

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules

6240

2013 SANDHILL CRANE AND AUGUST CANADA GOOSE SEASON

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Please see enclosure for text of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2013 sandhill crane season and the 2013 August Canada goose season.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2013 Sandhill Crane and**
1.3 **August Canada Goose Season**

1.4 **6240.0400 TAKING OF RAILS.**

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

1.6 Subp. 2. **Daily and possession limit.** A person may not take more than 25 rails in
1.7 aggregate per day ~~or possess more than 25 rails in aggregate.~~

1.8 **6240.0625 SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING.**

1.9 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sandhill cranes may be taken from September 14 through
1.10 October 20.

1.11 Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for sandhill cranes are one-half hour
1.12 before sunrise to sunset, except beginning on the opening day of duck season, shooting
1.13 hours are the same as those for the duck season as described in part 6240.0200, subpart 1.

1.14 Subp. 3. **Open area; manner of taking.**

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

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

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

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

1.23 A. Sandhill cranes may be taken only under a valid permit, issued by the
1.24 commissioner for a fee of \$3, and a small game license unless exempted.

2.1 B. A hunter must have the permit in possession when taking or possessing
2.2 sandhill cranes.

2.3 C. A hunter must not have had small or big game hunting privileges revoked
2.4 within one year of purchasing a sandhill crane permit.

2.5 Subp. 5. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than two sandhill cranes per day or
2.6 have more than six sandhill cranes in possession.

2.7 Subp. 6. **Penalties.** A violation of this part or the conditions of any permit issued
2.8 under this part results in revocation of the permit and any other penalties provided by
2.9 state or federal law.

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

2.14 **6240.0650 AUGUST CANADA GOOSE SEASON.**

2.15 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Canada geese may be taken from August 10 to 25.

2.16 Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for Canada geese under this part are
2.17 one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

2.18 Subp. 3. **Open area; manner of taking.**

2.19 A. Canada geese may be taken under this part in that portion of the state lying
2.20 within the following boundary:

2.21 Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and the North Dakota boundary, Polk
2.22 County; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to Minnesota Highway 32; thence along Minnesota
2.23 Highway 32 to Minnesota Highway 92; thence along Minnesota Highway 92 to Minnesota
2.24 Highway 200; thence along Minnesota Highway 200 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along
2.25 U.S. Highway 71 to U.S. Highway 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to Minnesota

3.1 Highway 101; thence along Minnesota Highway 101 to Interstate 94; thence along
3.2 Interstate 94 to Interstate 494; thence along Interstate 494 to U.S. Highway 212; thence
3.3 along U.S. Highway 212 to Minnesota Highway 23; thence along Minnesota Highway 23
3.4 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to the South Dakota border; thence
3.5 along the South Dakota border to the North Dakota border; thence along the North Dakota
3.6 border to the point of beginning.

3.7 B. Canada geese may be taken under this part by bow and arrow or shotgun
3.8 with nontoxic shot approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

3.9 C. A person may not take Canada geese under this part with a rifle or handgun.

3.10 Subp. 5. **License and permit requirements.**

3.11 A. A fall special goose permit; a Minnesota waterfowl stamp, unless exempted;
3.12 and a small game license, unless exempted, are required to take geese under this part.

3.13 B. A hunter must have the permit in possession when taking or possessing
3.14 Canada geese during the August season.

3.15 C. A hunter must not have had small or big game hunting privileges revoked
3.16 within one year of purchasing a fall special goose permit.

3.17 Subp. 6. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than ten Canada geese per day
3.18 under this part and there is no possession limit.

3.19 Subp. 7. **Penalties.** A violation of this part or the conditions of any permit issued
3.20 under this part results in revocation of the permit and any other penalties provided by
3.21 state or federal law.

3.22 Subp. 8. **Refuges.** All state refuges closed to migratory waterfowl hunting are closed
3.23 to taking Canada geese under this part. All state refuges closed by posting to taking ducks
3.24 or geese during any portion of the fall waterfowl seasons are closed to taking Canada
3.25 geese under this part.

- 4.1 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0625 and 6240.0650, expire
- 4.2 December 31, 2013.