

Department of Natural Resources

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WATERFOWL HUNTING

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Please see enclosure for text of the expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to waterfowl hunting in 2010, including additional waterfowl related wildlife management area and refuge hunt provisions.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Waterfowl Hunting**

1.3 **6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

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

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

1.7 B. pheasant hunting starting on the day following the close of the muzzleloader
1.8 deer season through the end of the statewide pheasant season;

1.9 C. ~~late season~~ Canada goose hunting starting on the day following the close of
1.10 the muzzleloader deer season through the end of the statewide Canada goose season;

1.11 D. trapping by special permit only; and

1.12 E. spring turkey hunting.

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

1.14 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

1.15 [For text of subps 1 to 32, see M.R.]

1.16 Subp. 33. **Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County.** The Ocheda Lake Game
1.17 Refuge in Nobles County is open to:

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

1.20 B. trapping;

1.21 C. waterfowl hunting on youth waterfowl day;

2.1 D. Canada goose hunting during the early ~~and late seasons~~ season and from
 2.2 December 2 to 25, except that hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of surface water
 2.3 during the early goose season; and

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

2.6 [For text of subs 34 to 59, see M.R.]

2.7 **6230.0600 DESCRIPTIONS OF CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES.**

2.8 [For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.R.]

2.9 Subp. 3. **Lac qui Parle Zone, Chippewa, ~~Swift, Big Stone,~~ and Lac qui Parle**
 2.10 **Counties.** ~~The following areas are included in controlled hunting zones in the Lac qui~~
 2.11 ~~Parle Zone in Chippewa, Swift, Big Stone, and Lac qui Parle Counties:~~

2.12 A. On the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area in Chippewa, ~~Swift, Big~~
 2.13 ~~Stone,~~ and Lac qui Parle Counties, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:

2.14 The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) and the Southeast
 2.15 Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 32, Township 119
 2.16 North, Range 42 West, and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4
 2.17 NE 1/4) and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E 1/2 NW 1/4) of Section 5,
 2.18 Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Lac qui Parle County.

2.19 And also the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E 1/2 NW 1/4), the East Half of the
 2.20 Southwest Quarter (E 1/2 SW 1/4) and the West Half of the West Half of the Southeast
 2.21 Quarter (W 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, the
 2.22 Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4), the Northeast Quarter
 2.23 (NE 1/4) except that part lying northeasterly of State Highway 7, the East Half of the
 2.24 Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE 1/4), and those parts of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4)
 2.25 owned by the state and posted as "Wildlife Management Area, Controlled Hunting
 2.26 Zone," all in Section 1, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa County.

2.27 And also all state owned land posted as "Wildlife Management Area, Controlled
 2.28 Hunting Zone" located between U.S. ~~Highway~~ Highways 7 and 59 and County
 2.29 ~~State-Aid Highway~~ Highways 32 and 33, Chippewa County, in Sections 6 and 7,
 2.30 Township 118 North, Range 41 West and Section 36, Township 119 North, Range 42
 2.31 West, all in Chippewa County.

3.1 ~~And also the West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W 1/2 NW 1/4), the Southwest~~
 3.2 ~~Quarter (SW 1/4), the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W 1/2 SE 1/4) and the~~
 3.3 ~~Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section 36, Township~~
 3.4 ~~119 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa County.~~

3.5 [For text of items B and C, see M.R.]

3.6 [For text of subps 4 to 8, see M.R.]

3.7 **6230.0700 LAC QUI PARLE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.**

3.8 Subpart 1. **Time periods for special provisions.** In addition to the regulations
 3.9 provided by part 6230.0500, the following subparts apply to all persons in the Lac qui
 3.10 Parle Controlled Hunting ~~Zones~~ Zone during the open season for taking Canada geese
 3.11 ~~in the Lac qui Parle Goose Zone~~ in that zone.

3.12 Subp. 2. **Hunting stations.**

3.13 A. ~~Waterfowl and small game hunters may reserve designated hunting stations~~
 3.14 ~~in accordance with regulations available at the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area~~
 3.15 ~~headquarters. Reservation dates may not be changed. Only one hunting group, consisting~~
 3.16 ~~of no more than three hunters, may occupy a designated hunting station at one time. Not~~
 3.17 ~~more than six hunting groups per day may occupy a designated hunting station.~~

3.18 B. From October 21 to November 30, waterfowl and small game hunters may
 3.19 reserve designated hunting stations in accordance with regulations available at the Lac qui
 3.20 Parle Wildlife Management Area headquarters. Reservation dates may not be changed.

3.21 C. From December 1 to the end of the Canada goose season, waterfowl hunters
 3.22 must use designated hunting stations and use of the stations is on a first-come first-served
 3.23 basis.

