

Department of Natural Resources

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LAC QUI PARLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA; FALCONRY;	6234
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SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING	

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Please see enclosure for text of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area, bag limits for bear, falconry season for migratory game birds, migratory game bird hunting, duck seasons and limits, Canada goose hunting, mourning dove season, youth waterfowl hunting days, sandhill crane hunting, and crow season.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Lac qui Parle Wildlife**
1.3 **Management Area; Falconry; Taking Bear, Mourning Doves, and Migratory Game**
1.4 **Birds; Sandhill Crane Hunting**

1.5 **6230.0600 DESCRIPTIONS OF CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES.**

1.6 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

1.7 **Subp. 3. Lac qui Parle zones, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.**

1.8 A. On the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area in Chippewa and Lac qui
1.9 Parle Counties, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:

1.10 ~~The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) and the Southeast~~
1.11 ~~Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 32, Township 119~~
1.12 ~~North, Range 42 West, and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4~~
1.13 ~~NE 1/4) and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E 1/2 NW 1/4) of Section 5,~~
1.14 ~~Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Lac qui Parle County.~~

1.15 ~~And also the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E 1/2 NW 1/4), the East Half of the~~
1.16 ~~Southwest Quarter (E 1/2 SW 1/4) and the West Half of the West Half of the Southeast~~
1.17 ~~Quarter (W 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, the~~
1.18 ~~Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4), the Northeast Quarter~~
1.19 ~~(NE 1/4) except that part lying northeasterly of State Highway 7, the East Half of the~~
1.20 ~~Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE 1/4), and those parts of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4)~~
1.21 ~~owned by the state and posted as "Wildlife Management Area, Controlled Hunting~~
1.22 ~~Zone," all in Section 1, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa County.~~

1.23 ~~And also all state owned land posted as "Wildlife Management Area, Controlled~~
1.24 ~~Hunting Zone" located between U.S. Highways 7 and 59 and County State-Aid~~
1.25 ~~Highways 32 and 33, Chippewa County, in Sections 6 and 7, Township 118 North,~~
1.26 ~~Range 41 West, and Section 36, Township 119 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa~~
1.27 ~~County.~~

1.28 (1) the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the Southeast
1.29 Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 119 North, Range 42 West, and
1.30 the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter
1.31 of Section 5, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Lac qui Parle County; and

2.1 (2) the East Half of the Northwest Quarter, the East Half of the Southwest
 2.2 Quarter, and the West Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12,
 2.3 Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa County.

2.4 [For text of items B and C, see M.R.]

2.5 [For text of subps 4 to 8, see M.R.]

2.6 **6230.0700 LAC QUI PARLE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.**

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

2.8 Subp. 2. **Hunting stations.**

2.9 [For text of item A, see M.R.]

2.10 B. From the third Thursday in October through November 30, waterfowl
 2.11 and small game hunters ~~may reserve~~ must use designated hunting stations ~~according~~
 2.12 ~~to regulations available at the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area headquarters.~~
 2.13 ~~Reservation dates may not be changed~~ as available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

2.15 Subp. 3. [See repealer.]

2.16 [For text of subps 4 and 5, see M.R.]

2.17 Subp. 6. [See repealer.]

2.18 [For text of subps 7 to 9, see M.R.]

2.19 **6232.2800 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING BEARS.**

2.20 Subpart 1. **Bag limit.** A person may not take more than one bear in quota areas and
 2.21 ~~two bears~~ one bear in no-quota areas during any calendar year whether by firearm or
 2.22 archery. Bears taken may be of either sex or any age except that bear cubs may not be taken.

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

3.1 [For text of subps 5 to 7, see 38 SR 1381]

3.2 [For text of subp 8, see M.R.]

3.3 **6234.0800 HUNTING BY FALCONRY.**

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

3.5 Subp. 4. **Open season and hours for migratory game birds.** Woodcock, sora
 3.6 and Virginia rails, mourning dove, and common snipe may be taken by falconry from
 3.7 September 1 to December 16. Ducks, coots, and moorhens (Gallinules) may be taken
 3.8 by falconry from ~~the Saturday nearest October 1 to the Saturday nearest January 14~~
 3.9 September 27 to December 6 during the open seasons as prescribed in part 6240.0640,
 3.10 subpart 1, and from December 13 to January 27 statewide. Geese may be taken by
 3.11 falconry during any open goose season. Crows may be taken by falconry during the open
 3.12 season. Falconry hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except during the
 3.13 regular waterfowl season when falconry hours are the same as waterfowl shooting hours.

3.14 **6240.0200 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING AND POSSESSION OF**
 3.15 **MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.**

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

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

3.19 B. from the opening day of the duck season to ~~the Saturday nearest October 8~~
 3.20 10, shooting hours end at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

4.4 A. Mississippi River from the U.S. Highway 61 bridge at Hastings to the Iowa
4.5 border: hunting is allowed not more than 100 feet from any shoreline, including islands,
4.6 from boats that must be at anchor;

4.7 B. Lake Pepin, Lake of the Woods, and Lake Mille Lacs: hunting is allowed
4.8 from boats that must be at anchor; and

4.9 C. Lake Superior north and east of Minnesota/Park Point peninsula: hunting is
4.10 allowed from boats that must be at anchor.

