

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Rulemaking Activities Completed in Fiscal Year 2026

Rulemaking types: P = Permanent; ExpP = Expedited Permanent (14.389); GCE = Good Cause Exempt (14.388); Ex = Exempt (14.386); ExFSH = Exempt Fisheries; ExpEm = Expedited Emergency; Em = Emergency
Comm Order = Commissioner's Order (exempt from rulemaking procedure through its specific statutory authority)

Last updated: 12 February 2026

Subject Matter of Rules	Type	Agency Unit Lead Staff	File No.	Publication Date State Register Citation	Effective Date(s)
Commissioner's Order #1 ML 2026: Amend Lake Mille Lacs Yellow Perch Fishing Regulations	Comm Order	Fish & Wildlife Div Brian Nerbonne	N/A	2/9/2026 50 SR 812	2/9/2026
Light Goose Population Control	ExpEm	Fish & Wildlife Div Sarah Middleton	R-4984	2/2/2026 50 SR 781	2/2/2026
Commissioner's Order #3 ML 2025: Mille Lacs Lake Winter Fishing Regulations	Comm Order	Fish & Wildlife Div Brian Nerbonne	N/A	12/1/2025	12/1/2025
Waters with Restrictions on Taking Fish	ExpP	Fish & Wildlife Division Shannon Fisher	R-4871	1/26/2026	1/26/2026 for 6262.0575, subp 14; 3/01/2026 for 6262.0575, subps 2 and 12 and repealer
Fishing in Inland Waters (Continuous Bass Season)	ExpP	Fish & Wildlife Division Shannon Fisher	R-4955	1/26/2026	1/26/2026
Lake Superior Fishing Regulations	ExpP	Fish & Wildlife Division Shannon Fisher	R-4872	8/18/2025 50 SR 176	3/01/2026
Restrictions on Taking Fish	ExpP	Fish & Wildlife Division Shannon Fisher	R-4857	8/18/2025 50 SR 176	8/18/2025
Bait Restrictions	GCE	Fish & Wildlife Division Shannon Fisher	R-04911	8/18/2025 50 SR 175	8/18/2025
Commissioner's Order #2 ML 2025: Amend Walleye Regulations for Open Water Angling on Lake Mille Lacs	Comm Order	Fish & Wildlife Div Brian Nerbonne	N/A	8/18/2025 50 SR 177	8/18/2025
2025 Deer Seasons and Special Hunts	ExpEm	Fish & Wildlife Div Sarah Middleton	R-04952	8/4/2025 50 SR 101	8/4/2025
2025 Youth and Adult Deer Hunts	ExpEm	Fish & Wildlife Div Sarah Middleton	R-04957	8/4/2025 50 SR 148	8/4/2025
Upland Bird Season	ExpEm	Fish & Wildlife Div Sarah Middleton	R-04956	7/28/2025 50 SR 75	7/28/2025

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Furbearer, Wildlife Management Areas, State Game Refuges, and Small Game	ExpEm	Fish & Wildlife Div Sarah Middleton	R-04948	7/21/2025 50 SR 45	7/21/2025
2025 Waterfowl and Sandhill Crane Hunting, Light Goose Population Control, Game Refuges, Controlled Hunting Zones and Feeding and Resting Areas	ExpEm	Fish & Wildlife Div Sarah Middleton	R-04946	7/7/2025 50 SR 5	7/7/2025