

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

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

**6262**

**6264**

**WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH AND  
MILLE LACS FISHING RESTRICTIONS**

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**Please see enclosure for text of the expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to 1837 Treaty waters, and Mille Lacs Lake and associated tributaries.**

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Waters with Restrictions on**  
1.3 **Taking Fish and Mille Lacs Fishing Restrictions**

1.4 **6262.0550 WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.**

1.5 The commissioner may modify seasons and limits under Minnesota Statutes, section  
1.6 84.027, subdivision 13, or sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459, to accommodate tribal  
1.7 declarations for fish harvest in the 1837 Ceded Territory in compliance with the court  
1.8 ruling in Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa v. Minnesota, 119 S.Ct. 1187 (1999). Changes  
1.9 shall be posted at water access sites and the Department of Natural Resources Web site.

1.10 The following waters have restrictions on the possession of fish:

1.11 While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession  
1.12 must be less than 27 inches in length or greater than 40 inches in length. All northern pike  
1.13 that are 27 to 40 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water.

1.14 A person's possession limit may not include more than one northern pike over 40 inches  
1.15 in length.

1.16 <u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
1.17 <u>Ogechie Lake</u>	1.18 <u>T.42, R.27, S.4,5,8; T.43, R.27,</u> <u>S.33</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>

1.19 **6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.**

1.20 [For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

1.21 **Subp. 4a. Mille Lacs Lake and associated tributaries walleye and northern**  
1.22 **pike restrictions.**

1.23 A. While a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries  
1.24 to the posted boundaries, the daily and possession limit for walleye is four. Except  
1.25 as provided in items B and C, while a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its  
1.26 associated tributaries to the posted boundaries, all walleye in possession must be less than

2.1 18 inches in length or greater than 28 inches in length. All walleye that are 18 to 28 inches  
2.2 in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water.

2.3 B. If walleye kill estimates for winter and open water fishing are 238,500  
2.4 pounds or less on June 30, then the size limit changes according to this item:

2.5 (1) while a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated  
2.6 tributaries to the posted boundaries, all walleye in possession must be less than 20 inches  
2.7 in length or greater than 28 inches in length; and

2.8 (2) all walleye that are 20 to 28 inches in length, inclusive, must be  
2.9 immediately returned to the water.

2.10 C. If walleye kill estimates for winter and open water fishing are 397,500 pounds  
2.11 or greater any time prior to July 16, then the size limit changes according to this item:

2.12 (1) while a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated  
2.13 tributaries to the posted boundaries, all walleye in possession must be 14 inches or greater  
2.14 in length and 16 inches or less in length; and

2.15 (2) all walleye that are less than 14 inches or greater than 16 inches in  
2.16 length must be immediately returned to the water.

2.17 D. If the regulations in item B or C are implemented, they are effective from  
2.18 five days after notice of the change is posted on the Department of Natural Resources Web  
2.19 site until November 30.

2.20 E. Notwithstanding items A, B, and C, a person's possession limit may include  
2.21 one walleye greater than 28 inches in length.

2.22 F. While a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries  
2.23 to the posted boundaries, all northern pike in possession must be less than 27 inches in  
2.24 length or greater than 40 inches in length. All northern pike that are 27 to 40 inches in

3.1 length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit  
 3.2 may not include more than one northern pike over 40 inches in length.

3.3 G. This subpart applies to the following waters.

3.4	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
3.5	<u>Mille Lacs</u>	<u>T.42-45, R.25-28, S. Various</u>	<u>Aitkin, Mille Lacs</u>
3.6	<u>Borden Creek</u>	<u>T.44, R.25, S.5</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
3.7	<u>Seastade Creek</u>	<u>T.45, R.26, S.22</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
3.8	<u>Marmon (Twenty) Creek</u>	<u>T.45, R.25, S.32</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
3.9	<u>Grave Creek</u>	<u>T.45, R.25, S.8</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
3.10	<u>Peterson Creek</u>	<u>T.43, R.25, S.5</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.11	<u>Thains River (Malone Creek)</u>	<u>T.42, R.25, S.2</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.12	<u>West Sucker Creek</u>	<u>T.42, R.25, S.18</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.13	<u>South Sucker Creek</u>	<u>T.42, R.25, S.18</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.14	<u>Garrison (Borden) Creek</u>	<u>T.44, R.28, S.12</u>	<u>Crow Wing</u>
3.15	<u>Seguchie Creek</u>	<u>T.44, R.28, S.36</u>	<u>Crow Wing</u>
3.16	<u>Reddy Creek</u>	<u>T.45, R.26, S.23</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
3.17	<u>Whitefish Creek</u>	<u>T.43, R.27, S.7</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.18	<u>Seventeen Creek</u>	<u>T.44, R.25, S.17,18,29</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
3.19	<u>Cedar Creek</u>	<u>T.43, R.25, S.15</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.20	<u>McCleans Creek</u>	<u>T.45, R.27, S.34</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
3.21	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.43, R.25, S.8</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.22	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.42, R.26, S.11</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.23	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.42, R.26, S.22</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.24	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.43, R.27, S.8</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.25	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.43, R.27, S.6</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.26	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.43, R.27, S.21</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>
3.27	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.44, R.27, S.31</u>	<u>Crow Wing</u>
3.28	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.44, R.28, S.36</u>	<u>Crow Wing</u>
3.29	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.44, R.27, S.4</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>

4.1	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.45, R.27, S.25</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
4.2	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.44, R.25, S.29</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
4.3	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.44, R.25, S.31,32</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
4.4	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.44, R.28, S.24</u>	<u>Crow Wing</u>
4.5	<u>Unnamed</u>	<u>T.44, R.28, S.13</u>	<u>Crow Wing</u>
4.6	<u>Rum River Outlet</u>	<u>T.43, R.27, S.33</u>	<u>Mille Lacs</u>

4.7 [For text of subps 5 to 103, see M.R.]

4.8 **REPEALER.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, part  
4.9 6264.0400, subpart 4a, published in the State Register, volume 34, page 1762, June 14,  
4.10 2010, are repealed.

4.11 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules,  
4.12 parts 6262.0550 and 6264.0400, subpart 4a, and the repealer are effective May 14, 2011.