

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

**Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:**

**6230**

**6234**

**STATE GAME REFUGES, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS,  
AND FURBEARER SEASONS**

**PUBLISHED 08-09-2010**

**EFFECTIVE 08-09-2010**

**EXPIRES 12-31-2010 (6230.0200, 6234.2600)**

**01-31-2011 (6234.2000)**

**05-31-2011 (6230.0250, 6230.0400, 6234.1200, 6234.1300, 6234.1400,  
6234.1900, 6234.2700)**

**Please see enclosure for text of the expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to state game refuges, wildlife management areas, and furbearer seasons.**

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: State Game Refuges, Wildlife**  
1.3 **Management Areas, and Furbearer Seasons**

1.4 **6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

1.5 [For text of subps 1 to 8, see M.R.]

1.6 [For text of subp 9, see 34 SR 762]

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

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

1.9 A. The Schrafel Wildlife Management Area in Mower County is closed to  
1.10 trapping and firearms hunting. ~~It is open to archery deer hunting.~~

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

1.12 **Subp. 12. Sanctuary areas open to ~~hunting~~ certain activities.** The following  
1.13 sanctuary areas of wildlife management areas posted with "Wildlife Sanctuary Do Not  
1.14 Trespass" signs are open for ~~hunting~~ activities as specified:

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

1.16 C. The Haverhill Wildlife Management Area in Olmstead County is open to  
1.17 pheasant hunting on October 23 for youth ages 12 to 17 who are participating in Pheasants  
1.18 Forever special mentored youth hunts. Pheasants Forever is sponsoring the hunt.

1.19 D. The posted sanctuary within the Ricehaven Wildlife Management Area in St.  
1.20 Louis County is open from August 1 through September 14 to canoeing, bird watching,  
1.21 and wild rice harvest during the wild rice season.

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

1.23 **6230.0250 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR USE OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**  
1.24 **AREAS.**

2.1 [For text of subps 1 to 8, see M.R.]

2.2 Subp. 9. **Use of motorboats.** Motorboat use is prohibited within a wildlife  
2.3 management area, except where posted or as provided in this subpart. For purposes of  
2.4 this chapter, "motorboat" includes motorboats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.5 86B.005, subdivision 9, and duckboats with motors attached.

2.6 [For text of items A to K, see M.R.]

2.7 L. Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County:  
2.8 motorboats may be used with no limit on size.

2.9 Subp. 10. **General restrictions on vehicles.**

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

2.11 C. A person may use a motor vehicle, for ice fishing purposes only, on the  
2.12 following lakes, except where posted closed to motor vehicles:

2.13 [For text of subitems (1) to (4), see M.R.]

2.14 (5) North Lake in the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area, Goodhue  
2.15 County; ~~and~~

2.16 (6) Boot Lake in the Bootleg Lake Wildlife Management Area, Jackson  
2.17 County; ~~and~~ and

2.18 (7) Spring Lake in the Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area,  
2.19 Dakota County.

2.20 D. A vehicle may not be parked in a wildlife management area in front of a  
2.21 gate or in a manner that obstructs travel.

2.22 [For text of subps 11 to 18, see M.R.]

2.23 Subp. 19. **Abandonment of trash and property.** The disposal or abandonment  
2.24 of garbage, trash, spoil, sludge, rocks, vehicles, carcasses, or other debris and the

3.1 abandonment or storage of property within a wildlife management area is prohibited.

3.2 Boats, decoys, or other property may not be left unattended overnight, except as follows:

3.3 A. traps lawfully placed; and

3.4 B. fish houses or dark houses on the following lakes:

3.5 [For text of subitems (1) to (4), see M.R.]

3.6 (5) North Lake in the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area, Goodhue  
3.7 County; ~~and~~

3.8 (6) Boot Lake in the Bootleg Lake Wildlife Management Area, Jackson  
3.9 County; ~~and~~ and

3.10 (7) Spring Lake in the Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area,  
3.11 Dakota County.

3.12 [For text of subps 20 to 23, see M.R.]

3.13 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

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

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

3.17 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest  
3.18 November 4 and after November 14;

3.19 B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season, except on Lake  
3.20 Bemidji, the Mississippi River, and Stump Lake;

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

3.22 D. deer hunting during the muzzleloader season as prescribed in part 6232.2100  
3.23 and deer and bear hunting by archery.

4.1 [For text of subps 3 to 9, see M.R.]

