

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:	6230
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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS; GAME REFUGES;	6236
RUFFED AND SPRUCE GROUSE SEASON;	6240
PHEASANT SEASON; GRAY PARTRIDGE SEASON;	
FALL TURKEY SEASON; DOVE SEASON	
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Please see enclosure for text of the expedited emergency game and fish rule package.

Note that only one section of this rule package expires 12-31-2008, the balance will expire in 18 months.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Wildlife Management Areas;**
 1.3 **Game Refuges; Ruffed and Spruce Grouse Season; Pheasant Season; Gray Partridge**
 1.4 **Season; Fall Turkey Season; Dove Season**

1.5 **6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

1.6 [For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

1.7 Subp. 4. **Areas with hunting, trapping, and firearms restrictions.** The Bayport
 1.8 Wildlife Management Area in Washington County, the Hastings Wildlife Management
 1.9 Area in Dakota County, and the Raguet Wildlife Management Area in Scott and Carver
 1.10 Counties are:

1.11 [For text of items A to C, see M.R.]

1.12 [For text of subp 5, see M.R.]

1.13 Subp. 6. **Areas closed to hunting only.** The Hearing Island and Interstate
 1.14 Island Wildlife Management Area Areas in St. Louis County, the Pine City Wildlife
 1.15 Management Area in Pine County, the Wesley E. Olson Wildlife Management Area in Big
 1.16 Stone County, the Tom Cliff Wildlife Management Area in Waseca County, the Somsen
 1.17 Wildlife Management Area in Brown County, the portion of the Perched Valley Wildlife
 1.18 Management area located in Section 6 of Township 112 North, Range 13 West, and
 1.19 Section 31 of Township 113 North, Range 13 West, lying north and east of Highway 61,
 1.20 and the Carl and Verna Schmidt and Bur Oak Wildlife Management Areas in LeSueur
 1.21 County are closed to the hunting of all species.

1.22 [For text of subps 7 and 8, see M.R.]

1.23 Subp. 9. **Areas closed to firearms deer hunting.** The Lake Blanche Wildlife
 1.24 Management Area in Otter Tail County, the portion of the Gordon F. Yeager Wildlife
 1.25 Management Area in Olmsted County within the city limits of Rochester, and a portion of

2.1 the Timber Lake Wildlife Management Area (as posted) in Jackson County are closed
2.2 to firearms deer hunting.

2.3 [For text of subp 10, see M.R.]

2.4 Subp. 11. **Areas with other restrictions.**

2.5 [For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

2.6 C. The Bass Brook Wildlife Management Area in Itasca County is closed to
2.7 trapping and firearms hunting. It is open to archery deer hunting.

2.8 D. The Mentel Wildlife Management Area in Mower County is closed to all
2.9 firearms hunting, but it is open for trapping and archery hunting.

2.10 [For text of subp 12, see M.R.]

2.11 Subp. 13. **Lead shot prohibited on posted managed dove fields.** A person may not
2.12 use or possess lead shot while hunting doves on posted managed dove fields.

2.13 **6230.0290 BECKLIN HOMESTEAD PARK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

2.14 The Becklin Homestead Park Wildlife Management Area is open to hunting and
2.15 trapping during the established seasons only to disabled hunters and trappers who meet
2.16 the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.055, subdivision 3, paragraphs (a)
2.17 and (b).

2.18 **6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

2.19 Subpart 1. **Hunting.** The Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area located
2.20 in Dakota County is closed to all hunting and trapping except:

2.21 A. archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting by special permit only;

2.22 B. pheasant hunting starting the day following the close of the statewide
2.23 muzzleloader season through the end of the statewide pheasant season;

2.24 C. late season goose hunting;

3.1 D. trapping by special permit only; and

3.2 E. spring turkey hunting.

3.3 Subp. 2. Restrictions on hunting and parking. Persons may not hunt pheasants
3.4 within the Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area except when their vehicles are
3.5 occupying designated pheasant hunting parking stalls in designated parking lots. Persons
3.6 other than those hunting pheasants in the Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area
3.7 may not occupy a designated pheasant hunting parking stall in a designated parking lot.

3.8 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

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

3.10 **Subp. 2. Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Bemidji Game Refuge
3.11 in Beltrami County is open to:

3.12 [For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

3.13 C. trapping for beaver, mink, otter, and muskrat only; ~~and~~

3.14 D. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

3.15 E. deer and bear hunting by firearms.

3.16 [For text of subps 3 to 8, see M.R.]

3.17 **Subp. 9. Elizabeth Lake and German Lake Game Refuge Refuges, Isanti County.**
3.18 The Elizabeth Lake and German Lake Game Refuge Refuges in Isanti County ~~is~~ are open
3.19 to: all hunting and trapping except waterfowl. Waterfowl may be taken only as provided
3.20 in this subpart. Canada geese may be taken during the early goose season. Waterfowl on
3.21 youth waterfowl day may be taken by youth who are accompanied by a nonhunting adult
3.22 and are participating in the Isanti County Sportsmen's Club mentoring program.

3.23 ~~A. small game hunting, except waterfowl;~~

3.24 ~~B. trapping;~~

4.1 C. ~~deer and bear hunting by firearms; and~~

4.2 D. ~~deer and bear hunting by archery.~~

4.3 [For text of subps 10 and 11, see M.R.]

4.4 Subp. 12. **Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge, Kanabec County.** The Fish
4.5 Lake-Ann River Game Refuge in Kanabec County is open to trapping, small game hunting
4.6 except waterfowl, and deer and bear hunting by firearms and archery.

4.7 [For text of subp 13, see M.R.]

4.8 Subp. 14. [See repealer.]

4.9 [For text of subps 15 to 20, see M.R.]

