

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 wildlife management areas, state game refuges, small game and furbearers, fall wild turkey, and goose hunt for veterans.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Wildlife Management Areas,**
1.3 **State Game Refuges, Small Game and Furbearers, Fall Wild Turkey, and Goose Hunt**
1.4 **for Veterans**

1.5 **6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

1.6 [For text of subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]

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

1.8 A. The following wildlife management areas are closed to hunting and trapping
1.9 all species:

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

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

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

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

1.14 ~~the~~

1.15 (5) Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in McLeod County ~~are closed to~~
1.16 ~~the hunting and trapping of all species.~~

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

1.19 (1) hunting by individuals with disabilities participating in a special hunt;

1.20 (2) youth ages ten to 17 who are participating in the regular archery season,
1.21 who may take one deer but may not hunt during events for individuals with disabilities; and

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

1.23 [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 44, page 900]*

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 44, page 900]*

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 to harvesting wild rice during the season
3.2 for wild rice, 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 **6230.0295 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 Minnesota Rules]*

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

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

3.12 ~~D.~~ E. spring turkey hunting.

3.13 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

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

3.15 *[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]*

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~~ small-game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday
3.19 nearest November 4 and after ~~the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season~~ November
3.20 22;

3.21 *[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

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 to D, see Minnesota Rules]*

4.6 *[For text of subpart 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

4.7 *[For text of subpart 7, see State Register, volume 44, page 900]*

4.8 *[For text of subparts 8 to 11, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

4.11 *[For text of subparts 13 to 48, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

4.14 A. trapping; and

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

4.16 *[For text of subparts 50 to 54, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

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

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

5.1 Subp. 62. Hagali-Rice Game Refuge, Beltrami County. The Hagali-Rice Game
5.2 Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

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

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

5.6 C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

5.7 D. deer hunting by firearms.

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

5.11 [For text of subpart 64, see State Register, volume 44, page 900]

5.12 **6234.0600 TAKING JACK RABBITS, COTTONTAIL RABBITS, AND SNOWSHOE**
5.13 **HARES.**

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

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

5.19 **6234.0900 SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS.**

5.20 [For text of subparts 1 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]

5.21 Subp. 7. Static load test. "Static load test" means a test for rating breakaway devices
5.22 on snares that uses a nonmoving weight or nonjolting force applied to the snare.

6.1 **6234.1400 TAKING WEASEL, BADGER AND OPOSSUM.**

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

6.9 *[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

6.10 **6234.1600 TAKING BOBCAT.**

6.11 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Bobcats may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow,
6.12 and by trapping from ~~the first Saturday following Thanksgiving, December 19,~~ to the Sunday
6.13 ~~nearest,~~ January ~~6~~ 24.

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

6.15 **6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.**

6.16 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from ~~the~~
6.17 ~~first Saturday following Thanksgiving, December 19,~~ to the Sunday ~~nearest,~~ December ~~12~~
6.18 27.

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

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

7.1 **6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.**

7.2 Subpart 1. **Open season for otter in North Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping
7.3 from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 to ~~the~~ Sunday ~~nearest~~, January ~~6~~ 24,
7.4 only in that portion of the state described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3.

7.5 Subp. 2. **Open season and area for otter in South Zone.** Otter may be taken by
7.6 trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to ~~the~~ Sunday ~~nearest~~, January
7.7 6 24, in the remainder of the state described in part 6234.1000, subpart 4.

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

7.9 **6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.**

7.10 *[For text of subparts 1 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]*

7.11 *[For text of subparts 8 and 9, see State Register, volume 44, page 597]*

7.12 *[For text of subparts 10 and 11, see Minnesota Rules]*

7.13 Subp. 12. **Snare breakaway devices.** A snare capable of taking a wild animal must
7.14 include a breakaway device that causes the snare loop to disassemble at 350 pounds pull or
7.15 less as measured by a static load test, except for:

7.16 A. a wolf snare as defined in part 6234.0900, subpart 6;

7.17 B. a snare set by licensed wolf trappers in possession of a valid wolf tag during
7.18 a legal wolf-trapping season; and

7.19 C. a snare set under ice.

7.20 **6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.**

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

7.22 Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the fall turkey season as
7.23 prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid ~~for taking turkeys only in the~~

8.1 ~~wild turkey permit area specified on the license~~ statewide. The following wild turkey permit
8.2 areas are open for the 2020 fall season: 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510,
8.3 511, and 512.

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

8.5 **6240.1955 MIDDLE RIVER GOOSE HUNT FOR VETERANS.**

8.6 Notwithstanding other law to the contrary, disabled military veterans may hunt geese
8.7 within 100 yards of water in the Northwest Goose Zone as described in part 6240.0860
8.8 when participating in a special hunt sponsored by Middle River Veterans Outdoors. The
8.9 special hunt is September 19 and 20 in Marshall County. Participants must meet all
8.10 requirements of the sponsoring organization and must possess any required licenses before
8.11 the hunt.

8.12 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0295, subpart 2, is repealed. The expedited
8.13 emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200; 6230.0295; 6230.0400;
8.14 6234.0600; and 6234.1400, published in the State Register, volume 44, page 107, August
8.15 5, 2019, are repealed.

8.16 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendment to part 6234.2400, subpart
8.17 12, is effective October 1, 2020. The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules,
8.18 parts 6230.0200, 6230.0295, 6230.0400, 6234.0600, and 6234.1400, expire August 15,
8.19 2021. The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6234.0900,
8.20 6234.1600, 6234.1700, 6234.2000, 6234.2400, and 6236.0700, expire February 28, 2021.
8.21 Minnesota Rules, part 6240.1955, expires February 28, 2021. After the expedited emergency
8.22 amendments expire, the permanent rules again take effect, subject to any permanent rule
8.23 amendments that have been adopted in the interim.