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Fishing in Minnesota
Fishing Regulations and Licensing - All persons 16 and older are required to have the appropriate license with them when fishing. Licenses are available through the DNR License Bureau, most County Auditors and many stores that sell fishing related goods. Trout fishing requires a trout stamp. For more information call the DNR Information Center at (852) 688-6157 or 1-888-646-6367. To purchase a license by phone 24 hours a day, call 1-888-MN-LICENSE (665-4236).

Selective Harvest Fishing - Improved technology and increased fish trade have caused the quality of fishing to decline in many lakes. Practicing “Selective Harvest Fishing” offers anglers an opportunity to take some fish home while releasing others back into the water to improve fishing quality. Here are some tips to use for Selective Harvest fishing:
- Use barbless hooks
- Play the fish quickly and handle the fish carefully
- Never hold the fish by the gill
- Use a needle nose pliers to remove hooks or cut the line if it is too deep
- Ease the fish back into the water, do not throw it back

Sustainable Natural Environments
Practice Sustainable Water Recreation!
A healthy and attractive natural environment enables people to enjoy the outdoors without negative impacts on the environment. Communities working together can improve water resources by promoting environmentally sensitive land use practices along rivers and throughout waterways.
- Be courteous to other boater and water users
- Keep a safe distance from birds, wildlife, and other boats
- Travel at safe speeds and be aware of the effect your wake has on the shoreline and other users
- Operate your watercraft at a slow no wake speed when appropriate
- Use watercraft that is the appropriate type and size for the water resource
- Boating doesn’t require constant movement, enjoy floating, anchoring, and beaching
- Conserve fuel by properly operating and maintaining your watercraft
- Don’t litter and do not properly dispose of boat and sanitary wastes

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Laws and Requirements:
Before leaving the water access or shoreline property, you MUST:
- Clean off AIS, aquatic plants and animals
- Drain all water including bilge, livewells, framework, ballast tanks, mican and ballast tanks
- Pull the plug and leave it out

Get into the habit of taking these three simple steps, and it will soon become part of your routine. Pull away from the boat ramp area. Check for plants while stripping the boat down. Pull the plug when adjusting the motor. If you have other people (especially kids) with you, have them do it, too. Adding a few minutes will help safeguard our waters.

Cleaning water-related equipment is just as important as cleaning boats, so while you’re cleaning your boat, please remember to also:
- Clean anchors, ropes, fishing tackle, and other objects that were in the water. Many species can be transported in the mud or in fishing lines and ropes.
- Clean your bilge, livewells, and other watercraft before leaving.
- These are YOUR waters and it is YOUR responsibility to inspect, clean, and drain your boat!

AIS Boat Law:
It is illegal to transport lake and river water. To save your boat (minnows or leeches), the DNR recommends bringing bottled or tap water from home and keeping it in your vehicle or cooler. Bring ice can be a good idea on warm days to cool down the water.

DO NOT dump unwanted bait into water bodies or on the shoreline! Unwanted bait belongs in the trash or a designated compost bin. Unwanted worms must be disposed of in the trash.

Working Together to Protect the Waters
Watercraft Inspectors are here to ensure watercraft and equipment are “clean in, clean out!” If you need assistance, have questions about the laws, or are curious about the program, please ask!

Ways you can help the Watercraft Inspectors:
- Please clean your boat and pull your plug as soon as you are safely able to. That way when the inspector comes, the inspection process will move quickly and it will soon become part of your routine. Pull away from the boat ramp area. Check for plants while stripping the boat down. Pull the plug when adjusting the motor. If you have other people (especially kids) with you, have them do it, too. Adding a few minutes will help safeguard our waters.
- The inspectors have tools, wrenches and pliers, so if you are having trouble with your plug, ask! Inspectors can also help pull weeds off boats or other such tasks. They also have grabbing tools for plants.
- When you see the Watercraft Inspectors, be cooperative. The law requires compliance with inspectors, and it will help everyone to be on their way in a timely and pleasant manner.

Safe Boating
Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) - On all boats (except a sailboard) regardless of length there must be a readily accessible Coast Guard approved wearable PFD for each person on board. In addition, on boats 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, there must also be at least one Coast Guard approved throwable device, such as a ring buoy or seat cushion.

Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) - Boating while intoxicated is illegal. For persons found to be under the influence there are significant penalties, including fine and possible jail sentences.

Personal Watercraft - Special laws apply including wearing a PFD and operating at slow no wake speed at certain distances from other watercraft, waterways, and other objects in the water. Operator age restrictions also apply. Consult the Boating Guide for more information. A DNR safety video is available free of charge.

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Fish Species:
- C - Crappie, N - Northern Pike, S - Sunfish, W - Walleye, Wilds - Wildlife

Depth in Feet
0
30

Del Clark Lake

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The DNR's Information Center is available to provide free publications of facilities and activities as well as answer questions pertaining to DNR and Minnesota tourism. Call 701-280-6271 or (800) 252-8555, Monday to Saturday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.

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