

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

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

**6230**

**6240**

**YOUTH WATERFOWL DAY; EARLY GOOSE HUNTING;  
WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREAS**

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**Please see enclosure for text of the expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to youth waterfowl day, early goose hunting, and waterfowl feeding and resting areas.**

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Youth Waterfowl Day; Early**  
1.3 **Goose Hunting; Waterfowl Feeding and Resting Areas**

1.4 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

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

1.6 Subp. 9. **Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges, Isanti County.** The  
1.7 Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges in Isanti County are open to all hunting and  
1.8 trapping, except waterfowl. The refuges are open for goose hunting during the early  
1.9 goose season. Youth who are accompanied by a nonhunting adult and participating in a  
1.10 mentoring program approved by the commissioner may hunt ~~Canada geese during the~~  
1.11 ~~early goose season and~~ waterfowl on youth waterfowl day.

1.12 [For text of items A to D, see M.R.]

1.13 [For text of subps 10 to 59, see M.R.]

1.14 **6240.1200 ~~SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY~~**  
1.15 **~~SEASONS~~ SEASON.**

1.16 Subpart 1. [See repealer.]

1.17 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

1.18 Subp. 3. **Open season.** The open early season for taking Canada geese begins the  
1.19 first Saturday in September and ends on September 22, except as follows:

1.20 A. the season begins on Sunday September 1 in any year when the first Saturday  
1.21 falls on September 7; and

1.22 B. the season closes on the first Friday before the duck season opens in years  
1.23 when the duck season opens on or before September 22.

1.24 Subp. 4. **Daily limits.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per day  
1.25 during the early season.

2.1 Subp. 5. Taking near water.

2.2 A. Taking Canada geese during the early season is prohibited on or within  
 2.3 100 yards of all surface waters:

2.4 (1) in the Northwest Goose Zone;

2.5 (2) in the Swan Lake Goose Zone; and

2.6 (3) within the boundaries of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area.

2.7 B. Taking Canada geese on or within 100 yards of surface waters during the  
 2.8 early Canada goose season is allowed for youth hunters participating in youth waterfowl  
 2.9 hunting days and on specific bodies of water in closed zones as described or shown on  
 2.10 maps provided by the commissioner.

2.11 **6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.**

2.12 Subpart 1. **Goose refuges.** ~~Those portions of~~ The following refuges are open to  
 2.13 goose hunting during the early and regular goose seasons: Douglas County Goose Refuge  
 2.14 in Douglas County, the Otter Tail County Goose Refuge in Otter Tail County, and the  
 2.15 Sauk Rapids-Rice Goose Refuge in Benton County, ~~in the respective zone or zones in~~  
 2.16 ~~which they are located, are open to goose hunting during the early, regular, and late goose~~  
 2.17 ~~seasons for those zones. All other goose hunting regulations apply in these refuges.~~  
 2.18 Taking waterfowl from public roads and their rights-of-way is prohibited. The Ashby  
 2.19 Goose Refuge in Grant County is ~~open~~ closed to Canada goose hunting during the early  
 2.20 September goose season.

2.21 Subp. 2. **Game refuges.**

2.22 A. The following refuges are open to goose hunting during the first three days  
 2.23 of the regular goose season: Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint  
 2.24 James Game Refuge in Watonwan County ~~are open to goose hunting during the first three~~  
 2.25 ~~days of the regular goose season in the respective zones in which they are located.~~

3.1 B. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting ~~from the last Saturday~~  
3.2 ~~of the December Canada goose season to the end of the goose season in the zone in which~~  
3.3 ~~it is located, except~~ for the last seven days of the statewide goose season. There is no  
3.4 goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.

3.5 Subp. 3. **Waterfowl refuges.**

3.6 A. The following refuges are open to Canada goose hunting during the early  
3.7 goose season: Harstad Slough Waterfowl Refuge in Stevens County ~~is open to Canada~~  
3.8 ~~goose hunting during the early September goose season~~ and the Rickert Lake Waterfowl  
3.9 Refuge in Steele County.

3.10 B. The Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada  
3.11 goose hunting from the Saturday on or nearest November 1 to the end of the goose season  
3.12 ~~in the zone in which it is located, except.~~ There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of  
3.13 Mud and Bardwell Lakes. ~~The Rickert Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Steele County is open to~~  
3.14 ~~Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The waterfowl sanctuary~~  
3.15 ~~within this refuge is closed to hunting and trespass, as posted.~~

3.16 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6240.1200, subparts 1 and 2, are repealed.

3.17 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules,  
3.18 parts 6230.0400, 6240.1200, and 6240.1850, and the repealer expire January 1, 2012.  
3.19 After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to those  
3.20 amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.