

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules

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

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Please see enclosure for text of this 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 11, see M.R.]

1.6 Subp. 12. **Sanctuary areas open to ~~hunting~~**. The following sanctuary areas of
1.7 wildlife management areas posted with "Wildlife Sanctuary Do Not Trespass" signs are
1.8 open ~~for hunting~~ as specified:

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

1.10 C. The Haverhill Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County is open to
1.11 pheasant hunting on October 20 for youth ages 12 to 17 who are participating in Pheasants
1.12 Forever special mentored youth hunts. Pheasants Forever is sponsoring the hunt.

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

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

1.17 **6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

1.18 Subpart 1. **Hunting**. The Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area located
1.19 in Dakota County is closed to all hunting and trapping except:

1.20 A. archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting by special permit only;

1.21 B. pheasant and Canada goose hunting starting on the day following the close
1.22 of the muzzleloader deer season through the end of the respective statewide seasons;

1.23 C. trapping and predator hunting by special permit only; and

1.24 D. spring turkey hunting.

2.1 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

2.2 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

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

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

2.6 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest
2.7 November 4 and after ~~the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season~~ November 18;

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

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

2.10 Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game
2.11 Refuge in Clay County is open to:

2.12 A. ~~prairie chickens~~ small game hunting, except ducks and geese, during the
2.13 regular duck season;

2.14 B. deer and bear hunting by firearms;

2.15 C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

2.16 D. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season.

2.17 [For text of subps 6 to 33, see M.R.]

2.18 Subp. 33a. **Orwell Game Refuge, Otter Tail County.** The Orwell Game Refuge
2.19 in Otter Tail County is open to pheasant hunting on October 20 for youth ages 12 to 17
2.20 who are participating in Pheasants Forever special mentored youth hunts. Pheasants
2.21 Forever is sponsoring the hunt.

2.22 [For text of subps 34 to 54, see M.R.]

3.1 Subp. 55. **Collegette (St. John's) Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The
3.2 Collegette (St. John's) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery deer hunting
3.3 and firearms deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission
3.4 of the landowner.

3.5 [For text of subps 56 to 60, see M.R.]

3.6 Subp. 61. **Warroad Game Refuge, Roseau County.** The Warroad Game Refuge in
3.7 Roseau County is open to archery deer hunting according to part 6232.0600.

3.8 [For text of subp 62, see 36 SR 75]

3.9 [For text of subp 63, see 36 SR 545]

3.10 **6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.**

3.11 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from
3.12 the first Saturday following Thanksgiving ~~to the Sunday nearest December 12~~ through
3.13 November 29.

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

3.20 Subp. 3. **Validating and tagging.** Each pine marten or fisher must be validated on a
3.21 site validation coupon issued by the commissioner. The person taking the animal must
3.22 validate the coupon at and prior to removing the animal from the kill site. The coupons
3.23 must be obtained and validated according to part 6234.2600. Pelts and skinned carcasses
3.24 of fisher and pine marten are subject to the provisions of part 6234.2600.

3.25 [For text of subp 4, see M.R.]

4.1 **6234.1900 TAKING BEAVER.**

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

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

4.8 **6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.**

4.9 [For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

4.10 Subp. 4. **Validating and tagging otter.** Each otter must be validated on a site
 4.11 validation coupon issued by the commissioner. The person taking the animal must validate
 4.12 the coupon at and prior to removing the animal from the kill site. The coupons must be
 4.13 obtained and validated according to part 6234.2600. Pelts are subject to the provisions
 4.14 of part 6234.2600.

4.15 **6234.2200 USE OF TRAPS.**

4.16 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

4.17 [For text of subp 5a, see 35 SR 1915]

4.18 [For text of subps 6 to 11, see M.R.]

