

SPECIAL FISH MANAGEMENT SPECIES AND TAGS

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6262.1000 SPECIAL FISH MANAGEMENT SPECIES AND TAGS.

Subpart 1. Tag definition. For purposes of this part, "tag" means a special fish management tag.

Subp. 2. Special fish management species. The following is a special fish management species and requires a tag:
Lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*).

Subp. 3. Tag requirements. A person shall not possess a lake sturgeon unless the person has a valid tag for that species. A tag is not required to angle for lake sturgeon.

Subp. 4. Eligibility. A person applying for a tag must either possess a valid fishing license or be specifically exempt by law from the fishing license requirement. A person exempt by law from the fishing license requirement must still obtain a tag to legally possess a lake sturgeon.

Subp. 5. Issuance.

A. Upon application and payment of the required fee, the authorized licensing agent shall issue one tag and registration card for a lake sturgeon.

B. Duplicate tags shall not be issued.

Subp. 6. Tagging.

A. Immediately after reducing a lake sturgeon to possession, a tag holder must validate and attach a tag to the fish. A tag holder must not affix a tag to the carcass of a lake sturgeon that the tag holder did not personally catch.

B. To validate a tag, the tag holder must use a sharp object to cut out or use a pen to indelibly mark the appropriate notch on the tag indicating:

(1) the month the fish was taken;

(2) the day of the month the fish was taken; and

(3) the time of day the fish was taken.

C. Lake sturgeon tag holders must attach the validated tag to the caudal peduncle (narrow portion of the body just in front of the tail fin) using string, twine, wire, or similar device so that the tag cannot be readily removed before the lake sturgeon is consumed or processed.

Subp. 7. Registration. A tag holder must register a catch of a lake sturgeon within 48 hours after reducing it to possession by completing and mailing the registration card provided with the tag. The following registration information is required:

A. tag holder information;

B. date when reduced to possession;

C. fish length; and

D. name of water body where the fish was reduced to possession.

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