

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

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

**6240**

**SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING**

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**Please see enclosure for text of the expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2011 sandhill crane hunting season.**

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Sandhill Crane Hunting**

1.3 **6240.0575 SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING.**

1.4 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sandhill cranes may be taken from the first Saturday in  
1.5 September through October 9.

1.6 Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for sandhill crane are one-half hour before  
1.7 sunrise to sunset, except as follows:

1.8 A. on the opening day of the duck season, shooting hours begin at 9 a.m.; and

1.9 B. from the opening day of duck season to the Saturday nearest October 8,  
1.10 shooting hours end at 4 p.m.

1.11 Subp. 3. **Open area; manner of taking.**

1.12 A. Sandhill cranes may be taken only in the Northwest Goose Zone as described  
1.13 in part 6240.0860.

1.14 B. Taking sandhill cranes during the early goose season is prohibited on or  
1.15 within 100 yards of all surface waters.

1.16 C. Sandhill cranes may be taken by bow and arrow or shotgun with nontoxic  
1.17 shot approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A person may not take  
1.18 sandhill cranes with a rifle or handgun.

1.19 Subp. 4. **Permit requirements.**

1.20 A. Sandhill cranes may be taken only under a valid permit issued by the  
1.21 commissioner for a fee of \$3.

1.22 B. Hunters must have permits in possession when taking or possessing sandhill  
1.23 cranes.

2.1 C. Hunters must not have had small or big game hunting privileges revoked  
2.2 within one year of purchasing a sandhill crane permit.

2.3 Subp. 5. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than two sandhill cranes per day or  
2.4 have more than four sandhill cranes in possession, except:

2.5 A. a person may not have in possession on the opening day any freshly killed  
2.6 sandhill cranes in excess of the daily bag limit; and

2.7 B. a person may not possess or transport unlawfully taken sandhill cranes.

2.8 Subp. 6. **Penalties.** Violation of this part or the conditions of any permit issued  
2.9 under this part results in revocation of the permit and may result in other penalties as  
2.10 provided by state or federal law.

2.11 Subp. 7. **Game refuges and waterfowl refuges.** All state refuges closed to  
2.12 migratory waterfowl hunting are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part. All  
2.13 waterfowl refuges closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall  
2.14 waterfowl seasons are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** Minnesota Rules, part 6240.0575, expires December 31, 2011.