

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

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 Mille Lacs Lake fishing.

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 inches in~~
1.9 ~~length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in~~
1.10 ~~length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit~~
1.11 ~~may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length. the possession~~
1.12 limit for northern pike is ten. Only one northern pike in possession may be greater than 30
1.13 inches in length. The season for taking northern pike is the Saturday two weeks prior to
1.14 the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the last Sunday in March.

1.15 B. While a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated
1.16 tributaries, the possession limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass in aggregate is one
1.17 six, with only one smallmouth bass greater than 18 inches in length. ~~While a person is~~
1.18 ~~on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries to the posted boundaries, all~~
1.19 ~~smallmouth bass in possession must be 21 inches or greater in length. All smallmouth bass~~
1.20 ~~less than 21 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. The season for~~
1.21 taking largemouth and smallmouth bass is the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of
1.22 Memorial Day weekend to the last Sunday in February. Notwithstanding part 6262.0200,
1.23 subpart 1, item A, subitem (2), the catch and release season for bass does not apply to
1.24 Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries.

1.25 C. Mille Lacs Lake is closed to the taking of fish between the hours of 10 p.m.
1.26 and 6 a.m. daily during the period commencing at 10 p.m. on the Monday following the

2.1 Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and ending at 12:01
 2.2 a.m. on ~~Monday, four weeks after the date of commencement~~ December 1. During the
 2.3 closure, no person shall be on the waters of Mille Lacs Lake while having in possession
 2.4 any equipment whereby fish may be taken. ~~Spearing is prohibited from December 1~~
 2.5 ~~through April 30. A person may not have a spear in possession while on or fishing in~~
 2.6 ~~Mille Lacs Lake during this period.~~

2.7 [For text of item D, see M.R.]

2.8 E. While a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated tributaries
 2.9 to the posted boundaries:

2.10 (1) the daily and possession limit for walleye is two, with only one over
 2.11 28 inches in length; and

2.12 (2) except as provided in subitem (1), all walleye in possession must be
 2.13 equal to or greater than 18 inches in length or equal to or less than 20 inches in length.

2.14 All walleye that are less than 18 or greater than 20 inches in length must be immediately
 2.15 returned to the water.

2.16 E. F. While a person is on or fishing in Mille Lacs Lake or its associated
 2.17 tributaries to the posted boundaries, the possession and daily limit for Northern cisco
 2.18 (tullibee) is ten fish.

2.19 F. G. Fish that are taken by angling and not immediately released into the water
 2.20 after capture are considered to be in possession and part of the bag limit. Once a fish
 2.21 has been reduced to possession, culling or live-well sorting (the act of exchanging one
 2.22 fish for another) is not allowed.

2.23 G. H. This subpart applies to the following waters.

2.24	Name	Location	County
2.25	Mille Lacs	T.42-45, R.25-28, S.Various	Aitkin, Mille Lacs

3.1	Borden Creek	T.44, R.25, S.5	Aitkin
3.2	Seastade Creek	T.45, R.26, S.22	Aitkin
3.3	Marmon (Twenty) Creek	T.45, R.25, S.32	Aitkin
3.4	Grave Creek	T.45, R.25, S.8	Aitkin
3.5	Peterson Creek	T.43, R.25, S.5	Mille Lacs
3.6	Thains River (Malone Creek)	T.42, R.25, S.2	Mille Lacs
3.7	West Sucker Creek	T.42, R.25, S.18	Mille Lacs
3.8	South Sucker Creek	T.42, R.25, S.18	Mille Lacs
3.9	Garrison (Borden) Creek	T.44, R.28, S.12	Crow Wing
3.10	Seguchie Creek	T.44, R.28, S.36	Crow Wing
3.11	Reddy Creek	T.45, R.26, S.23	Aitkin
3.12	Whitefish Creek	T.43, R.27, S.7	Mille Lacs
3.13	Seventeen Creek	T.44, R.25, S.17,18,29	Aitkin
3.14	Cedar Creek	T.43, R.25, S.15	Mille Lacs
3.15	McCleans Creek	T.45, R.27, S.34	Aitkin
3.16	Unnamed	T.43, R.25, S.8	Mille Lacs
3.17	Unnamed	T.42, R.26, S.11	Mille Lacs
3.18	Unnamed	T.42, R.26, S.22	Mille Lacs
3.19	Unnamed	T.43, R.27, S.8	Mille Lacs
3.20	Unnamed	T.43, R.27, S.6	Mille Lacs
3.21	Unnamed	T.43, R.27, S.21	Mille Lacs
3.22	Unnamed	T.44, R.27, S.31	Crow Wing
3.23	Unnamed	T.44, R.28, S.36	Crow Wing
3.24	Unnamed	T.44, R.27, S.4	Aitkin
3.25	Unnamed	T.45, R.27, S.25	Aitkin
3.26	Unnamed	T.44, R.25, S.29	Aitkin
3.27	Unnamed	T.44, R.25, S.31,32	Aitkin
3.28	Unnamed	T.44, R.28, S.24	Crow Wing
3.29	Unnamed	T.44, R.28, S.13	Crow Wing
3.30	Rum River Outlet	T.43, R.27, S.33	Mille Lacs

4.1 [For text of subps 5 to 116, see M.R.]

4.2 **REPEALER.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, part
4.3 6264.0400, subpart 4, published in the State Register, volume 37, page 1477, April 15,
4.4 2013, are repealed.