

Department of Natural Resources

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GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES
AND FEDERAL WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREAS,
TAKING FISHER, PINE MARTEN, AND OTTER

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6230.1200 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES AND
FEDERAL WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREAS.

[For text of subpart 1, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 2. **Refuges closed to taking of otter.** National wildlife refuges are closed to the taking of otter, except that otter may be taken on the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge by permit issued by the appropriate refuge manager.

6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken in 2007 by trapping from the first Saturday following Thanksgiving to the Sunday nearest December 12 2.

[For text of subps 2 to 4, see permanent rules.]

6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.

[For text of subpart 1, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 2. **Open season and area for otter in South Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to the Sunday nearest January 6 only in that portion of the zone lying north of ~~Interstate Highway 94 beginning at the west boundary of the state; thence along Interstate Highway 94 to U.S. Highway 10; and thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the state and east of U.S. Highway 63 beginning at the south boundary of the state; thence along U.S. Highway 63 to U.S. Highway 52; thence along U.S. Highway 52 to State Trunk Highway 19; thence along State Trunk Highway 19 to Interstate Highway 35; thence along Interstate Highway 35 to State Trunk Highway 13; thence along State Trunk Highway 13 to U.S. Highway 169; thence along U.S. Highway 169 to State Trunk Highway 41; thence along State Trunk Highway 41 to U.S. Highway 212; thence along U.S. Highway 212 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to~~

U.S. Highway 12 to the west boundary of the state.

Subp. 3. Bag limits for otter in North Zone. In the North Zone, a person may not take more than four otter per season, or possess more than four otter at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took, tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

Subp. 3a. Bag limits for otter in South Zone. In the South Zone, a person may not take more than two otter per season, or possess more than two otter at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took, tagged, and registered during previous seasons, in that portion of the South Zone lying south and east of the intersection of State Trunk Highway 41 and U.S. Highway 212; thence along U.S. Highway 212 to Interstate Highway 494W; thence along Interstate Highway 494W to Interstate Highway 94; thence along Interstate Highway 94 to Interstate Highway 694N; thence along Interstate Highway 694N to Interstate Highway 494E; thence along Interstate Highway 494E to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the state. In the remainder portion of the South Zone, a person may not take more than four otter per season, or possess more than four otter at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took, tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

[For text of subp 4, see permanent rules.]

6234.2100 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TAKING BEAVER AND OTTER.

[For text of subps 1 to 5, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 6. Taking in national wildlife refuges. Within the Agassiz, Minnesota Valley, Rice Lake, Sherburne, Tamarac, and Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuges, beaver may be taken by licensed trappers by permit issued by the appropriate refuge manager. All other national wildlife refuges are closed to beaver trapping. All national wildlife refuges are closed to otter trapping, except that otter may be taken on the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge by permit issued by the appropriate refuge manager.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, part 6234.1700, expire December 31, 2007. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.1200, 6234.2000, and 6234.2100, expire January 31, 2008. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.