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**2011 MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
WHITEFISH AND CISCOES SPORT GILL NETTING REGULATIONS
(Whitefish netting license required)**

POSSESSION AND MARKING OF FISH NETS

- A person may use only one gill net, not exceeding 100 feet in length or 3 feet in width.
- One end of the gill net must have a pole, stake, or buoy projecting at least two feet above the surface of the water or ice.
- Gill nets must have an identification tag attached near the first float of the end that is projecting from the surface of water or ice.
- Identification tags must be a minimum of 2-1/2 inches by 5/8-inch permanently bearing the name and address of the owner. Identification tags for marking gill nets are provided by the owner.
- Gill nets may not be set after sunset or raised before sunrise.
- All gill nets must be set and lifted by the licensee only.
- Gill nets must be tended at least once every 24 hours.
- A gill net or any part of a gill net may not be set in any water deeper than six feet, measured from the lake bottom to the top surface of the water or ice.
- A gill net may not be set within 50 feet of another gill net.
- Minimum gill net mesh size shall be no less than 1-3/4 or 3-1/2 inch net stretch measure depending on the lake (see attached schedules).
- Net stretch measure means the interior distance between opposite knots or corners of a single mesh of net, taken between the thumb and forefinger and applying enough pressure laterally to allow the opposite sides of the mesh to touch.
- Whitefish and ciscoes taken by sport gill netting may not be bought or sold.
- The possession limit for whitefish taken by sport gill netting within the Leech Lake Reservation boundaries is 25.

Special note: Mille Lacs Lake in Aitkin, Crow Wing and Mille Lacs Counties, will be closed to sport gill netting in 2011.

SEASONS OPEN FOR TAKING WHITEFISH AND CISCOES.

Schedules designating open seasons for certain waters

- The waters listed in each of the following schedules will be open during the designated seasons to the netting of whitefish and ciscoes.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the names of the bodies of water refer to lakes.

Schedule I.

- All bodies of water listed in this schedule are to be opened and closed on a 48-hour notice posted at lake accesses and other public places based on the following information: game fish abundance; climatic conditions that affect the vulnerability of game fish to accidental harvest; and abundance of whitefish and ciscoes.

NAME	COUNTY	Minimum mesh size 3-1/2 inches allowed	Minimum mesh size 1-3/4 inches allowed
Balsam, Big, T.58,59, R.24,S.5 + Various	Itasca	(open 11/19 thru 12/19)	X
Basswood, T.64,65, R.9, 10,11, S. Var.	Lake	(open 10/22 thru 11/13)	X
Bear Island, T.61, R.13, S. Var.	St. Louis	(open 11/24 thru 12/26)	X
Deer, T.56, R.26,27; T.57,R. 26,27,S. Var.	Itasca	X (open 10/28 thru 12/4)	
Devil Track*, T. 62, R1, S. Var	Cook	X (Open 10/21 thru 12/25)	
Ely, T.57,58, R.17, S. Var.(closed for 2011)	St. Louis		X
Fall, T.63, R.11,12,S. Var.;	Lake		
T.64, R.11, S. Var.	St. Louis	(open 10/22 thru 11/13)	X
Geen, T.120, R.33,34; T.121, R33,34	Kandiyohi	X (open 11/24 thru 12/11)	
Greenwood*, T.64N, R.2E,S. Var.	Cook	(open 11/4 thru 12/25)	X
Ida, T.129,130, R.38	Douglas	X (open 11/26 thru 12/30)	
Mille Lacs (Closed for 2011)	Aitkin		
	Crow Wing		
	Mille Lacs	X	
Nashwauk, T.57, R.23,24, S.7 + Var.	Itasca	(open 11/19 thru 12/19)	X
Newton, T.63,64, R.11, S. Var.	Lake	X (open 10/22 thru 11/13)	
Ojibway, T.63, R.9,10, S. Var.	Lake	(open 11/24 thru 12/26)	X
Poplar, T.64, R.1W,2W	Cook	X (Open 10/21 thru 12/25)	
Rachel, T.127, R.39	Douglas	(11/26 thru 12/30)	X
Shagawa, T.63, R.12, S. Var.	St. Louis	(open 11/5 thru 11/27)	X
Side, T.60N, R.21W,S. Var.	St. Louis	(open 11/4 thru 12/11)	X
South Sturgeon, T.59-60, R.21-22, S. Var.	St. Louis	(open 11/4 thru 12/11)	X
Straight, T.140, R.36, S.6 + Var.	Becker	X (open 12/1 thru 12/31)	
Turtle, Big, T.59, R.26,27; T.60, R.26,27	Itasca	X (open 10/28 thru 12/4)	
Vermillion, T.61, R.16; T.62, R.14,15,16,17;			
T.63, R.15,16,17,18 - all except Pike Bay,			
south and west of a north-south line at			
narrowest portion between Echo Point and			
Punchers Point,T.62, R.15, S.19 + Var.	St. Louis	X (open 10/22 thru 11/13)	

