

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

**Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:**

**6230**

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**STATE GAME REFUGES, WILDLIFE MANGEMENT AREAS, AND  
FURBEARER SEASONS**

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**Please see enclosure for text of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to state game refuges, wildlife management areas, and furbearer seasons.**

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: State Game Refuges, Wildlife**  
1.3 **Management Areas, and Furbearer Seasons**

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 38 SR 1145]

1.9 F. The Sandstone Wildlife Management Area in Pine County is closed to  
1.10 firearms hunting for deer, bear, and wolf but open to hunting and trapping of all other  
1.11 species by legal means during designated seasons.

1.12 Subp. 12. **Sanctuary areas open to ~~hunting~~.** The following sanctuary areas of  
1.13 wildlife management areas posted with "Wildlife Sanctuary Do Not Trespass" signs are  
1.14 open ~~for hunting~~ as specified:

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

1.16 [For text of item B, see 38 SR 1277]

1.17 C. The Haverhill Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County is open to  
1.18 pheasant hunting on October 25 for youth ages 12 to 17 who are participating in the  
1.19 Pheasants Forever special mentored youth hunt. Pheasants Forever is sponsoring the hunt.

1.20 D. The posted sanctuary within the Ricehaven Wildlife Management Area in  
1.21 St. Louis County is open:

1.22 (1) May 1 through September 14 for wild rice harvesting during the wild  
1.23 rice season, canoeing, and birdwatching; and

2.1                   (2) November 25 through April 30 for hunting and trapping of any species  
2.2 for which there is an open season.

2.3   [For text of subp 13, see M.R.]

2.4   **6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

2.5                   Subpart 1. **Hunting.** The Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area located  
2.6 in Dakota County is closed to all hunting and trapping except:

2.7                   A. archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting by special permit only;

2.8                   B. pheasant and Canada goose hunting starting on the day following the close  
2.9 of the muzzleloader deer season through the end of the respective statewide seasons;

2.10                  C. trapping and predator hunting by special permit only; and

2.11                  D. spring turkey hunting.

2.12                  Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

2.13   **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

2.14   [For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

2.15                  Subp. 2. **Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Bemidji Game Refuge  
2.16 in Beltrami County is open to:

2.17                  A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest  
2.18 November 4 and after ~~the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season~~ November 23;

2.19   [For text of items B to D, see M.R.]

2.20   [For text of subps 3 and 4, see M.R.]

2.21                  Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game  
2.22 Refuge in Clay County is open to:

3.1 A. ~~prairie chickens~~ small game hunting, except ducks and geese during the  
3.2 regular duck season;

3.3 B. deer and bear hunting by firearms;

3.4 C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

3.5 D. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season.

3.6 [For text of subps 6 to 11, see M.R.]

3.7 Subp. 12. **Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge, Kanabec County.** The Fish  
3.8 Lake-Ann River Game Refuge in Kanabec County is open to all hunting and trapping;  
3.9 ~~except waterfowl.~~

3.10 [For text of subps 13 to 42, see M.R.]

3.11 Subp. 43. **Schoolcraft Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Schoolcraft Game  
3.12 Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

3.13 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest  
3.14 November 4 and after December 31;

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

3.16 [For text of subps 44 to 48, see M.R.]

3.17 Subp. 49. **Warroad Game Refuge, Roseau County.** The Warroad Game Refuge in  
3.18 Roseau County is open to:

3.19 A. trapping; and

3.20 B. archery deer hunting as described in part 6232.0600.

3.21 [For text of subps 50 to 54, see M.R.]

3.22 Subp. 55. **Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The  
3.23 Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery deer hunting

4.1 and firearms deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission  
4.2 of the landowner.

4.3 [For text of subps 56 to 60, see M.R.]

4.4 Subp. 61. **St. Cloud Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The St. Cloud Game Refuge  
4.5 in Stearns County is open to taking deer and bear by archery.

4.6 Subp. 62. **Hagali-Rice Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Hagali-Rice Game  
4.7 Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

4.8 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, beginning November 1 through  
4.9 the end of the respective seasons;

4.10 B. trapping beginning November 1 through the end of the respective seasons;

4.11 C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

4.12 D. deer hunting by firearms.

4.13 **6234.0500 TAKING GRAY PARTRIDGE.**

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

4.15 Subp. 3. **Bag limit.** A person may not take more than five gray partridge per day or  
4.16 possess more than ten gray partridge at a time.

4.17 **6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.**

4.18 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from the  
4.19 first Saturday following Thanksgiving to ~~the Sunday nearest December 12~~ December 4.

4.20 Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** The combined limit for fisher and pine marten is ~~five~~ two per  
4.21 season, in aggregate. A person may not take more than ~~five~~ two fisher and pine marten,  
4.22 combined, per season or possess more than ~~five~~ two fisher and pine marten, combined, at  
4.23 a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took,  
4.24 tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

5.1 Subp. 3. **Validation and tagging.** Each pine marten or fisher must be validated on  
5.2 a site validation coupon issued by the state. The person taking the animal must validate  
5.3 the coupon at and prior to removing the animal from the kill site. The coupons must be  
5.4 obtained and validated according to part 6234.2600. Pelts and skinned carcasses of fisher  
5.5 and pine marten are subject to the provisions of part 6234.2600.

5.6 [For text of subp 4, see M.R.]

5.7 **6234.1900 TAKING BEAVER.**

5.8 Subpart 1. **Open season and bag limits for beaver in North Zone.** Beaver may  
5.9 be taken and possessed without limit by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest  
5.10 October 26 to ~~May 15~~ April 30 in that portion of the state described in part 6234.1000,  
5.11 subpart 3.

