

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

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WATERFOWL SEASON

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Please see enclosure for text of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2012 waterfowl season.

Please note that the original expedited emergency game and fish rules package published on 08-27-2012 contained an erroneous date on line 2.4. The 09-17-2012 publication retroactively corrects that erroneous date, the correction publication is the last page of this package.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Waterfowl Season**

1.3 **6234.0800 HUNTING BY FALCONRY.**

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

1.5 Subp. 4. **Open season and hours for migratory game birds.** Woodcock, sora
1.6 and Virginia rails, mourning dove, and common snipe may be taken by falconry from
1.7 September 1 to December 16. Ducks, coots, and moorhens (Gallinules) may be taken
1.8 by falconry from ~~the Saturday nearest October 1 to the Saturday nearest January 14~~
1.9 September 22 to December 2 only when they may be taken by firearm and from December
1.10 15 to January 29 statewide. Geese may be taken by falconry during any open goose
1.11 season. Crows may be taken by falconry during the open season. Falconry hours are from
1.12 one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except during the regular waterfowl season when
1.13 falconry hours are the same as waterfowl shooting hours.

1.14 **6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.**

1.15 Subpart 1. **Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.** Ducks, mergansers, coots,
1.16 moorhens, and Canada geese may be taken statewide on ~~the Saturday nearest~~ September
1.17 17th 8, by hunters 15 years of age or younger. An adult mentor 18 years of age or older,
1.18 who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at
1.19 all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. ~~No hunting license or~~
1.20 ~~waterfowl stamps are required.~~

1.21 [For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]

1.22 **6240.0650 TAKING COOTS, MOORHENS, AND DUCKS.**

1.23 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Coots, moorhens, and ducks may be taken:

2.1 A. in the North Waterfowl Zone, as described in subpart 3, during the 60-day
2.2 period from September 22 to November 20;

2.3 B. in the Central Waterfowl Zone, as described in subpart 3, during the 60-day
2.4 period that includes September 20 to 30 and October 6 to November 25; and

2.5 C. in the remainder of the state during the 60-day period that includes
2.6 September 22 to 30 and October 13 to December 2.

2.7 Subp. 2. **Daily limits.** In any one day, a person may not take more than six ducks,
2.8 five mergansers, and a total of 15 coots and moorhens. The daily limit of ducks, other than
2.9 mergansers, may not include more than four mallards, including two female mallards; two
2.10 pintail; two redheads; four scaup; three wood ducks; one black duck; and one canvasback.
2.11 The daily limit of mergansers may not include more than two hooded mergansers.

2.12 Subp. 3. **Waterfowl zones.** Zones for ducks and geese are designated and described
2.13 as follows:

2.14 A. the North Waterfowl Zone consists of that portion of the state north of a line
2.15 beginning on Minnesota Highway 210 at the western boundary of the state; thence along
2.16 Minnesota Highway 210 to Minnesota Highway 23; thence along Minnesota Highway 23
2.17 to Minnesota Highway 39; thence along Minnesota Highway 39 to the eastern border of
2.18 the state;

2.19 B. the South Waterfowl Zone consists of that portion of the state south of a line
2.20 extending from the South Dakota state line along U.S. Highway 212 to Interstate 494;
2.21 thence along Interstate 494 to Interstate 94; thence along Interstate 94 to the Wisconsin
2.22 state line; and

2.23 C. the Central Waterfowl Zone consists of that portion of the state that is not
2.24 included in the North or South Waterfowl Zone.

2.25 **6240.0950 TAKING CANADA GEESE.**

3.1 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Canada geese may be taken:

3.2 A. in the North Waterfowl Zone, as described in part 6240.0650, subpart 3,
3.3 during the 86-day period from September 22 to December 16;

3.4 B. in the Central Waterfowl Zone, as described in part 6240.0650, subpart 3,
3.5 during the 86-day period that includes September 22 to 30 and October 6 to December
3.6 21; and

3.7 C. in the South Waterfowl Zone, as described in part 6240.0860, subpart 3,
3.8 during the 86-day period that includes September 22 to 30 and October 13 to December 28.

3.9 Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than three Canada geese statewide.

3.10 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
3.11 6234.0800 and 6240.0610, expire January 30, 2013. After the emergency amendments
3.12 expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to those amendments again take effect,
3.13 except as they may be amended by permanent rule. Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0650
3.14 and 6240.0950, expire January 30, 2013.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Amendment to Game and Fish Rules: Waterfowl**
1.3 **Season**

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1.5 The Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Waterfowl Season,
1.6 published at 37 SR 307, are amended as follows:

1.7 **6240.0650 TAKING COOTS, MOORHENS, AND DUCKS.**

1.8 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Coots, moorhens, and ducks may be taken:

1.9 [For text of item A, see 37 SR 307]

1.10 B. in the Central Waterfowl Zone, as described in subpart 3, during the 60-day
1.11 period that includes September ~~20~~ 22 to 30 and October 6 to November 25; and

1.12 [For text of item C, see 37 SR 307]

1.13 [For text of subps 2 and 3, see 37 SR 307]

1.14 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The amendment to Minnesota Rules, part 6240.0650, subpart
1.15 1, item B, made by this rule is effective on the date the rule it amends is effective and
1.16 expires January 30, 2013.