

Department of Natural Resources

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to 2019 state game refuges, wildlife management areas, bear bait stations, a special veterans goose hunt, and taking small game, furbearers, and wild turkey.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2019 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 subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

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 all species:

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

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

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

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

1.13 (5) ~~the~~ Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in McLeod County ~~are closed~~
1.14 ~~to 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 for:

1.17 (1) hunting by 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 subparts 6 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

2.2 [For text of items A to D, see Minnesota Rules]

2.3 [For text of item E, see State Register, volume 43, page 879]

2.4 F. The Sandstone Wildlife Management Area in Pine County is open only for:

2.5 (1) hunting deer during the archery deer season;

2.6 (2) hunting bear by special permit only; and

2.7 (3) hunting and trapping all other species by legal means during designated
2.8 seasons.

2.9 G. Hampton Woods Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County is open as
2.10 posted for:

2.11 (1) hunting deer during the archery deer season;

2.12 (2) hunting turkey during the spring and fall turkey seasons;

2.13 (3) trapping by special permit only;

2.14 (4) hunting predators by special permit only; and

2.15 (5) hunting small game through November 30.

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

2.19 [For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

2.20 [For text of item B, see State Register, volume 43, page 879]

2.21 C. 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 for 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 subpart 13, see Minnesota Rules]*

3.6 **6230.0290 BECKLIN HOMESTEAD PARK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

3.7 Subpart 1. **Open hunting.** The Becklin Homestead Park Wildlife Management Area
3.8 is open to hunting and trapping during the established seasons only to disabled hunters and
3.9 trappers who meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.055, subdivision
3.10 3, paragraphs (a) and (b), or as described in subpart 2.

3.11 Subp. 2. **Special hunt.**

3.12 A. The Becklin Homestead Park Wildlife Management Area is open September
3.13 14 through December 31 for taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by archery as described
3.14 in this subpart. No more than 20 permits shall be issued to disabled hunters. Capable Partners
3.15 is the sponsor, and disabled hunters and able-bodied partners must meet any requirements
3.16 of the sponsoring organization. Disabled hunters and able-bodied partners may use bonus
3.17 tags.

3.18 B. Disabled hunters must be accompanied by an able-bodied partner each time
3.19 they hunt. Disabled hunters must purchase and possess an archery license for hunting deer.
3.20 The bag limit for disabled hunters is two deer, one of which may be a legal buck.

3.21 C. Able-bodied partners must stay within 100 yards of the disabled hunter and
3.22 may take only legal antlerless deer. Able-bodied partners must purchase and possess an
3.23 archery license if they intend to take a deer. The bag limit for able-bodied partners is one
3.24 antlerless deer.

4.1 **6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

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

4.4 A. archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting by special permit only;

4.5 B. pheasant and Canada goose hunting starting on the day following the close of
4.6 the muzzleloader deer season through the end of the respective statewide seasons;

4.7 C. trapping beginning January 1 by special permit only; ~~and~~

4.8 D. hunting predators beginning January 1 by special permit only; and

4.9 ~~D~~ E. spring turkey hunting.

4.10 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

4.11 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

4.12 [For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

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

4.15 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November
4.16 4 and after ~~the close of the 200-Series firearms deer season~~ November 24;

4.17 [For text of item B, see State Register, volume 43, page 1461]

4.18 [For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]

4.19 [For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

4.20 Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game Refuge
4.21 in Clay County is open to:

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

5.3 [For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]

5.4 [For text of item D, see State Register, volume 43, page 1461]

5.5 [For text of subparts 7 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]

5.6 [For text of subpart 11, see State Register, volume 43, page 1461]

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

5.9 [For text of subpart 13, see State Register, volume 43, page 1461]

5.10 [For text of subparts 14 to 32, see Minnesota Rules]

5.11 [For text of subpart 33, see State Register, volume 43, page 1461]

5.12 [For text of subparts 34 to 40, see Minnesota Rules]

5.13 [For text of subpart 41, see State Register, volume 43, page 1461]

5.14 [For text of subpart 42, see Minnesota Rules]

5.15 [For text of subpart 43, see State Register, volume 43, page 1461]

5.16 [For text of subparts 44 to 48, see Minnesota Rules]

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

5.19 A. trapping; and

5.20 B. hunting for deer by archery as described in part 6232.0600.

5.21 [For text of subparts 50 to 53, see Minnesota Rules]

6.1 [For text of subpart 54, see State Register, volume 43, page 1461]

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

6.5 [For text of subparts 56 to 60, see Minnesota Rules]

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

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

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

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

6.13 C. hunting deer and bear by archery; and

6.14 D. deer hunting by firearms.

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

6.18 [For text of subparts 64 to 66, see State Register, volume 43, page 1461]

6.19 **6232.3200 BAIT STATIONS AND GARBAGE DUMPS.**

6.20 [For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

6.21 [For text of subpart 2, see State Register, volume 43, page 1293]

6.22 Subp. 3. **Display of sign.** A person establishing a bear bait station must display a sign
6.23 at the site meeting the following requirements.