3.24 Subp. 3. **Entry permit required.** From October 21 to November 30 on public lands,
 3.25 a person may not hunt migratory waterfowl or small game in the controlled hunting zone
 3.26 without first registering at the check station and obtaining an entry permit. Entry permits

4.1 must be displayed as specified on the permit. Hunters age 18 or older will be charged a
4.2 \$3 daily fee for the Lac qui Parle entry permit. Failure to comply with the provisions of
4.3 the permit or special provisions relating to the controlled hunt will result in immediate
4.4 revocation of the permit for that day.

4.5 Subp. 4. **Limitation on number of shells possessed.** Only persons hunting may
4.6 bring shotgun shells into the controlled hunting zone. A waterfowl or small game
4.7 hunter may not bring in more than 12 shells per trip or have in possession more than 12
4.8 shells at any one time, except that small game hunters may possess more than 12 shells
4.9 beginning December 1.

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

4.11 Subp. 6. **Actions after taking bag limit.** Within one hour of hunt completion each
4.12 party member must ~~submit any geese taken for inspection at the Lac qui Parle Wildlife~~
4.13 ~~Management Area headquarters and, if hunting on public lands,~~ personally return their
4.14 entry permit to the check station and report the harvest of geese.

4.15 Subp. 7. **Limitation on number of trips.** Hunters are limited to two trips per day to
4.16 the hunting stations. Hunters are limited to one trip to the hunting stations before noon
4.17 and one trip after noon each day.

4.18 Subp. 8. **Restrictions on occupancy of designated parking lots and hunting**
4.19 **stations.** A person may not park in or otherwise occupy a designated controlled hunting
4.20 zone parking lot or occupy a hunting station from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

4.21 Subp. 9. **Closed hunting stations.** A person may not occupy or hunt from a hunting
4.22 station that is posted closed.

4.23 **6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.**

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

5.1 Subp. 3. **Bag limits.** The daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens
5.2 is as allowed by federal rule. The daily bag limit for geese is five Canada geese, ~~except~~
5.3 ~~in those areas where taking Canada geese near water is restricted under part 6240.1200,~~
5.4 ~~subpart 1, item A, where the daily bag limit is one Canada goose.~~

5.5 **6240.0650 TAKING COOTS, MOORHENS, AND DUCKS.**

5.6 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Coots, moorhens, and ducks may be taken statewide during
5.7 the 60-day period from October 2, 2010, to November 30, 2010.

5.8 Subp. 2. **Daily limits.** In any one day, a person may not take more than six ducks,
5.9 five mergansers, and a total of 15 coots and moorhens. The daily limit of ducks, other than
5.10 mergansers, may not include more than four mallards, including one female mallard; two
5.11 pintail; two redheads; two scaup; two wood ducks; one black duck; and one canvasback.
5.12 The daily limit of mergansers may not include more than two hooded mergansers.

5.13 **6240.0950 TAKING CANADA GEESE.**

5.14 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Except as specified in this part, Canada geese may be taken
5.15 statewide during the 85-day period from October 2, 2010, to December 25, 2010.

5.16 Subp. 2. **Open season; Rochester Goose Zone.** Canada geese may be taken in the
5.17 Rochester Goose Zone during the 67-day period from October 2, 2010, to December 7,
5.18 2010, and during the 18-day period from December 16, 2010, to January 2, 2011. The
5.19 Rochester Goose Zone is Registration Block 343, described in part 6232.4700, subpart 96.

5.20 Subp. 3. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than three Canada geese statewide.

5.21 **6240.1150 TAKING SNOW, BLUE, ROSS', AND WHITE-FRONTED GEESE**
5.22 **AND BRANT.**

5.23 Subpart 1. **Seasons.** Snow, blue, Ross', and white-fronted geese and brant may be
5.24 taken statewide during the ~~86-day~~ 85-day period beginning the Saturday on or nearest
5.25 October 1.

6.1 Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than 20 snow, blue, and Ross'
6.2 geese in combination; ~~two~~ one white-fronted ~~geese~~ goose; and one brant each day.

6.3 **6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.**

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

6.5 Subp. 2. **Game refuges.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the
6.6 Saint James Game Refuge in Watonwan County are open to goose hunting during the
6.7 first three days of the regular goose season in the respective zones in which they are
6.8 located. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting from ~~the last Saturday of~~
6.9 ~~the December Canada goose season to the end of the goose season in the zone in which it~~
6.10 ~~is located~~ December 18 to 25, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox
6.11 and Temperence Lakes.

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

6.13 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6240.1100, is repealed.

6.14 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
6.15 6230.0295, 6230.0400, 6230.0600, 6230.0700, 6240.0610, 6240.1150, and 6240.1850, and
6.16 the repealer expire January 30, 2011. After the emergency amendments and the repealer
6.17 expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to those amendments again take effect,
6.18 except as they may be amended by permanent rule. Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0650
6.19 and 6240.0950, expire January 30, 2011.