

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6264

MILLE LACS LAKE FISHING

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Please see enclosure for text of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to fishing on Mille Lacs Lake and associated tributaries. Please note that this rules package supersedes the Mille Lacs Lake regulations published 04-23-2012.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Mille Lacs Lake Fishing**

1.3 **6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.**

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

1.5 Subp. 4. **Mille Lacs Lake and associated tributaries special management**
1.6 **regulations.**

1.7 A. While a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries
1.8 to the posted boundaries, all northern pike in possession must be less than ~~24~~ 33 inches
1.9 in length or greater than ~~36~~ 40 inches in length. All northern pike that are ~~24~~ 33 to ~~36~~
1.10 40 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's
1.11 possession limit may not include more than one northern pike over ~~36~~ 40 inches in length.

1.12 B. The possession limit for smallmouth bass is ~~one~~ six. While a person is on
1.13 or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries to the posted boundaries, all
1.14 smallmouth bass in possession must be ~~24~~ less than 17 inches or greater than 20 inches
1.15 in length. All smallmouth bass ~~less than 24~~ that are 17 to 20 inches in length, inclusive,
1.16 must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include
1.17 more than one smallmouth bass over 20 inches in length.

1.18 [For text of item C, see M.R.]

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

1.24 (1) While a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries
1.25 to the posted boundaries, the daily and possession limit for walleye is two. Except as

2.1 provided in subitem (2), while a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated
2.2 tributaries to the posted boundaries, all walleye in possession must be equal to or greater
2.3 than 18 inches in length or equal to or less than 20 inches in length. All walleye that are
2.4 less than 18 or greater than 20 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water.

2.5 (2) Notwithstanding subitem (1), a person's possession limit may include one
2.6 walleye over 28 inches in length.

2.7 [For text of items E to G, see M.R.]

2.8 [For text of subps 5 to 113, see M.R.]

2.9 **REPEALER.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, part
2.10 6264.0400, subpart 4, published in the State Register, volume 36, page 1252, on April 23,
2.11 2012, are repealed.