

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

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**2015 STATE GAME REFUGES, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS,
SMALL GAME, FURBEARER, AND FALL WILD TURKEY**

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2015 small game, fall turkey, and furbearer seasons, and including state game refuges and wildlife management areas.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2015 State Game Refuges,**
1.3 **Wildlife Management Areas, Small Game, Furbearer, and Fall Wild Turkey**

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 39 SR 652]

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 39 SR 1427]

1.17 C. The Haverhill Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County is open to
1.18 pheasant hunting on October 24 for youth ages 12 to 17 who are participating in Pheasants
1.19 Forever special mentored youth hunts. 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) from May 1 through September 14 for wild rice harvesting during the
1.23 wild rice season, canoeing, and bird watching; and

2.1 (2) from November 25 through April 30 for hunting and trapping of any
2.2 species 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 22;

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

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

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

3.8 [For text of subps 13 to 48, see M.R.]

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

3.11 A. trapping; and

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

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

3.14 Subp. 55. **Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The
 3.15 Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery deer hunting
 3.16 and firearms deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission
 3.17 of the landowner.

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

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

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

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

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

4.2 C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

4.3 D. deer hunting by firearms.

4.4 **6234.0600 TAKING JACK RABBITS, COTTONTAIL RABBITS, AND**
4.5 **SNOWSHOE HARES.**

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

4.7 Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than ten cottontail rabbits,~~jack~~
4.8 ~~rabbits~~, and snowshoe hares, combined, per day or possess more than 20 cottontail rabbits;
4.9 ~~jack rabbits~~, and snowshoe hares, combined, at a time. A person may not take more than
4.10 one jack rabbit per day or possess more than three jack rabbits at a time.

4.11 **6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.**

4.12 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from the
4.13 first Saturday following Thanksgiving to ~~the Sunday nearest December 12~~ 3.

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

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

4.20 **6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.**

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

4.22 Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the fall turkey season
4.23 as prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid for taking turkeys only in
4.24 the wild turkey permit area specified on the license. The following wild turkey permit

5.1 areas are open for the 2015 fall season: 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509,
5.2 510, 511, and 512.

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

5.4 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0295, subpart 2, is repealed. The emergency
5.5 amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200, 6230.0295, and 6230.0400, published
5.6 in the State Register, volume 39, page 172, August 4, 2014, are repealed.

5.7 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
5.8 6234.1700 and 6236.0700, expire December 31, 2015. The emergency amendments to
5.9 Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200, 6230.0295, 6230.0400, and 6234.0600, expire August
5.10 15, 2016. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read prior
5.11 to those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.