

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

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

**6240**

**POPULATION CONTROL FOR LIGHT GEESE**

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to population control for light geese.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Population Control for Light**  
1.3 **Geese**

1.4 **6240.0600 SPECIAL PERMITS FOR CONTROLLING POPULATION OF LIGHT**  
1.5 **GEESE.**

1.6 Subpart 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this part, "light goose" means a lesser snow  
1.7 goose including a blue phase lesser snow goose (*Anser c. caerulescens*) or a Ross's goose  
1.8 (*Anser rossii*).

1.9 Subp. 2. **Permit required.** A person may not take a light goose during the period  
1.10 prescribed in subpart 3 except with a valid permit and in full compliance with this part and  
1.11 the conditions in the permit. Residents and nonresidents may apply for permits. No hunting  
1.12 license or stamps are required. A permit holder must have a permit in possession at all times  
1.13 when taking or transporting light geese taken under this part and must retain the permit for  
1.14 as long as the permit holder possesses light geese taken under this part.

1.15 Subp. 3. **Open harvest period.** Light geese may be taken February 18 to April 30  
1.16 with permits issued under this part. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to  
1.17 one-half hour after sunset.

1.18 Subp. 4. **Bag limits.** No daily or bag limits apply to taking light geese under this part.

1.19 Subp. 5. **Game refuges and waterfowl refuges.** All state game refuges closed to  
1.20 migratory waterfowl hunting are closed to taking light geese under this part. All waterfowl  
1.21 refuges closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall waterfowl  
1.22 seasons are closed to taking light geese under this part. All controlled hunting stations in  
1.23 the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge in Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties are closed to taking  
1.24 light geese under this part.

2.1 Subp. 6. **Permit conditions; applicability of other laws and rules.**

2.2 A. A permit issued under this part is effective on the date issued or on February  
2.3 18, whichever occurs later. A permit expires on April 30 of the year issued.

2.4 B. Except as provided in subparts 2 to 5, all applicable state statutes and federal  
2.5 law for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under this part. All applicable  
2.6 rules for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under this part unless  
2.7 inconsistent with or otherwise provided in this part.

2.8 C. By July 1, permittees must submit harvest records for light geese to the  
2.9 Department of Natural Resources on forms provided by the commissioner.

2.10 Subp. 7. **Permit application.** Application for a permit under this part must be made  
2.11 using the application processes established by the commissioner under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.12 section 84.027, subdivision 15.

2.13 Subp. 8. **Penalties.** Violating this part or the conditions of a permit issued under this  
2.14 part results in revocation of the permit and any other penalties provided by state or federal  
2.15 law.

2.16 Subp. 9. **Permit eligibility.** A person is ineligible for a permit to take light geese if  
2.17 the person had any small-game hunting privilege revoked within one year before applying  
2.18 for a light goose permit.