* Note: Devil Track and Greenwood Lakes are designated infested waters with spiny waterfleas, nets and other gear used in these waters may not be used in any other water body.

Schedule II.

- All bodies of water listed in this schedule, known as schedule II, are open during the dates indicated by one of the following symbols:
- A = Second Friday of October (October 14) through first Sunday of December (December 4).
- B = First Friday of November (November 4) through second Sunday of December (December 11).
- C = Second Friday of November (November 11) through second Sunday of December (December 11).

Name	County	Minimum Mesh Size 3-1/2 Inches Allowed	Minimum Mesh Size 1-3/4 Inches Allowed	Open Dates
Ball Club, T.144, R.25,26; T.145, R.26	Itasca	X		B
Bass, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing	X		B
Bass, north basin & Snyder Bay to the narrows, T.56, R.26	Itasca	X		B
Bass, Big, T.140, R.26, S.27 + Various	Cass		X	B
Beltrami, T.148, R.32, 33	Beltrami	X		B
Bemidji, Little, T.142, R.39, S. Var	Becker	X		B
Benedict, T.142, R.32	Hubbard	X		B
Black Bear, T.46, R.29, 30; T.47, R.29, 30	Crow Wing		X	B
Blackduck, T.149, R.31	Beltrami	X		B
Blackwater, T.140, R.29, S.25 + Var.	Cass	X		B
Bowstring, T.146, R.25, 26; T.147, R.25, 26	Itasca	X		B
Bowstring, Little, T.58, R.27, S.23 + Var.	Itasca	X		B
Boy, T.142, R.27, 28	Cass	X		B
Brule, T60, R21, S.Var	Cook		X	A
Buffalo, T.140, R.40, 41; T.141, R.40	Becker	X		C
Buzzle, Big, T.148, R.35	Beltrami		X	B
Caribou*, T.65, R.1E	Cook	X		A
Carr, T.146, R.33	Beltrami	X		B
Cass, T.145, 146, R.30, 31	Beltrami			
	Cass	X		B
Clear, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing		X	B
Clearwater, T.149, R.35, 36	Beltrami			
	Clearwater	X		B
Cotton, T.139, 140, R.40	Becker	X		B
Crane*, T.67, R.16, 17	St. Louis		X	A
Crooked, T.144, R.31	Cass	X		B
Crooked, T.45, R.28, S.16 + Var	Crow Wing	X		B
Crow Wing, Fifth and Sixth Lakes (channel between), T.140, R.33, S.20	Hubbard	X		B
Crow Wing, Seventh and Eighth Lakes (channel between), T.140, R.33, S.12 + Var.	Hubbard	X		B
Crow Wing, Ninth, T.140, 141, R.32	Hubbard	X		B
Crystal, T.136, R.42	Otter Tail	X		C
Curfman, T.138, R.41	Becker	X		B

*** Note: Caribou and Crane Lakes are designated infested waters with spiny waterfleas, Nets and other gear used in these waters may not be used in any other water body.**

Schedule II (Con't).