4.10 Subp. 21. **Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.**
4.11 The following special provisions apply to the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and
4.12 Lac qui Parle Counties:

4.13 A. Those portions within the Lac qui Parle State ~~Recreational Area Park,~~
4.14 Mission Site, or that are posted to prohibit trespass are closed to hunting. The remainder
4.15 of the refuge is open to:

4.16 [For text of subitems (1) and (2), see M.R.]

4.17 (3) small game hunting other than waterfowl, except from ~~the first day of~~
4.18 ~~the open Canada goose season~~ Saturday, October 11, through the last day of the open
4.19 Canada goose season in the West Central Goose Zone, when small game hunting is
4.20 allowed only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.1100.
4.21 Small game hunting is not allowed on closed Canada goose hunting days during a split
4.22 goose season.

4.23 B. Except for fishing, a person may not trespass on any part of the refuge which
4.24 is posted with signs prohibiting trespass during the dates posted, ~~except that.~~

5.1 Fishing is not permitted in the posted closed area ~~within the Lac qui Parle~~ from
 5.2 Saturday, October 11, through the last day of the open Canada goose season in the West
 5.3 Central Goose Zone on any day when goose hunting in the zone is closed.

5.4 [For text of items C and D, see M.R.]

5.5 [For text of subps 22 and 23, see M.R.]

5.6 Subp. 24. **Linn Lake Game Refuge, Chisago County.** The Linn Lake Game
 5.7 Refuge in Chisago County is open to:

5.8 A. small game hunting, ~~except waterfowl;~~

5.9 [For text of items B to D, see M.R.]

5.10 [For text of subps 25 to 32, see M.R.]

5.11 Subp. 33. **Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County.** The Ocheda Lake Game
 5.12 Refuge in Nobles County is open to ~~trapping;~~

5.13 A. small game hunting, except from the first day of the regular duck season
 5.14 through December 1;

5.15 B. trapping;

5.16 C. waterfowl hunting on youth waterfowl day;

5.17 D. Canada goose hunting during the early and late seasons, except that hunting
 5.18 is prohibited within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season; and

5.19 E. deer hunting by firearms and archery, except from the first day of the regular
 5.20 duck season through December 1.

5.21 Subp. 34. **Park Rapids Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Park Rapids Game
 5.22 Refuge in Hubbard County is open to trapping and deer hunting by archery.

5.23 [For text of subps 35 to 38, see M.R.]

6.1 Subp. 39. **Rochester Refuge, Olmsted County.** The Rochester Refuge in Olmsted
6.2 County is open to:

6.3 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl other than geese. Hunting for geese is
6.4 open during the early goose season only;

6.5 [For text of items B to D, see M.R.]

6.6 [For text of subps 40 to 51, see M.R.]

6.7 Subp. 52. **Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge, Anoka and Isanti Counties.**
6.8 The Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge in Anoka and Isanti Counties is open to
6.9 firearms and archery deer hunting by permit.

6.10 Subp. 53. **Austin Game Refuge, Mower County.** The Austin Game Refuge in
6.11 Mower County is open to ~~deer hunting by archery.~~

6.12 A. small game hunting;

6.13 B. trapping; and

6.14 C. deer and bear hunting by firearms and archery.

6.15 Subp. 54. [See repealer.]

6.16 [For text of subps 55 to 58, see M.R.]

6.17 Subp. 59. **Lake Bemidji State Park, Beltrami County.** The southern unit of Lake
6.18 Bemidji State Park, located within the city limits of Bemidji, is open to deer hunting
6.19 by archery.

6.20 **6234.0200 TAKING RUFFED GROUSE AND SPRUCE GROUSE.**

6.21 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Ruffed grouse and spruce grouse may be taken by firearm
6.22 or bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest September 16 to ~~December 31~~ January
6.23 1. When January 1 is a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, the season closes the following
6.24 Sunday.

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

7.2 **6234.0400 TAKING PHEASANTS.**

7.3 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Only cock (male) pheasants may be taken by firearm or
7.4 bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest October 13 to ~~December 31~~ January
7.5 1. When January 1 is a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, the season closes the following
7.6 Sunday. Shooting hours are from 9:00 a.m. to sunset each day.

7.7 Subp. 2. **Bag limit.** From the start of opening season until November 30, a person
7.8 may not take more than two cock pheasants per day or possess more than six cock
7.9 pheasants at a time. From December 1 until the season closes, a person may not take more
7.10 than three cock pheasants per day or possess more than nine cock pheasants at a time.

7.11 [For text of subp 3, see M.R.]

7.12 **6234.0500 TAKING GRAY PARTRIDGE.**

7.13 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Gray (Hungarian) partridge may be taken by firearm or bow
7.14 and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest September 16 to ~~December 31~~ January 1. When
7.15 January 1 is a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, the season closes the following Sunday.

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

7.17 **6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.**

7.18 Subpart 1. **Open dates.** The fall turkey season consists of two five-day periods, the
7.19 first period beginning the Wednesday nearest October 15 and the second beginning the
7.20 Wednesday nearest October 22, except in Permit Area 601 where the season is 30 days
7.21 long beginning the Wednesday nearest October 15.

7.22 [For text of subps 2 to 5, see M.R.]

7.23 **6240.0250 TAKING MOURNING DOVES.**

8.1 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Mourning doves may be taken during the 60-day period
8.2 beginning September 1.

8.3 Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than 15 mourning doves per day
8.4 during the open season.

8.5 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0400, subparts 14 and 54, are repealed.

8.6 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendment to Minnesota Rules, part
8.7 6230.0400, subpart 2, expires December 31, 2008. After the emergency amendments and
8.8 the repealer expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to the amendments again take
8.9 effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.