4.11 **6240.0250 TAKING MOURNING DOVES.**

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

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

4.15 **6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.**

4.16 Subpart 1. **Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.** Ducks, mergansers, coots,
4.17 moorhens, and Canada geese may be taken statewide on the Saturday nearest₂ September
4.18 ~~17~~ 13, by hunters 15 years of age or younger. An adult mentor 18 years of age or older,
4.19 who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at
4.20 all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting license or
4.21 waterfowl stamps are required.

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

5.1 **6240.0630 SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING.**

5.2 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sandhill cranes may be taken from September 13 through
5.3 October 19.

5.4 Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for sandhill cranes are one-half hour
5.5 before sunrise to sunset, except beginning on the opening day of duck season, shooting
5.6 hours are the same as the duck season according to part 6240.0200, subpart 1.

5.7 Subp. 3. **Open area; restrictions on taking.**

5.8 A. Sandhill cranes may be taken only in the Northwest Goose Zone described
5.9 in part 6240.0860.

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

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

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

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

5.18 B. A hunter must have a sandhill crane permit in possession when taking or
5.19 possessing sandhill cranes.

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

5.22 Subp. 5. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than one sandhill crane per day or
5.23 have more than three sandhill cranes in possession.

6.1 Subp. 6. **Penalties.** Violation of this part or the conditions of any permit issued
6.2 under this part results in revocation of the permit and any other penalties provided by
6.3 state or federal law.

6.4 Subp. 7. **Game refuges and waterfowl refuges.** All state game refuges closed to
6.5 migratory waterfowl hunting are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part. All
6.6 waterfowl refuges closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall
6.7 waterfowl seasons are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part.

6.8 **6240.0640 TAKING COOTS, MOORHENS, AND DUCKS.**

6.9 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Coots, moorhens, and ducks may be taken as follows:

6.10 A. in the North Waterfowl Zone, described in subpart 3, during the 60-day
6.11 period from September 27 to November 25;

6.12 B. in the Central Waterfowl Zone, described in subpart 3, during the 60-day
6.13 period that includes September 27 to October 5 and October 11 to November 30; and

6.14 C. in the remainder of the state, during the 60-day period that includes
6.15 September 27 to 29 and October 11 to December 6.

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

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

6.23 A. the North Waterfowl Zone is that portion of the state north of a line beginning
6.24 on Minnesota Highway 210 at the west boundary of that state; thence along Minnesota

7.1 Highway 210 to Minnesota Highway 23; thence along Minnesota Highway 23 to Minnesota
7.2 Highway 39; thence along Minnesota Highway 39 to the eastern border of the state;

7.3 B. the South Waterfowl Zone is that portion of the state south of a line extending
7.4 east from the South Dakota state line along U.S. Highway 212 to Interstate 494; thence
7.5 east along Interstate 494 to Interstate 94; thence east along Interstate 94 to the Wisconsin
7.6 state line; and

7.7 C. the Central Waterfowl Zone is that portion of the state that is not included
7.8 in the North or South Waterfowl Zones.

7.9 **6240.0950 TAKING CANADA GEESE.**

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

7.11 A. in the North Waterfowl Zone, described in part 6240.0640, subpart 3, during
7.12 the 90-day period from September 27 through December 25;

7.13 B. in the Central Waterfowl Zone, described in part 6240.0640, subpart 3,
7.14 during the 81-day period that includes September 27 through October 5 and October 11
7.15 through December 30; and

7.16 C. in the South Waterfowl Zone, described in part 6240.0640, subpart 3, during
7.17 the 87-day period that includes September 27 through 29 and October 11 through January 5.

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

7.19 **6240.1200 TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY SEASON.**

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

7.21 Subp. 4. **Daily limits.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per day
7.22 during the early season, except that the bag limit is ten in the open area for the August
7.23 Canada goose management harvest described in Minnesota Rules, part 6240.0650, subpart
7.24 2, published in the State Register, volume 39, page 36, July 14, 2014.

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

8.2 **6240.2300 COMMON CROW SEASON.**

8.3 Subpart 1. **Open dates.** Common crows may be taken from ~~July 15 through October~~
8.4 ~~15 and from March 1 through March 31~~ September 1 to October 31, 2014; December 14,
8.5 2014, to January 15, 2015; and March 1 to 31, 2015.

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

8.7 **REPEALER.** The emergency amendment to Minnesota Rules, part 6232.2800, subpart
8.8 1, published in the State Register, volume 38, page 1381, April 21, 2014, is repealed.
8.9 Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0700, subparts 3 and 6, are repealed.

8.10 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
8.11 6230.0600, 6230.0700, 6232.2800, 6234.0800, 6240.0200, 6240.0250, 6240.0610,
8.12 6240.1200, and 6240.2300, expire January 30, 2015. After the emergency amendments
8.13 expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to those amendments again take effect,
8.14 except as they may be amended by permanent rule. Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0630,
8.15 6240.0640, and 6240.0950, expire January 30, 2015.