

Department of Natural Resources

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Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

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TAKING FURBEARERS

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Please see enclosure for text of the expedited emergency game and fish rule package.

Note that there are three different expiration dates for the various sections in this rule package, the dates and sections are noted above.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Taking Furbearers**

1.3 **6230.1200 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES**
1.4 **AND FEDERAL WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREAS.**

1.5 [For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

1.6 Subp. 2. **Refuges ~~closed~~ open to taking of otter.** ~~National wildlife refuges are closed~~
1.7 ~~to the taking of otter.~~ Otter may be taken on the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife
1.8 Refuge by permit issued by the appropriate refuge manager. A person may not trap in a
1.9 national wildlife refuge without first obtaining a permit issued by the refuge manager.

1.10 **6234.1000 DESCRIPTION OF FURBEARER ZONES.**

1.11 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

1.12 Subp. 3. **North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/~~Otter~~ Zone.** That portion of
1.13 the state lying within the following described boundary is known as the North
1.14 Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/~~Otter~~ Zone.

1.15 Beginning on State Trunk Highway (STH) 200 at the west boundary of the state;
1.16 thence along STH 200 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to STH
1.17 73; thence along STH 73 to STH 27; thence along STH 27 to Interstate Highway
1.18 35 (I-35); thence along I-35 to the Carlton-Pine County line; thence east along the
1.19 Carlton-Pine County line to the east boundary of the state; thence along the east,
1.20 north, and west boundaries of the state to the point of beginning.

1.21 Subp. 4. **South Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/~~Otter~~ Zone.** That portion of the state
1.22 lying outside of the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/~~Otter~~ Zone is known as the South
1.23 Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/~~Otter~~ Zone.

1.24 Subp. 5. **North Otter Zone.** The North Otter Zone consists of that portion of the
1.25 state lying north of a line beginning on U.S. Highway 12 at the west boundary of the state;
1.26 thence along U.S. Highway 12 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to U.S.
1.27 Highway 212; thence along U.S. Highway 212 to Interstate Highway 494W (I-494W);

2.1 thence along I-494W to I-94; thence along I-94 to I-694N; thence along I-694N to I-494E;
 2.2 thence along I-494E to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway
 2.3 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the state.

2.4 Subp. 6. **Southeast Otter Zone.** The Southeast Otter Zone consists of that portion
 2.5 of the state lying within the following described boundary: U.S. Highway 63 beginning
 2.6 at the south boundary of the state; thence along U.S. Highway 63 to U.S. Highway 52;
 2.7 thence along U.S. Highway 52 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 19; thence along STH 19 to
 2.8 Interstate Highway 35 (I-35); thence along I-35 to STH 13; thence along STH 13 to U.S.
 2.9 Highway 169; thence along U.S. Highway 169 to STH 41; thence along STH 41 to U.S.
 2.10 Highway 212; thence along the North Otter Zone boundary to the east boundary of the
 2.11 state; thence along the east and south boundaries of the state to the point of the beginning.

2.12 **6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.**

2.13 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from the
 2.14 first Saturday following Thanksgiving to ~~the Sunday nearest~~ December ~~12~~ 7.

2.15 [For text of subps 2 to 4, see M.R.]

2.16 **6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.**

2.17 Subpart 1. **Open season for ~~otter in~~ North Otter Zone.** Otter may be taken by
 2.18 trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 to the Sunday nearest January
 2.19 6 in the North Otter Zone.

2.20 Subp. 2. **Open season ~~and area for otter in South~~ Southeast Otter Zone.** Otter
 2.21 may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to the
 2.22 Sunday nearest January 6 ~~only in that portion of the zone lying north of Interstate Highway~~
 2.23 ~~94 beginning at the west boundary of the state; thence along Interstate Highway 94 to~~
 2.24 ~~U.S. Highway 10; and thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the state~~
 2.25 the Southeast Otter Zone.

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

3.5 Subp. 3a. **Bag limits for Southeast Otter Zone.** In the Southeast Otter Zone, a
3.6 person may not take more than two otter per season, or possess more than two otter at
3.7 a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took,
3.8 tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

3.9 [For text of subp 4, see M.R.]

3.10 **6234.2100 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TAKING BEAVER AND OTTER.**

3.11 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

3.12 Subp. 6. **Taking in national wildlife refuges.** ~~Within the Agassiz, Minnesota Valley,~~
3.13 ~~Rice Lake, Sherburne, Tamarac, and Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuges, beaver~~
3.14 ~~may be taken by licensed trappers by permit issued by the appropriate refuge manager. All~~
3.15 ~~other national wildlife refuges are closed to beaver trapping. All national wildlife refuges~~
3.16 ~~are closed to otter trapping. A person may not trap in a national wildlife refuge without~~
3.17 first obtaining a permit issued by the refuge manager.

3.18 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendment to Minnesota Rules, part
3.19 6234.1700, expires December 31, 2008. The emergency amendments to Minnesota
3.20 Rules, parts 6230.1200; 6234.2000; and 6234.2100, expire January 31, 2009. After
3.21 the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to those
3.22 amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.