4.19 Subp. 12. **Authorized agent.** A trapper may authorize, in writing, an agent who
 4.20 possesses all necessary licenses to check, pick up, and reset, at the same site, traps set by
 4.21 the trapper. Authorized agents may remove trapped animals and, if the animal removed
 4.22 from the trap is required to be ~~tagged~~ validated as provided by part 6234.2600, must ~~affix~~
 4.23 ~~their own tag to the animal~~ validate the agents' own site validation coupon as prescribed at
 4.24 and prior to removing the animal from the site of the kill.

5.1 [For text of subps 13 to 16, see 35 SR 1915]

5.2 **6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.**

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

5.4 Subp. 2. **Farmland Furbearer Zone restrictions.** In the Farmland Furbearer Zone,
5.5 a person may use snares as follows:

5.6 A. from April 1 to ~~November 30~~ October 26, a person may not set, place,
5.7 or operate any snare except as a waterset;

5.8 B. from ~~December 1~~ October 27 to March 31, a person may not set, place, or
5.9 operate any snare on public lands, including the surface of frozen water within public
5.10 lands, on road rights-of-way, or in fencelines along road rights-of-way, except as a
5.11 waterset.

5.12 [For text of subps 3 to 7, see M.R.]

5.13 [For text of subps 8 and 9, see 35 SR 1915]

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

5.15 **6234.2600 ~~PELT TAGGING~~ SITE VALIDATION AND REGISTRATION.**

5.16 Subpart 1. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

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

5.18 Subp. 3. **Registration of pelts.** The pelt of each bobcat, fisher, pine marten, and otter
5.19 ~~and the whole carcass of each bobcat~~ and a completed site validation coupon for each
5.20 fisher, pine marten, or otter must be presented, by the person taking it, to a state wildlife
5.21 manager designee for registration before the pelt is sold and before the pelt is transported
5.22 out of the state, but in no event more than ~~48~~ 24 hours after the season closes for ~~each~~
5.23 ~~species, respectively~~ fisher and pine marten and 48 hours after the season closes for otter
5.24 and bobcat. The entire carcass of bobcat and the entire head of pine marten and fisher must

6.1 be surrendered to the state wildlife manager designee. The pelt of bobcat, otter, fisher, and
6.2 pine marten must have been removed from the carcass.

6.3 Subp. 4. **Prohibition on validating or tagging animals not personally taken.** A
6.4 person may not validate a site validation coupon or affix any tag or seal to the pelt or
6.5 carcass of any animal that the person did not take or is not authorized to take.

6.6 [For text of subp 5, see M.R.]

6.7 **Subp. 6. Obtaining site validation coupons.** Site validation coupons must be
6.8 obtained and used according to items A to C.

6.9 A. Fisher, otter, and pine marten site validation coupons may be obtained at no
6.10 cost through the electronic licensing system.

6.11 B. The site validation coupon is part of the trapper's license to take fisher, otter,
6.12 and pine marten and must be in the trapper's possession while taking and transporting
6.13 these species.

6.14 C. Site validation coupons are not transferable.

6.15 **Subp. 7. Validating coupons.** Site validation coupons must be notched with a knife
6.16 or other sharp instrument in the appropriate locations indicating the species for fisher or
6.17 pine marten and the month, date, and time (a.m./p.m.) that the animal was taken. The
6.18 coupon must be validated at and prior to removing the animal from the kill site.

6.19 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0295, subpart 2, is repealed. The expedited
6.20 emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0400, subparts 33a and 61; and
6.21 6234.1900, published in the State Register, volume 36, page 75, August 8, 2011, are
6.22 repealed.

6.23 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
6.24 6230.0200, 6234.1700, 6234.2000, 6234.2200, and 6234.2600 expire January 31, 2013.
6.25 The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0295, 6230.0400, 6234.1900,

- 7.1 and 6234.2400 expire August 1, 2013. After the emergency amendments expire, the
7.2 permanent rules as they read prior to those amendments again take effect, except as they
7.3 may be amended by permanent rule.