-78) T.126,127, R.37,38, S.Various  
Minnewaska (61-130) T.125, R.38,39, S.Various

(26) Rice County:

Circle Lake (66-27) T.111, R.21, S.15-17,21,22  
Fox Lake (66-29) T.111, R.21, S.26,27  
Union Lake (66-320) T.136,137, R.38, S.Various  
Rice Lake (66-48) T.110, R.22, S.16,17,20,21

(27) Scott County:

Cedar (70-91) T.113, R.22, S.7,18,19;  
T.113, R.23, S.12,13,24

(28) Swift County:

Monson Lake (76-33) T.121, R.37, S.3;  
T.122, R.37, S.35,36  
Camp Lake (76-72) T.122, R.38, S.1;  
T.123, R.38, S.36  
Oliver Lake (76-146) T.121, R.43, S.1;  
T.122, R.43, S.26,27,35,36

(29) Traverse County:

Traverse (78-25) T.125,127, R.47-49, S.Various  
Mud Lake (78-222) T.136, R.39, S.3,4;  
T.137, R.39, S.34,35

(30) Wadena County:

Blueberry Lake (80-34) T.138, R.35, S.2,3,10,11  
Lower Twin Lake (80-30) T.138, R.34,35, S.6,31

(31) Waseca County:

Elysian (81-95) T.108,109, R.24, S.Various

(32) Wright County:

Buffalo (86-90) T.119, R.25, S.30,31;  
T.120, R.26, S.1,25,35,36  
Clearwater (86-252) T.121,122, R.27,28, S.Various