

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

**Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:**

**6240**

**LIGHT GOOSE POPULATION CONTROL**

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to light goose population control.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Light Goose Population**  
1.3 **Control**

1.4 **6240.0600 SPECIAL PERMITS FOR LIGHT GOOSE POPULATION CONTROL.**

1.5 Subpart 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this part, "light goose" means a lesser snow  
1.6 goose including a blue phase lesser snow goose (*Anser c. caerulescens*) or Ross' goose  
1.7 (*Anser rossii*).

1.8 Subp. 2. **Permit required.** A person may not take a light goose during the period  
1.9 prescribed in subpart 3 except under a valid permit and in full compliance with the  
1.10 conditions contained in the permit and in this part. Residents and nonresidents may apply  
1.11 for permits. No hunting license or stamps are required. A permit holder must have a  
1.12 permit in possession at all times when taking or transporting light geese taken under this  
1.13 part and must retain the permit for as long as the permit holder possesses light geese  
1.14 taken under this part.

1.15 Subp. 3. **Open harvest period.** Light geese may be taken from March 1 to April 30  
1.16 with permits issued under this part. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to  
1.17 one-half hour after sunset.

1.18 Subp. 4. **Bag limits.** No daily or bag limits apply to taking light geese under this part.

1.19 Subp. 5. **Game refuges and waterfowl refuges.** All state refuges closed to  
1.20 migratory waterfowl hunting are closed to taking light geese under this part. All waterfowl  
1.21 refuges closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall waterfowl  
1.22 seasons are closed to taking light geese under this part. All controlled hunting stations  
1.23 in the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties, are closed to  
1.24 taking light geese under this part.

1.25 Subp. 6. **Permit conditions; applicability of other laws and rules.**

2.1 A. A permit issued under this part is effective on the date of issuance or on  
2.2 March 1, whichever occurs later. A permit expires on April 30 of the year of issuance.

2.3 B. Except as provided in subparts 2 to 5, all applicable provisions of state  
2.4 statutes and federal law for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under  
2.5 this part. All applicable rules for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese  
2.6 under this part, unless inconsistent with or otherwise provided in this part.

2.7 C. Permittees must submit records of their light goose harvest by July 1 on  
2.8 forms provided by the commissioner.

2.9 Subp. 7. **Permit application.** Application for a permit under this part must be  
2.10 made using the application processes established by the commissioner under Minnesota  
2.11 Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 15.

2.12 Subp. 8. **Penalties.** Violation of this part or the conditions of any permit issued  
2.13 under this part results in revocation of the permit and any other penalty provided by  
2.14 state or federal law.

2.15 Subp. 9. **Light goose permit eligibility.** To be eligible for a light goose permit, a  
2.16 person must not have any small game hunting privileges revoked within one year prior to  
2.17 purchasing a light goose permit.

2.18 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** Minnesota Rules, part 6240.0600, is effective March 1, 2016.