

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

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**2018 STATE GAME REFUGES, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS,
AND TAKING SMALL GAME, FURBEARERS, AND WILD TURKEY**

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6234.0600, 6234.1400)**

Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2018 state game refuges, wildlife management areas, and taking small game, furbearers, and wild turkey.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2018 State Game Refuges,**
1.3 **Wildlife Management Areas, and Taking Small Game, Furbearers, and Wild Turkey**

1.4 **6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

1.5 *[For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]*

1.6 **Subp. 5. Areas closed to hunting and trapping.**

1.7 A. The following wildlife management areas are closed to hunting and trapping:

1.8 (1) Boerner Wildlife Management Area in Sibley County, ~~the~~

1.9 (2) Buelow Wildlife Management Area in Steele County, ~~the~~

1.10 (3) Bryson Wildlife Management Area in Freeborn County, ~~the~~

1.11 (4) Chapa-Kak-Say-Za Wildlife Management Area in Steele County; and

1.12 ~~the~~

1.13 (5) Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in McLeod County ~~are closed to~~

1.14 ~~the hunting and trapping of all species.~~

1.15 B. The Sand Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Sherburne County is closed to
1.16 ~~the hunting and trapping of~~ all species, except hunting by:

1.17 (1) individuals with disabilities participating in a special hunt;

1.18 (2) youth ages ten to 17 who are participating in the regular archery season.

1.19 Youth may take one deer under this subitem but may not hunt during events for individuals
1.20 with disabilities; and

1.21 (3) youth up to age 17 during the spring turkey season.

1.22 *[For text of subps 6 to 10, see M.R.]*

2.1 Subp. 11. **Areas with other restrictions.**

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

2.3 [For text of item E, see 42 SR 728]

2.4 F. The Sandstone Wildlife Management Area in Pine County is open only for the
2.5 archery deer season and trapping all other species by legal means during designated seasons.
2.6 Archery bear hunting is allowed by special permit only.

2.7 G. Hampton Woods Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County is open only
2.8 as posted for:

- 2.9 (1) the archery deer hunting season;
- 2.10 (2) the spring and fall turkey hunting seasons;
- 2.11 (3) trapping and predator hunting by special permit only; and
- 2.12 (4) small-game hunting through November 30.

2.13 Subp. 12. **Sanctuary areas open to hunting.** The following sanctuary areas of wildlife
2.14 management areas posted with "Wildlife Sanctuary Do Not Trespass" signs are open for
2.15 ~~hunting~~ as specified:

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

2.17 [For text of item B, see 42 SR 728]

2.18 C. The Haverhill Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County is open to
2.19 pheasant hunting October 27 for youth ages 12 to 17 who are participating in the Pheasants
2.20 Forever special mentored-youth hunt. Pheasants Forever is sponsoring the hunt.

2.21 D. The posted sanctuary within the Ricehaven Wildlife Management Area in St.
2.22 Louis County is open:

3.1 (1) May 1 through September 14 to harvesting wild rice during the wild rice
3.2 season, canoeing, and bird-watching; and

3.3 (2) November 25 through May 15 for hunting and trapping any species for
3.4 which there is an open season.

3.5 *[For text of subp 13, see M.R.]*

3.6 **6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

3.7 Subpart 1. **Hunting.** The Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area located
3.8 in Dakota County is closed to all hunting and trapping except:

3.9 *[For text of items A and B, see M.R.]*

3.10 C. trapping and predator hunting beginning January 1 by special permit only; and

3.11 D. spring turkey hunting.

3.12 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

3.13 *[For text of subp 3, see M.R.]*

3.14 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

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

3.16 Subp. 2. **Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Bemidji Game Refuge in
3.17 Beltrami County is open to:

3.18 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November
3.19 4 and after ~~the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season~~ November 18;

3.20 *[For text of item B, see 42 SR 1416]*

3.21 *[For text of items C and D, see M.R.]*

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

4.1 Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game Refuge
4.2 in Clay County is open to:

4.3 A. ~~prairie chickens~~ small-game hunting, except ducks and geese during the regular
4.4 duck season;

4.5 [For text of items B and C, see M.R.]

4.6 [For text of item D, see 42 SR 1416]

4.7 [For text of subp 6, see M.R.]

4.8 [For text of subp 7, see 42 SR 733]

4.9 [For text of subp 8, see M.R.]