4.2 Subp. 10. **Erhard's Grove Game Refuge, Otter Tail County.** The Erhard's Grove  
4.3 Game Refuge in Otter Tail County is open to:

4.4 A. deer and bear hunting by firearms; ~~and~~

4.5 B. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

4.6 C. small game hunting, except waterfowl.

4.7 [For text of subps 11 to 20, see M.R.]

4.8 Subp. 21. **Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.**

4.9 The following special provisions apply to the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and  
4.10 Lac qui Parle Counties:

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

4.14 (1) waterfowl hunting only ~~during~~ from October 21 through the open  
4.15 Canada goose season in the West Central Goose Zone, only at designated hunting stations  
4.16 as provided by parts 6230.0500 to ~~6230.1100~~ 6230.0700;

4.17 (2) deer hunting; and

4.18 (3) small game hunting other than waterfowl, except from ~~the first day of~~  
4.19 ~~the open Canada goose season~~ the second Saturday in October through ~~the last day of~~  
4.20 ~~the open Canada goose season in the West Central Goose Zone~~ November 30, when  
4.21 small game hunting is allowed only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts  
4.22 6230.0500 to ~~6230.1100~~ 6230.0700. Small game hunting is not allowed on closed Canada  
4.23 goose hunting days during a split goose season.

5.1 B. ~~A person may not trespass on any part of the refuge which is posted with~~  
5.2 ~~signs prohibiting trespass during the dates posted, except that fishing is permitted in the~~  
5.3 ~~posted closed area within the Lac qui Parle Goose Zone on any day when goose hunting~~  
5.4 ~~in the zone is closed.~~ No unauthorized person may trespass during the dates posted on  
5.5 any part of the refuge posted with "State Wildlife Sanctuary - Do Not Trespass" signs  
5.6 except for:

5.7 (1) ice fishing; and

5.8 (2) open water fishing, permitted in the posted closed area except from the  
5.9 second Saturday in October through the close of the open Canada goose season in the  
5.10 West Central Goose Zone.

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

5.12 [For text of subps 22 to 33, see M.R.]

5.13 Subp. 33a. **Orwell Game Refuge, Otter Tail County.** The Orwell Game Refuge  
5.14 in Otter Tail County is open to pheasant hunting on October 23 for youth ages 12 to 17  
5.15 who are participating in Pheasants Forever special mentored youth hunts. Pheasants  
5.16 Forever is sponsoring the hunt.

5.17 [For text of subp 34, see M.R.]

5.18 Subp. 35. **Paul Bunyan Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Paul Bunyan Game  
5.19 Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

5.20 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest  
5.21 November 4 and after November 14;

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

5.23 [For text of subps 36 to 51, see M.R.]

6.1 Subp. 52. **Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge, Anoka and Isanti Counties.**

6.2 The Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge in Anoka and Isanti Counties is open to  
6.3 ~~firearms~~ archery deer hunting and archery ~~deer~~ turkey hunting.

6.4 [For text of subps 53 to 59, see M.R.]

6.5 Subp. 60. Cedar Lake Game Refuge, Stearns County. The Cedar Lake Game  
6.6 Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting.

6.7 **6234.1200 TAKING RACCOON.**

6.8 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Raccoons may be taken statewide with legal firearms, bow  
6.9 and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22 to March  
6.10 15, except in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone described in part 6234.1000,  
6.11 subpart 3, where raccoons may be taken by trapping beginning at 9 a.m. on the Saturday  
6.12 nearest October 15, but not before October 15.

6.13 [For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]

6.14 **6234.1300 TAKING RED FOX AND GRAY FOX.**

6.15 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Gray and red fox may be taken statewide with legal  
6.16 firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October  
6.17 22 to March 15, except in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone described in part  
6.18 6234.1000, subpart 3, where gray and red fox may be taken by trapping beginning at 9  
6.19 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 15, but not before October 15.

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

6.21 **6234.1400 TAKING BADGER AND OPOSSUM.**

6.22 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Badgers and opossums may be taken statewide with legal  
6.23 firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October  
6.24 22 to March 15, except in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone described in part

7.1 6234.1000, subpart 3, where badgers and opossums may be taken by trapping beginning at  
7.2 9 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 15, but not before October 15.

7.3 Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** Badgers and opossums may be taken and possessed without  
7.4 limit.

7.5 **6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.**

7.6 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from the  
7.7 first Saturday following Thanksgiving to ~~the Sunday nearest December 12~~ 5.

