

Department of Natural Resources

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Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules

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WATERFOWL SEASON, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

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Please see enclosure for text of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2013 waterfowl season and special provisions for the Sandstone Wildlife Management Area in Pine County.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Waterfowl Season, Wildlife**
1.3 **Management Areas**

1.4 **6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

1.5 [For text of subps 1 to 10, see M.R.]

1.6 Subp. 11. **Areas with other restrictions.**

1.7 [For text of items A to D, see M.R.]

1.8 [For text of item E, see 37 SR 845]

1.9 F. The Sandstone Wildlife Management Area in Pine County is closed to
1.10 firearms deer and bear hunting, but open during designated seasons to:

1.11 (1) trapping; and

1.12 (2) small game hunting, except waterfowl.

1.13 [For text of subp 12, see 38 SR 185]

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

1.15 **6234.0800 HUNTING BY FALCONRY.**

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

1.17 Subp. 4. **Open season and hours for migratory game birds.** Woodcock, sora
1.18 and Virginia rails, mourning dove, and common snipe may be taken by falconry from
1.19 September 1 to December 16. Ducks, coots, and moorhens (Gallinules) may be taken
1.20 by falconry from ~~the Saturday nearest October 1 to the Saturday nearest January 14~~
1.21 September 21 to December 1 only when and where they may be taken by firearm and from
1.22 December 14 to January 28 statewide. Geese may be taken by falconry during any open
1.23 goose season. Crows may be taken by falconry during the open season. Falconry hours are

2.1 from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except during the regular waterfowl season
2.2 when falconry hours are the same as waterfowl shooting hours.

2.3 **6240.0200 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING AND POSSESSION OF**
2.4 **MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.**

2.5 Subpart 1. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for migratory waterfowl, coots,
2.6 gallinules, rails, and snipe are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except as follows:

2.7 A. ~~on the opening day of the duck season, shooting hours begin at 9:00 a.m.; and~~

2.8 B. from the opening day of the duck season to the Saturday nearest October 8 4,
2.9 shooting hours end at 4:00 p.m.

2.10 Subp. 2. **Possession limits.** The possession limit is ~~twice~~ three times the daily limit,
2.11 except for rails where the daily and possession limits are the same. All restrictions specific
2.12 to a species or gender apply.

2.13 [For text of subps 3 to 6, see M.R.]

2.14 Subp. 7. **Taking in open water.** A person may take migratory waterfowl, coots,
2.15 gallinules, rails, and snipe in open water on the following waters of Minnesota with the
2.16 following restrictions:

2.17 A. Mississippi River from the U.S. Highway 61 bridge at Hastings to the Iowa
2.18 border: not more than 100 feet from any shoreline, including islands, from boats that
2.19 must be at anchor;

2.20 B. Lake Pepin, Lake of the Woods, and Lake Mille Lacs: from boats that must
2.21 be at anchor; and

2.22 C. Lake Superior north and east of Minnesota/Park Point peninsula: from
2.23 boats that must be at anchor.

3.1 **6240.0250 TAKING MOURNING DOVES.**

3.2 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Mourning doves may be taken during the ~~60-day~~ 70-day
3.3 period beginning September 1.

3.4 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

3.5 **6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.**

3.6 Subpart 1. **Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.** Ducks, mergansers, coots,
3.7 moorhens, and Canada geese may be taken statewide on the Saturday nearest, September
3.8 ~~17~~ 7, by hunters 15 years of age or younger. An adult mentor 18 years of age or older,
3.9 who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at
3.10 all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting license or
3.11 waterfowl stamps are required.

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

3.13 **6240.0675 TAKING COOTS, MOORHENS, AND DUCKS.**

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

3.15 A. in the North Waterfowl Zone, as described in subpart 3, during the 60-day
3.16 period from September 21 to November 19;

3.17 B. in the Central Waterfowl Zone, as described in subpart 3, during the 60-day
3.18 period that includes September 21 to 29 and October 5 to November 24; and

3.19 C. in the remainder of the state, during the 60-day period that includes
3.20 September 21 to 29 and October 12 to December 1.

3.21 Subp. 2. Daily limits. In any one day, a person may not take more than six ducks,
3.22 five mergansers, and a total of 15 coots and moorhens. The daily limit of ducks, other
3.23 than mergansers, may not include more than four mallards including two female mallards;
3.24 two pintails; two redheads; three scaup; three wood ducks; one black duck; and two

4.1 canvasbacks. The daily limit of mergansers may not include more than two hooded
4.2 mergansers.

4.3 Subp. 3. **Waterfowl zones.** Zones for ducks and geese are:

4.4 A. the North Waterfowl Zone, which is that portion of the state north of a line
4.5 beginning on Minnesota Highway 210 at the west boundary of the state, thence along
4.6 Minnesota Highway 210 to Minnesota Highway 23, thence along Minnesota Highway 23
4.7 to Minnesota Highway 39, thence along Minnesota Highway 39 to the eastern border of
4.8 the state;

4.9 B. the South Waterfowl Zone, which is that portion of the state south of a line
4.10 extending east from the South Dakota state line along U.S. Highway 212 to Interstate 494
4.11 and east to Interstate 94 and east to the Wisconsin state line; and

4.12 C. the Central Waterfowl Zone, which is that portion of the state that is not
4.13 included in the North or South Waterfowl Zones.

4.14 **6240.0950 TAKING CANADA GEESE.**

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

4.16 A. in the North Waterfowl Zone, as described in part 6240.0675, subpart 3,
4.17 during the 87-day period from September 21 to December 16;

4.18 B. in the Central Waterfowl Zone, as described in part 6240.0675, subpart 3,
4.19 during the 87-day period that includes September 21 to September 29 and October 5 to
4.20 December 21; and

4.21 C. in the South Waterfowl Zone, as described in part 6240.0675, subpart 3,
4.22 during the 87-day period that includes September 21 to 29 and October 12 to December 28.

4.23 Subp. 3. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than three Canada geese statewide.

5.1 **6240.1200 TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY SEASON.**

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

5.3 Subp. 4. **Daily limits.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per
5.4 day during the early season, except that the bag limit is ten in the open area for August
5.5 Canada goose season as described in the emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, part
5.6 6240.0650, published in the State Register, volume 38, page 183, August 5, 2013.

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

5.8 **6240.2300 COMMON CROW SEASON.**

5.9 Subpart 1. **Open dates.** Common crows may be taken from ~~July 15 through October~~
5.10 ~~15 and from March 1 through March 31~~ March 1 to 31, August 1 to September 20, and
5.11 December 15 to January 15.

5.12 [For text of subps 2 to 4, see M.R.]

5.13 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
5.14 6230.0200, 6234.0800, 6240.0200, 6240.0250, 6240.0610, 6240.1200, and 6240.2300
5.15 expire January 30, 2014. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as
5.16 they read prior to those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended
5.17 by permanent rule. Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0675 and 6240.0950, expire January
5.18 30, 2014.