4.10 [For text of subp 9, see 42 SR 1416]

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

4.12 [For text of subp 11, see 42 SR 1416]

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

4.15 [For text of subp 13, see 42 SR 1416]

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

4.17 [For text of subp 33, see 42 SR 1416]

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

4.19 [For text of subp 39, see 42 SR 1416]

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

4.21 [For text of subp 41, see 42 SR 1416]

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

5.2 [For text of subp 43, see 42 SR 1416]

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

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

5.6 A. trapping; and

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

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

5.9 [For text of subp 54, see 42 SR 1416]

5.10 Subp. 55. **Collegetown (St. John's) Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Collegetown
5.11 (St. John's) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery deer hunting and firearms
5.12 deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission of the landowner.

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

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

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

5.18 A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, beginning November 1 through the
5.19 end of the respective seasons;

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

5.21 C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

5.22 D. deer hunting by firearms.

6.1 Subp. 63. **Butterball and Little Rice Game Refuges, St. Louis County.** The
 6.2 Butterball and Little Rice Game Refuges in St. Louis County are open November 25 through
 6.3 May 15 for trapping any species for which there is an open season.

6.4 **6234.0600 TAKING JACK RABBITS, COTTONTAIL RABBITS, AND SNOWSHOE**
 6.5 **HARES.**

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

6.7 Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than ten cottontail rabbits, ~~jack~~
 6.8 ~~rabbits~~, and snowshoe hares, combined, per day or possess more than 20 cottontail rabbits,
 6.9 ~~jack rabbits~~, and snowshoe hares, combined, at a time. A person may not take more than
 6.10 one jack rabbit per day or possess more than three jack rabbits, combined, at a time.

6.11 **6234.1400 TAKING WEASELS, BADGER, AND OPOSSUM.**

6.12 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Long-tailed weasels, short-tailed weasels, badgers, and
 6.13 opossums may be taken statewide with by legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping
 6.14 from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22, except in the North
 6.15 Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, where badger
 6.16 and opossum long-tailed weasels, short-tailed weasels, badgers, and opossums may be taken
 6.17 with by legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the
 6.18 Saturday nearest October 17. The season ends March 15.

6.19 *[For text of subp 2, see M.R.]*

6.20 **6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.**

6.21 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from the
 6.22 first Saturday following Thanksgiving ~~to the Sunday nearest December 12~~ through November
 6.23 29.

6.24 Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** The combined limit for fisher and pine marten is ~~five~~ two per
 6.25 season, in aggregate. A person may not take more than ~~five~~ two fisher and pine marten,

7.1 combined, per season or possess more than ~~five~~ two fisher and pine marten, combined, at
7.2 a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took,
7.3 tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

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

7.5 **6234.2600 PELT TAGGING AND REGISTRATION.**

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

7.7 Subp. 3. **Registration of pelts.** The pelt of each bobcat, fisher, pine marten, and otter
7.8 must be presented, along with completed site validation coupons for each fisher, pine marten,
7.9 or otter, by the person taking it, to a state wildlife manager designee for registration before
7.10 the pelt is sold and before the pelt is transported out of the state, but in no event more than
7.11 ~~48~~ 24 hours after the season closes for ~~each species, respectively~~ fisher and marten or 48
7.12 hours after the season closes for otter and bobcat. The entire carcass of bobcat and the entire
7.13 head of pine marten and fisher must be surrendered to the state wildlife manager designee.
7.14 The pelt of bobcat, otter, fisher, and pine marten must have been removed from the carcass.

7.15 *[For text of subps 4 to 7, see M.R.]*

7.16 **6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.**

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

7.18 Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the fall turkey season as
7.19 prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid for taking turkeys only in the
7.20 wild turkey permit area specified on the license, except youth licenses, which are valid
7.21 statewide. The following wild turkey permit areas are open for the 2018 fall season: 501,
7.22 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, and 512.

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

8.1 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0295, subpart 2, is repealed. The expedited
8.2 emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200, 6230.0295, 6230.0400,
8.3 6234.0600, and 6234.1400, published in the State Register, volume 42, page 216, August
8.4 21, 2017, are repealed. The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
8.5 6230.0400, subparts 64 and 65, published in the State Register, volume 42, page 1416, May
8.6 7, 2018, are repealed.

8.7 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
8.8 6230.0200, 6230.0295, 6230.0400, 6234.0600, and 6234.1400, expire August 15, 2019.
8.9 The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6234.1700, 6234.2600,
8.10 and 6236.0700, expire January 31, 2019. After the expedited emergency amendments expire,
8.11 the permanent rules as they read before those amendments again take effect, except as they
8.12 may be amended by permanent rule.