7.8 Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** The combined limit for fisher and pine marten is five per  
7.9 season, in aggregate, but may include no more than two fisher. A person may not take  
7.10 more than five fisher and pine marten, combined, but no more than two fisher, per season  
7.11 or possess more than five fisher and pine marten, combined, but no more than two fisher,  
7.12 at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took,  
7.13 tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

7.14 [For text of subps 3 and 4, see M.R.]

7.15 **6234.1900 TAKING BEAVER.**

7.16 Subpart 1. **Open season and bag limits for beaver in North Zone.** Beaver may  
7.17 be taken and possessed without limit by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest  
7.18 October 26 to ~~May 15~~ April 30.

7.19 Subp. 2. **Open season and bag limits for beaver in South Zone.** Beaver may be  
7.20 taken and possessed without limit by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest  
7.21 October 30 to ~~May 15~~ April 30.

7.22 **6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.**



8.1 Subpart 1. **Open season for otter in North Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping  
8.2 from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 to the Sunday nearest January 6 only in  
8.3 that portion of the state described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3.

8.4 Subp. 2. **Open season and area for otter in South Zone.** Except as provided in  
8.5 subpart 1, otter may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October  
8.6 30 to the Sunday nearest January 6 ~~only in that portion of the zone lying north of Interstate~~  
8.7 ~~Highway 94 beginning at the west boundary of the state; thence along Interstate Highway~~  
8.8 ~~94 to U.S. Highway 10; and thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the~~  
8.9 ~~state.~~

8.10 [For text of subps 3 and 4, see M.R.]

8.11 **6234.2600 PELT TAGGING AND REGISTRATION.**

8.12 Subpart 1. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

8.13 Subp. 2. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

8.14 Subp. 3. **Registration of pelts.** The pelt of each bobcat, fisher, pine marten, and otter  
8.15 and the whole carcass of each bobcat must be presented, by the person taking it, to a state  
8.16 wildlife manager designee for registration before the pelt is sold and before the pelt is  
8.17 transported out of the state, but in no event more than 48 hours after the season closes for  
8.18 each species, respectively. The entire carcass of bobcat and the entire head of pine marten  
8.19 and fisher must be surrendered to the state wildlife manager designee. The pelt of bobcat,  
8.20 otter, fisher, and pine marten must have been removed from the carcass.

8.21 [For text of subps 4 and 5, see M.R.]

8.22 **6234.2700 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING AND POSSESSION OF**  
8.23 **FURBEARERS.**

8.24 The restrictions in items A to ~~E~~ D apply to the possession and transportation of  
8.25 accidental captures.

9.1 A. A person may not possess or transport a ~~fisher, otter, pine marten, fox,~~  
9.2 ~~bobcat,~~ lynx, or gray wolf that was accidentally killed or was lawfully killed while causing  
9.3 or threatening injury or damage until the person notifies the local conservation officer,  
9.4 other authorized department employee, or regional enforcement office, of the killing and  
9.5 receives authorization to possess, transport, or skin the animal.

9.6 B. A person may possess or transport fox, mink, muskrat, beaver, badger,  
9.7 opossum, or raccoon accidentally killed or lawfully killed while causing or threatening  
9.8 injury or damage, only if the local conservation officer or other authorized employee of the  
9.9 department is notified within 24 hours of such killing and before any skinning has begun.

9.10 C. A person must report any incidental taking of a Canada lynx to the local  
9.11 conservation officer within 24 hours.

9.12 D. A person may possess or transport fisher, otter, or pine marten that has been  
9.13 accidentally killed, or bobcat that has been either lawfully killed when causing damage or  
9.14 accidentally killed, only after notifying the local conservation officer or other authorized  
9.15 employee of the department of such killing. After making the required notification  
9.16 and taking possession of the animal, the person may not skin, transfer possession, or  
9.17 otherwise dispose of the animal without authorization from a conservation officer or other  
9.18 authorized department employee.

9.19 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts  
9.20 6230.0200, 6234.1700, and 6234.2600, expire December 31, 2010. The emergency  
9.21 amendments to Minnesota Rules, part 6234.2000, expire January 31, 2011. The emergency  
9.22 amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0250, 6230.0400, 6234.1200, 6234.1300,  
9.23 6234.1400, 6234.1900, and 6234.2700, expire May 31, 2011. After the emergency  
9.24 amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to those amendments again  
9.25 take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.