

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6240

**YOUTH WATERFOWL DAY; EARLY GOOSE HUNTING;  
WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREAS**

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**6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.**

**Subpart 1. Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.**

Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and Canada geese may be taken statewide on ~~special youth waterfowl hunting days~~ September 15 by hunters 15 years of age or younger. An adult mentor 18 years of age or older, who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting license or waterfowl stamps are required.

[For text of subps 2 and 3, see permanent rules.]

**6240.1200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY SEASONS.**

**Subpart 1. Taking near water.**

A. Taking Canada geese during the early seasons is prohibited on or within 100 yards of all surface waters in the following areas:

(1) the Northwest, Southeast, and Twin Cities Metro Goose Zones, except for Spurzem Lake in Baker Park Reserve, Cleary Lake in Cleary Lake Regional Park, and within the city limits of Inver Grove Heights;

[For text of subitems (2) and (3), see permanent rules.]

[For text of item B, see permanent rules.]

[For text of subp 2, see permanent rules.]

**6240.1750 TAKING GEESE IN NORTHWEST GOOSE ZONE.**

**Subpart 1. Open season.** The open season for taking Canada geese in the Northwest Goose Zone, described in part 6240.0860, begins the first Saturday in September, except the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7. The season closes on September ~~15~~ 22.

**Subp. 2. Daily limits.** A person may not take more than ~~two~~ five Canada geese per day during the early season.

**6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.**

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

**Subp. 2. Game refuges.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint James Game Refuge in Watonwan County are open to goose hunting during the first three days of the regular goose season in the respective zones in which they are located. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting from the last Saturday on or nearest November 26 of the December Canada goose season to the end of the goose season in the zone in which it is located, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.

**Subp. 3. Waterfowl refuges.** The Harstad Slough Waterfowl Refuge in Stevens County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada goose hunting from the Saturday on or nearest ~~October 30~~ November 1 to the end of the goose season in the zone in which it is located, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and Bardwell Lakes. The Rickert Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Steele County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The waterfowl sanctuary within this refuge is closed to hunting and trespass, as posted.

**6240.2100 DESIGNATED MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREAS.**

**Subpart 1. Designation of entire lakes.** The following lakes are designated as migratory waterfowl feeding and resting areas:

| Name | Location | County |
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[For text of items A to Z, see permanent rules.]

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| <u>AA.</u> | <u>Birch Lake</u>   | <u>T.45N; R.27, 28W</u> | <u>Aitkin,</u><br><u>Crow Wing</u> |
| <u>BB.</u> | <u>Goose Lake</u>   | <u>T.143N; R.23W</u>    | <u>Cass</u>                        |
| <u>CC.</u> | <u>Lake Henry</u>   | <u>T.110N; R.25W</u>    | <u>Le Seur</u>                     |
| <u>DD.</u> | <u>Mud Lake</u>     | <u>T.144N; R.23W</u>    | <u>Cass</u>                        |
| <u>EE.</u> | <u>Thielke Lake</u> | <u>T.122N; R.46W</u>    | <u>Big Stone</u>                   |

[For text of subps 2 to 9, see permanent rules.]

**EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0610, 6240.1200, 6240.1750, 6240.1850, and 6240.2100, expire January 1, 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.