

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

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

**6230**

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**TAKING SHARP-TAILED GROUSE AND PRAIRIE CHICKENS**

**6237**

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to taking sharp-tailed grouse and prairie chickens.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Taking Sharp-Tailed Grouse**  
1.3 **and Prairie Chickens**

1.4 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

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

1.6 [For text of subp 2, see 41 SR 178 and 41 SR 1376]

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

1.8 [For text of subp 5, see 41 SR 178 and 41 SR 1376]

1.9 [For text of subps 6 to 8, see M.R.]

1.10 [For text of subp 9, see 41 SR 1376]

1.11 [For text of subp 10, see M.R.]

1.12 [For text of subp 11, see 41 SR 1376]

1.13 [For text of subp 12, see 41 SR 178]

1.14 [For text of subp 13, see 41 SR 1376]

1.15 [For text of subps 14 to 32, see M.R.]

1.16 [For text of subp 33, see 41 SR 1376]

1.17 [For text of subps 34 to 38, see M.R.]

1.18 [For text of subp 39, see 41 SR 1376]

1.19 [For text of subp 40, see M.R.]

1.20 [For text of subp 41, see 41 SR 1376]

1.21 [For text of subp 42, see M.R.]

1.22 [For text of subp 43, see 41 SR 1376]

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

2.2 [For text of subp 49, see 41 SR 178]

2.3 [For text of subps 50 to 53, see M.R.]

2.4 [For text of subp 54, see 41 SR 1376]

2.5 [For text of subp 55, see 41 SR 178]

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

2.7 [For text of subps 61 and 62, see 41 SR 178]

2.8 [For text of subp 63, see 40 SR 1019]

2.9 Subp. 64. **Butterball and Little Rice Game Refuges, St. Louis County.** The  
2.10 Butterball and Little Rice Game Refuges in St. Louis County are open November 25 through  
2.11 May 15 for trapping any species for which there is an open season.

2.12 **6234.0300 TAKING SHARP-TAILED GROUSE.**

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

2.14 Subp. 2a. **Northwest Zone.** The Northwest Zone for taking sharp-tailed grouse is that  
2.15 portion of the state's open area lying west of the following described line:

2.16 Beginning at the intersection of Voyageurs National Park and the north boundary of  
2.17 the state; thence along the west boundary of the park to the public access to Lake  
2.18 Kabetogama at Gappa's Landing; thence along County Road (CR) Highway 523, St.  
2.19 Louis County, to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 123, St. Louis County; thence  
2.20 along CSAH 123 to CSAH 122, St. Louis County; thence along CSAH 122 to U.S.  
2.21 Highway 53; thence along U.S. Highway 53 to the intersection of U.S. Highway 73  
2.22 and State Trunk Highway 1.

2.23 Subp. 2b. **East-Central Zone.** The East-Central Zone for taking sharp-tailed grouse  
2.24 is that portion of the state's open area that is not included in the Northwest Zone.

3.1 Subp. 3. **Open season.** Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken by firearm or bow and arrow  
 3.2 from the Saturday on or nearest September 16 to November 30 in the Northwest Zone and  
 3.3 from the Saturday on or nearest October 13 to November 30 in the East-Central Zone.

3.4 **6237.0400 TAKING PRAIRIE CHICKENS.**

3.5 Subpart 1. **Open season and methods.** Prairie chickens may be taken during the  
 3.6 ~~five-day~~ nine-day period beginning on the last Saturday ~~nearest October 20~~ in September.

3.7 [For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]

3.8 Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Prairie chicken permit areas are open for the prairie chicken  
 3.9 season as prescribed by the commissioner. Prairie chicken licenses are valid only in the  
 3.10 prairie chicken permit area specified on the license. Prairie chicken permit area 801A is  
 3.11 closed in 2017. The following prairie chicken permit areas, as described in part 6237.0550,  
 3.12 are open with the specified quotas for the 2017 season:

3.13 A. 803A: 8;

3.14 B. 804A: 10;

3.15 C. 805A: 10;

3.16 D. 806A: 12;

3.17 E. 807A: 20;

3.18 F. 808A: 20;

3.19 G. 809A: 15;

3.20 H. 810A: 15;

3.21 I. 811A: 5;

3.22 J. 812A: 5; and

4.1 K. 813A: 5.

4.2 Total: 125

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

4.4 **6237.0550 PRAIRIE CHICKEN PERMIT AREA DESCRIPTION.**

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

4.6 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

4.7 Subp. 3. **Area 803A.** Prairie chicken permit area 803A consists of that portion of the  
4.8 state lying within the following described boundary:

4.9 Beginning at the intersection of United States Highway (U.S.) 59 and State Trunk  
4.10 Highway (STH) 32; thence along U.S. 59 to U.S. 2; thence along U.S. 2 to STH 32;  
4.11 thence along STH 32 and Pennington County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 3; thence  
4.12 along U.S. 59 to U.S. 2; thence along U.S. 2 to U.S. 75; thence along U.S. 75 to Polk  
4.13 CSAH 21; thence along Polk CSAH 21 to Pennington CSAH 3; thence along Pennington  
4.14 CSAH 3 to the point of beginning.

4.15 [For text of subps 4 to 11, see M.R.]

4.16 Subp. 12. **Area 812A.** Prairie chicken permit area 812A consists of that portion of  
4.17 the state lying within the following described boundary:

4.18 Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 32 and STH 113; thence  
4.19 along STH 113 to United States Highway (U.S.) 59; thence along U.S. 59 to U.S. 10;  
4.20 thence along U.S. 10 to STH 32; thence along STH 32 to the point of beginning.

4.21 Subp. 13. **Area 813A.** Prairie chicken permit area 813A consists of that portion of  
4.22 the state lying within the following described boundary:

4.23 Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 32 and Polk County  
4.24 State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 1; thence along CSAH 1 to United States Highway (U.S.)  
4.25 59; thence along U.S. 59 to STH 113; thence along STH 113 to STH 32; thence along  
4.26 STH 32 to the point of beginning.

4.27 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6237.0550, subpart 2, is repealed.

- 5.1 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0400,  
5.2 6234.0300, 6237.0400, and 6237.0550, expire December 31, 2017. After the emergency  
5.3 amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read before those amendments again take  
5.4 effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.