

Department of Natural Resources

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Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6237

WATERFOWL AND PRAIRIE CHICKEN

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1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Waterfowl and Prairie**
 1.3 **Chicken**

1.4 **6237.0450 SPECIAL PRAIRIE CHICKEN HUNT.**

1.5 For the area encompassed by Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, up to an
 1.6 additional ten permits shall be issued for September 13 and 14 for disabled hunters to take
 1.7 prairie chickens using legal shotguns, muzzle loading shotguns, or archery equipment.
 1.8 One nonhunting mentor must accompany each disabled hunter. The hunt is sponsored
 1.9 by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and Options Interstate Resource Center
 1.10 for Independent Living.

1.11 **6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.**

1.12 Subpart 1. **Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.** Ducks, mergansers, coots,
 1.13 moorhens, and Canada geese may be taken statewide on ~~special youth waterfowl hunting~~
 1.14 ~~days~~ September 20 by hunters 15 years of age or younger. An adult mentor 18 years of age
 1.15 or older, who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth
 1.16 hunter at all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting
 1.17 license or waterfowl stamps are required.

1.18 [For text of subs 2 and 3, see M.R.]

1.19 **6240.1200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY**
 1.20 **SEASONS.**

1.21 Subpart 1. **Taking near water.**

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

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

2.4 [For text of subitems (2) and (3), see M.R.]

2.5 [For text of item B, see M.R.]

2.6 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

2.7 **6240.1750 TAKING GEESE IN NORTHWEST GOOSE ZONE.**

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

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

2.14 **6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.**

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

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

2.23 Subp. 3. **Waterfowl refuges.** The Harstad Slough Waterfowl Refuge in Stevens
 2.24 County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The

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

3.7 **6240.2100 DESIGNATED MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND**
 3.8 **RESTING AREAS.**

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

3.11	Name	Location	County
3.12	<u>[For text of items A to Z, see M.R.]</u>		
3.13	<u>AA. Goose Lake</u>	<u>T.143N; R.23W</u>	<u>Cass</u>
3.14	<u>BB. Lake Henry</u>	<u>T.110N; R.25W</u>	<u>Le Sueur</u>
3.15	<u>CC. Mud Lake</u>	<u>T.144N; R.23W</u>	<u>Cass</u>
3.16	<u>DD. Thielke Lake</u>	<u>T.122N; R.46W</u>	<u>Big Stone</u>

3.17 [For text of subps 2 to 9, see M.R.]

3.18 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules,
 3.19 parts 6240.0610; 6240.1200; 6240.1750; 6240.1850; and 6240.2100 expire January 1,
 3.20 2009. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to
 3.21 those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.
 3.22 Minnesota Rules, part 6237.0450, expires January 1, 2009.