Name	County	Minimum Mesh Size 3-1/2 Inches Allowed	Minimum Mesh Size 1-3/4 Inches Allowed	Open Dates
Cut Foot Sioux, T.146, 147, R.27	Itasca	X		B
Deer, T.148, R.34	Beltrami	X		B
Deer, T.62, R.24, S.Var.	Itasca	X		B
Detroit, T.138, 139, R.41	Becker	X		B
Eagle, T.45, R.29	Crow Wing		X	B
Elbow, T.64, R.18, S. Var.	St. Louis	X		A
Elbow, Big, T.142, R.38, 39	Becker	X		C
Eunice, T.138, R.42, S.26 + Var.	Becker	X		B
Fish, T.137, R.42	Otter Tail	X		C
Fish Hook, T.140, R.34, 35	Hubbard	X		B
Floyd, Big, T.139, R.41	Becker	X		B
Franklin, T.136, 137, R.42	Otter Tail	X		C
Gilstad, T.148, 149, R.30	Beltrami	X		B
Graham, T.137, 138, R.40	Becker			
	Otter Tail	X		B
Grant, T.146, 147, R.34	Beltrami		X	B
Graves, T.58, R.26	Itasca	X		B
Gull, T.134, R.29, 30; T.135, R.29	Cass/Crow Wing	X		B
Gull, Upper, T.135, R.29	Cass	X		B
Hanging Horn, Big, T.46, R.19	Carlton		X	B
Howard, T.141, R.31	Cass		X	B
Ice Cracking, T.141, R.38, 39	Becker	X		C
Isabella, T.61, R.8; T.62, R.7, 8	Lake	X		A
Island, T.141, R.35	Hubbard	X		B
Jack, T.141, 142, R.30	Cass		X	B
Jessie, T.147, 148, R.25	Itasca	X		B
Jewett, T.134, R.43	Otter Tail	X		C
Kabekona, T.142, R.32; T.143, R.32, 33	Hubbard	X		B
Kabetogama*, T.69, 70, R.19-22	Koochiching			
	St. Louis		X	A
Kimble, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing		X	B
Kitchie, T.146, 147, R.30	Beltrami	X		B
Lake of the Woods*	Lake of the Woods			
	Roseau	X		A
Leaf, East, T.134, R.37, 38	Otter Tail	X		C
Leaf, Middle, T.134, R.38	Otter Tail	X		C
Leaf, West, T.134, R.38	Otter Tail	X		C
Leavitt, T.139, R.25, 26	Cass	X		B
Leech, including Kabekona Bay and all other bays, T.141, R.29, 31; T.142, R.28, 29, 30, 31, 32; T.143, R.28, 29, 30, 31; T.144, R.28, 29, 30	Cass			
	Hubbard	X		A
Lida, T.135, 136, R.42	Otter Tail	X		C
Lizzie, T.136, 137, R.42	Otter Tail	X		C
Long, T.138, 139, R.41	Becker	X		B
Long, T.139, 140, R.34	Hubbard	X		B
Long, T.134, R.42, 43	Otter Tail	X		C
Long, Lower South, T.44, R.29, 30	Crow Wing	X		B
Long, North, T. 134, R. 28, 29; T. 135, R. 28	Crow Wing	X		B
McCraney, T.143, R.40, S.25 + Var.	Mahnomen	X		B

* Note: Lake of the Woods and Kabetogama Lake are designated infested waters with spiny waterfleas, nets and other gear used in these waters may not be used in any other water body.

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Name	County	Minimum Mesh Size 3-1/2 Inches Allowed	Minimum Mesh Size 1-3/4 Inches Allowed	Open Dates
Many Point, T.141, R.38; T.142, R.38, 39	Becker	X		B
Maple, T.60, R.27	Itasca	X		B
Margaret (Kilpatrick), T.135, R.29	Cass	X		B
Marquette, T.146, R.33	Beltrami	X		B
Maud, T.138, R.42	Becker	X		B
Melissa, T.138, R.41	Becker	X		B
Moore, T.142, R.38, S.5; T.143, R.38, S.32	Becker Clearwater	 X		 B
Movil, T.147, 148, R.33	Beltrami	X		B
Murphy, T.137, R.39, S.6; T.138, R.39, S.31	Becker Otter Tail	 X		 B
Namakan*, T.68, R.17, 18; T.69, R.17, 18, 19, except the narrows between Namakan and Sand Point Lakes	St. Louis		X	A
Net (Burnett), T.142, R.40, S. Var.	Becker	X		B
Oak (Mud), T.143, R.32, S.27	Hubbard	X		B
Ossawinamakee (Long), T.136, 137, R.28	Crow Wing	X		B
Pelican, T.135, R.27, 28; T.136, R.27, 28	Crow Wing	X		B
Pelican, Big, T.137, R.42, 43	Otter Tail	X		C
Pike, T.142, R.38	Becker	X		B
Pike East, T.65, R.2E, 3E	Cook		X	A
Pike Bay, T.145, R.30, 31	Cass	X		B
Pillager, T.133, 134, R.30	Cass		X	B
Pimushe, T.147, 148, R.30, 31	Beltrami	X		B
Pine, Big, T.136, 137, R.38	Otter Tail	X		C
Pine, Little, T.136, R.39; T.137, R.38, 39	Otter Tail	X		C
Pine Mountain, T.138, R.30; T.139, R.30, 31	Cass		X	B
Plantaganette, T.145, R.33, 34; T.146; R.33	Beltrami Hubbard	 X		 B
Pokegama, T.54, R.25, 26; T.55, R.25, 26	Itasca		X	B
Portage, T.141, R.31	Cass		X	B
Portage, T.45, R.28, S.29 + Var.	Crow Wing	X		B
Potato and Eagle Lakes (channel between), T.141, R.35, S.22	Hubbard	X		B
Prairie, T.50, R.20	St. Louis		X	B
Pug Hole Lake, T.140, R.26, S.2 + Var.	Cass		X	B
Rainy*, T.69-71, R.17-24	Koochiching St. Louis		 X	 A
Round, T.141, R.38, 39	Becker	X		B
Round, T.134, R.28, 29; T.135, R.28, 29	Crow Wing	X		B
Round, T.148, R.27, 28	Itasca		X	B
Rush Island, T.148, R.26, S.15 + Var.	Itasca	X		B
Sand, Big, T.147, 148, R.26	Itasca	X		B