5.12 Subp. 2. **Open season and bag limits for beaver in South Zone.** Beaver may be  
5.13 taken and possessed without limit by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest  
5.14 October 30 to ~~May 15~~ April 30 in that portion of the state described in part 6234.1000,  
5.15 subpart 4.

5.16 [For text of subp 3, see 38 SR 1381]

5.17 **6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.**

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

5.19 Subp. 2. **Open season and area for otter in South Zone.** ~~Except as provided~~  
5.20 ~~in subpart 1,~~ Otter may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest  
5.21 October 30 to the Sunday nearest January 6 in that portion of the state described in part  
5.22 6234.1000, subpart 4.

5.23 [For text of subp 3, see M.R.]

5.24 Subp. 4. **Validation and tagging otter.** Each otter must be validated on a site  
5.25 validation coupon issued by the state. The person taking the animal must validate the

6.1 coupon at and prior to removing the animal from the kill site. The coupons must be  
6.2 obtained and validated according to part 6234.2600. Pelts are subject to the provisions  
6.3 of part 6234.2600.

6.4 **6234.2200 USE OF TRAPS.**

6.5 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

6.6 [For text of subp 5a, see 38 SR 727]

6.7 [For text of subps 6 to 11, see M.R.]

6.8 Subp. 12. **Authorized agent.** A trapper may authorize, in writing, an agent who  
6.9 possesses all necessary licenses to check, pick up, and reset, at the same site, traps set by  
6.10 the trapper. Authorized agents may remove trapped animals and, if the animal removed  
6.11 from the trap is required to be ~~tagged~~ validated as provided by part 6234.2600, must ~~affix~~  
6.12 ~~their own tag to the animal~~ validate their own site validation coupon as prescribed at and  
6.13 prior to removing the animal from the site of the kill.

6.14 [For text of subps 13 to 16, see 38 SR 727]

6.15 **6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.**

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

6.17 Subp. 2. **Farmland Furbearer Zone restrictions.** In the Farmland Furbearer Zone,  
6.18 a person may use snares as follows:

6.19 A. from April 1 to ~~November 30~~ October 24, a person may not set, place, or  
6.20 operate any snare except as a waterset in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone  
6.21 described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3;

6.22 B. from October 25 to March 31, a person may not set, place, or operate any  
6.23 snare on public lands, including the surface of frozen water within public lands, on road

7.1 rights-of-way, or in fencelines along road rights-of-way, except as a water set in the North  
 7.2 Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone, described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3;

7.3 C. from April 1 to October 31, a person may not set, place, or operate  
 7.4 any snare except as a waterset in that part of the state lying outside the North  
 7.5 Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3; and

7.6 B. D. from ~~December~~ November 1 to March 31, a person may not set, place,  
 7.7 or operate any snare on public lands, including the surface of frozen water within public  
 7.8 lands, on road rights-of-way, or in fencelines along road rights-of-way, except as a  
 7.9 waterset in that part of the state lying outside the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone  
 7.10 as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3.

7.11 [For text of subps 3 to 7, see M.R.]

7.12 [For text of subps 8 and 9, see 38 SR 727]

7.13 [For text of subps 10 and 11, see M.R.]

7.14 **6234.2600 PELT TAGGING AND REGISTRATION.**

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

7.16 Subp. 3. **Registration of pelts.** The pelt of each bobcat, fisher, pine marten, and  
 7.17 otter ~~and the whole carcass of each bobcat~~ must be presented along with completed site  
 7.18 validation coupons for each fisher, pine marten, or otter, by the person taking it, to a state  
 7.19 wildlife manager designee for registration before the pelt is sold and before the pelt is  
 7.20 transported out of the state, but in no event more than ~~48~~ 24 hours after the season closes  
 7.21 ~~for each species, respectively~~ fisher and pine marten and 48 hours after the season closes  
 7.22 for otter and bobcat. The entire carcass of bobcat and the entire head of pine marten and  
 7.23 fisher must be surrendered to the state wildlife manager designee. The pelt of bobcat, otter,  
 7.24 fisher, and pine marten must have been removed from the carcass.



8.1 Subp. 4. **Prohibition on validation or tagging animals not personally taken.** A  
8.2 person may not validate a site validation coupon or affix any tag or seal to the pelt or  
8.3 carcass of any animal that the person did not take or is not authorized to take.

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

8.5 **Subp. 6. Obtaining and using site validation coupons.**

8.6 A. Fisher, otter, and pine marten site validation coupons may be obtained at no  
8.7 cost through the electronic licensing system.

8.8 B. The site validation coupon is part of the trapper's license to take fisher, otter,  
8.9 and pine marten and must be in the trapper's possession while taking and transporting  
8.10 these species.

8.11 C. Site validation coupons are not transferable.

8.12 **Subp. 7. Validating coupons.** Site validation coupons must be notched with a knife  
8.13 or other sharp instrument in the appropriate locations indicating the species for fisher or  
8.14 pine marten, month, and date and time (a.m./p.m.) the animal was taken. The coupon must  
8.15 be validated at and prior to removing the animal from the kill site.

8.16 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0295, subpart 2, is repealed. The expedited  
8.17 emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0295; 6230.0400; 6234.1900;  
8.18 and 6234.2400, published in the State Register, volume 38, page 185, August 5, 2013, are  
8.19 repealed.

8.20 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts  
8.21 6234.0500, 6234.1700, 6234.2000, 6234.2200, and 6234.2600, expire January 31, 2015.  
8.22 The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200, 6230.0295, 6230.0400,  
8.23 6234.1900, and 6234.2400, expire August 15, 2015. After the emergency amendments  
8.24 expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to those amendments again take effect,  
8.25 except as they may be amended by permanent rule.