

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 sandhill crane hunting for 2012.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Sandhill Cranes**

1.3 **6240.0620 SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING.**

1.4 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sandhill cranes may be taken from September 15 through
1.5 October 21.

1.6 Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for sandhill cranes are one-half hour
1.7 before sunrise to sunset except from the opening day of duck season to the Saturday
1.8 nearest October 8, shooting hours end at 4 p.m.

1.9 Subp. 3. **Open area; method of taking.**

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

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

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

1.17 Subp. 4. **License and permit requirements.**

1.18 A. Sandhill cranes may be taken only under a valid permit and small game
1.19 license, unless exempted.

1.20 B. The commissioner shall issue a permit to take sandhill cranes for a fee of \$3.

1.21 C. Hunters must have permits in possession when taking or possessing sandhill
1.22 cranes.

2.1 D. The commissioner shall not issue a permit to take sandhill cranes to a person
2.2 who has had small or big game hunting privileges revoked within one year of requesting
2.3 a permit.

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

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

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

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

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

2.16 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** Minnesota Rules, part 6240.0620, expires December 31, 2012.