* Note: Namakan and Rainy Lakes are designated infested waters with spiny waterfleas, nets and other gear used in these waters may not be used in any other water body.

Schedule II (Con't).

Name	County	Minimum Mesh Size 3-1/2 Inches Allowed	Minimum Mesh Size 1-3/4 Inches Allowed	Open Dates
Sand Point*, T.67, R.16, 17; T.68, R.16, 17, except the narrows between Sand Point and Namakan Lakes, and Sand Point and Vermillion Lakes	St. Louis		X	A
Sandy, T.149, R.35	Beltrami	X		B
Sandy, Big, T.49, R.23, 24; T.50, R.23, 24	Aitkin	X		B
Sauk, Big, T.126, 127, R.34	Stearns/Todd	X		B
Silver Island, T.60, R.6; T.61, R.6, 7	Lake	X		A
Snyder (Snider), T.143, R.39, 40	Mahnomen	X		B
Stalker, T.132, R.41	Otter Tail	X		C
Star, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing	X		B
Star, T.135, R.40, 41; T.136, R.41	Otter Tail	X		C
Steamboat, T.144, R.31, 32	Cass			
	Hubbard	X		B
Strawberry, T.141, 142, R.40	Becker		X	B
Sucker, Lower (Big Sucker), T.144, R.30; T.145, R.29, 30	Cass	X		B
Swan, T.55, 56, R.22, 23, S. Var.	Itasca		X	B
Ten Mile, T.140, R.30, 31; T.141, R.30, 31	Cass		X	C
Thunder, Big, T.140, R.26	Cass	X		B
Tulaby, T.142, 143, R.39	Becker			
	Mahnomen	X		B
Turtle, Big, T.148, R.33	Beltrami	X		B
Turtle, Little, T.148, R.31, 32	Beltrami	X		B
Turtle River Lake, T.147, 148, R.32	Beltrami	X		B
Twin Lakes, T.56, R.23, 24	Itasca	X		B
Wabedo, T.140, R.28	Cass	X		B
Washburn, T.139, 140, R.26	Cass	X		B
White Earth, T.142, 143, R.40	Becker			
	Mahnomen	X		B
Wilson Bay, T.134, R.29, 30	Cass	X		B
Wimer, T.137, R.40	Otter Tail	X		C
Winnibigoshish, T.145, R.27, 28, 29; T.146, R.27, 28, 29; T.147, R.27, 28	Cass			
	Itasca	X		B
Winnibigoshish, Lit, T.145, R.26,27; T.146, R.26, 27, except those portions within one-fourth mile of river channels	Cass			
	Itasca		X	B
Wolf, Big, T.145, 146, R.32, S. Var.	Beltrami			
	Hubbard	X		B
Woman, T.140, R.28, 29; T.141, R.28, 29	Cass	X		B

* Note: Sand Point Lake is designated infested water with spiny waterfleas, nets and other gear used in these waters may not be used in any other water body