7.1 [For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

7.2 B. The sign must contain:

7.3 (1) for unguided hunters, the full name and ~~either~~ address, the Minnesota
7.4 DNR number, or the Minnesota driver's license number of both the person on whose behalf
7.5 the bait is placed and the person who is placing the bait; or

7.6 [For text of subitem (2), see Minnesota Rules]

7.7 [For text of items C to F, see Minnesota Rules]

7.8 [For text of subparts 4 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]

7.9 **6234.0600 TAKING JACK RABBITS, COTTONTAIL RABBITS, AND SNOWSHOE**
7.10 **HARES.**

7.11 [For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

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

7.16 **6234.1400 TAKING WEASEL, BADGER, AND OPOSSUM.**

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

7.24 [For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

8.1 **6234.1600 TAKING BOBCAT.**

8.2 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Bobcats may be taken ~~with~~ by legal firearms, bow and arrow,
8.3 and ~~by~~ trapping from ~~the first Saturday following Thanksgiving to the,~~ December 21, through
8.4 Sunday nearest January 6, January 26.

8.5 *[For text of subparts 2 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

8.6 **6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.**

8.7 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from ~~the~~
8.8 first Saturday following Thanksgiving to the, December 21, through Sunday nearest
8.9 December 12, December 29.

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

8.15 *[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

8.16 **6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.**

8.17 Subpart 1. **Open season for otter in North Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping
8.18 from 9:00 a.m. on ~~the Saturday nearest,~~ October 26 to the, through Sunday nearest ~~January~~
8.19 6, January 26, only in that portion of the state described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3.

8.20 Subp. 2. **Open season and area for otter in South Zone.** Otter may be taken by
8.21 trapping from 9:00 a.m. on ~~the Saturday nearest~~ October 30 to the, November 2, through
8.22 Sunday nearest January 6, January 26, in the remainder of the state described in part
8.23 6234.1000, subpart 4.

8.24 *[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

9.1 **6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.**

9.2 *[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

9.3 Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the fall turkey season as
9.4 prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid for taking turkeys only in the
9.5 wild turkey permit area specified on the license, except youth licenses, which are valid
9.6 statewide. The following wild turkey permit areas are open for the 2019 fall season: 501,
9.7 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, and 512.

9.8 *[For text of subpart 5, see Minnesota Rules]*

9.9 **6240.1955 MIDDLE RIVER GOOSE HUNT FOR VETERANS.**

9.10 Disabled military veterans may hunt geese within 100 yards of water in the Northwest
9.11 Goose Zone described in part 6240.0860, subpart 1, when participating in a special hunt
9.12 sponsored by Middle River Veterans Outdoors. The special hunt is September 14 and 15
9.13 in Marshall County. Participants must meet all requirements of the sponsoring organization
9.14 and must possess any required licenses before the hunt.

9.15 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0295, subpart 2, is repealed. The emergency
9.16 amendment to Minnesota Rules, part 6232.3200, subpart 3, published in the State Register,
9.17 volume 43, page 1293, May 6, 2019, is repealed. The emergency amendments to Minnesota
9.18 Rules, parts 6230.0200; 6230.0295; 6230.0400; 6234.0600; and 6234.1400, published in
9.19 the State Register, volume 43, page 153, August 13, 2018, are repealed.

9.20 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200,
9.21 6230.0295, 6230.0400, 6234.0600, and 6234.1400, expire August 15, 2020. The emergency
9.22 amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0290, 6232.3200, 6234.1600, 6234.1700,
9.23 6234.2000, and 6236.0700, expire February 29, 2020. Minnesota Rules, part 6240.1955,
9.24 expires February 29, 2020. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules
9.25 again take effect as they read before the emergency amendments were adopted, subject to

- 10.1 any permanent rule amendments that were adopted while the emergency amendments were
- 10.2 effective.