

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6264

RED LAKE FISHING

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to Red Lake walleye fishing.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Red Lake Fishing**

1.3 **6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.**

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

1.5 [For text of subp 4, see 39 SR 1539, 39 SR 1569, and 40 SR 217]

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

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

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

1.9 B. While a person is on or fishing in the waters listed under item C:

1.10 ~~(1) the daily and possession limit for walleye is two fish, of which not more~~
1.11 ~~than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length;~~

1.12 ~~(2) all walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches or greater than~~
1.13 ~~26 inches in length;~~

1.14 ~~(3) all walleye that are 17 inches to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must~~
1.15 ~~be immediately returned to the water; and~~

1.16 ~~(4) a person's statewide bag limit shall not include more than two walleye~~
1.17 ~~taken from Upper Red Lake and the tributaries listed under item C.~~

1.18 (1) until 12:01 a.m. on December 1, 2015, the daily and possession limit
1.19 for walleye is two fish, of which not more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in
1.20 length. All walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches or greater than 26 inches
1.21 in length. All walleye that are 17 inches to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be
1.22 immediately returned to the water;

2.1 (2) beginning at 12:01 a.m. on December 1, 2015, the daily and possession
2.2 limit for walleye is three fish, of which not more than one walleye shall be over 17 inches
2.3 in length;

2.4 (3) if the total estimated walleye harvest from December 1, 2015, through
2.5 February 28, 2016, is greater than 200,000 pounds, then beginning at 12:01 a.m. on
2.6 May 14, 2016, the daily and possession limit for walleye is three fish, with no walleye
2.7 over 17 inches in length allowed;

2.8 (4) if the total estimated walleye harvest from December 1, 2015, through
2.9 May 31, 2016, is less than 240,000 pounds, then beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 15,
2.10 2016, the daily and possession limit for walleye is four fish, of which not more than one
2.11 walleye shall be over 17 inches in length;

2.12 (5) if subitem (3) or (4) is implemented, then beginning at 12:01 a.m.
2.13 on December 1, 2016, the daily and possession limits for walleye reverts to the limits
2.14 in subitem (2);

2.15 (6) if the total estimated walleye harvest at any time in a harvest year,
2.16 which runs from December 1 to November 30, equals or exceeds 408,000 pounds,
2.17 then the waters listed in item C are catch and release only for walleye. If this subitem
2.18 is implemented, the commissioner shall post notice on the department Web site and
2.19 at appropriate water access sites. This subitem takes effect five days after the notice
2.20 is publicized and extends until 12:59 p.m. on November 30, 2016. If this subitem is
2.21 implemented, then beginning at 12:01 a.m. on December 1, 2016, the daily possession and
2.22 size limits for walleye reverts to the limits in subitem (1); and

2.23 (7) a person's daily and possession limit must not include more walleyes
2.24 taken from Upper Red Lake and the tributaries listed under item C than is allowed under
2.25 subitem (1), (2), (3), or (4).

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

3.1 [For text of subps 60 to 124, see M.R.]

3.2 **REPEALER.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, part
3.3 6264.0400, subpart 59, published in the State Register, volume 39, page 1086, January 20,
3.4 2015, are repealed.