

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6264

UPPER RED LAKE DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to special management regulations for taking walleye on Upper Red Lake.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Upper Red Lake Designated**
1.3 **Special Management Waters**

1.4 **6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.**

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

1.6 [For text of subp 4, see 38 SR 1379]

1.7 [For text of subps 5 to 58, see M.R.]

1.8 **Subp. 59. Upper Red Lake and listed tributaries.**

1.9 A. While a person is on or fishing in the waters listed under item ~~E~~ E:

1.10 [For text of subitems (1) to (3), see M.R.]

1.11 B. While a person is on or fishing in the waters listed under item ~~E~~ E:

1.12 (1) the daily and possession limit for walleye is ~~two~~ four fish, of which not
1.13 more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length, except as provided in subitems
1.14 (3), (4), and (5);

1.15 (2) beginning October 1, 2014, and effective through November 30, 2014,
1.16 all walleye in possession must be less than ~~17~~ 20 inches or greater than 26 inches in
1.17 length. All walleye that are 20 inches to 26 inches, inclusive, must be immediately
1.18 returned to the water;

1.19 (3) notwithstanding subitem (1), beginning December 1, 2014, and effective
1.20 through February 22, 2015, the daily and possession limit for walleye is three fish, of which
1.21 not more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length. All walleye in possession
1.22 must be less than 17 inches or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 17
1.23 inches to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water; and

2.1 (4) ~~a person's statewide bag limit shall not include more than two walleye~~
2.2 ~~taken from Upper Red Lake and the tributaries listed under item C.~~ notwithstanding
2.3 subitem (1), beginning May 9, 2015, one of the following applies:

2.4 (a) if the total walleye harvest from December 1, 2014, through
2.5 February 22, 2015, is greater than 68,000 pounds, the daily and possession limit for
2.6 walleye is two fish, of which not more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length.
2.7 All walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches or greater than 26 inches in length.
2.8 All walleye that are 17 inches to 26 inches, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the
2.9 water, through June 14, 2015; or

2.10 (b) if the total walleye harvest from December 1, 2014, through
2.11 February 22, 2015, is less than 68,000 pounds, the daily and possession limit for walleye
2.12 is three fish, of which not more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length. All
2.13 walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches or greater than 26 inches in length.
2.14 All walleye that are 17 inches to 26 inches, inclusive, must be immediately returned to
2.15 the water, through June 14, 2015;

2.16 (5) notwithstanding subitems (1) and (4), beginning June 15, 2015, one
2.17 of the following applies:

2.18 (a) if the total walleye harvest from December 1, 2014, through May
2.19 31, 2015, is greater than 88,000 pounds, the daily and possession limit for walleye is three
2.20 fish, of which not more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length. All walleye in
2.21 possession must be less than 17 inches or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye
2.22 that are 17 inches to 26 inches, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water,
2.23 through November 30, 2015; or

2.24 (b) if the total walleye harvest from December 1, 2014, through May
2.25 31, 2015, is less than 88,000 pounds, the daily and possession limit for walleye is three
2.26 fish, of which not more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length. All walleye in

3.1 possession must be less than 20 inches or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye
 3.2 that are 20 inches to 26 inches, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water,
 3.3 through November 30, 2015.

3.4 C. Notwithstanding item B, the waters listed in item E are catch-and-release
 3.5 only for walleye if the walleye cumulative kill estimate in any harvest year beginning
 3.6 December 1 through November 30 at any time equals or exceeds 240,000 pounds. If this
 3.7 item is implemented, the commissioner shall post a notice on the Department of Natural
 3.8 Resources Web site and at water access sites. This item is effective five days after the
 3.9 notice through November 30, 2015. On December 1, 2015, the daily and possession and
 3.10 size limits for walleye revert to the limits in item B, subitem (1).

3.11 D. A person's statewide bag limit and possession limit shall not include more
 3.12 walleye taken from Upper Red Lake and the tributaries listed under item E than is allowed
 3.13 under item B.

3.14 ~~E.~~ E. This subpart applies to the following waters:

3.15	Name	Location	County
3.16 3.17 3.18 3.19	Upper Red Lake (outside Red Lake Indian Reservation)	T.153, R.31,32, S. Various; T.154, R.30-32, S. Various; T.155, R.30-32, S. Various	Beltrami
3.20 3.21 3.22 3.23	Shotley Brook (from Hwy. 72 west to Upper Red Lake)	T.153, R.31, S.10,11,13,14,24; T.153, R.30, S.19-22	Beltrami
3.24 3.25 3.26 3.27 3.28	Tamarack River (from the Beltrami County line west to Upper Red Lake)	T.154, R.30, S.8-10,11-13,15-17	Beltrami

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[For text of subps 60 to 117, see M.R.]