

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

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

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

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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 **6234.0300 TAKING SHARP-TAILED GROUSE.**

1.5 *[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

1.8 Beginning at the intersection of Voyageurs National Park and the northern boundary  
1.9 of the state; thence along the western boundary of the park to the public access to Lake  
1.10 Kabetogama at Gappa's Landing; thence along County Road 523, St. Louis County, to  
1.11 County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 123, St. Louis County; thence along CSAH 123  
1.12 to CSAH 122, St. Louis County; thence along CSAH 122 to U.S. Highway (US) 53,  
1.13 thence along US 53 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 73; thence along STH 73 to the  
1.14 intersection of STH 73 and STH 1.

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

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

1.20 **6237.0400 TAKING PRAIRIE CHICKENS.**

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

1.23 *[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.24 Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Prairie chicken permit areas are open for the prairie chicken  
1.25 season as prescribed by the commissioner. Prairie chicken licenses are valid only in the  
1.26 prairie chicken permit area specified on the license. The following prairie chicken permit

2.1 areas, as described in part 6237.0550, are open: 803A, 804A, 805A, 806A, 807A, 808A,  
2.2 809A, 810A, 811A, 812A, and 813A. A total of 125 licenses must be distributed.

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

2.4 **6237.0550 PRAIRIE CHICKEN PERMIT AREA DESCRIPTION.**

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

2.6 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

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

2.9 Beginning at the intersection of United States Highway (U.S. US) 59 and State Trunk  
2.10 Highway (STH) 32; thence along U.S. 59 to U.S. 2; thence along U.S. 2 to STH 32;  
2.11 thence along STH 32 County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 3, Pennington County; thence  
2.12 along US 59 to US 2; thence along US 2 to US 75; thence along US 75 to CSAH 21,  
2.13 Polk County; thence along CSAH 21 to CSAH 3, Pennington County; thence along  
2.14 CSAH 3 to the point of beginning.

2.15 *[For text of subparts 4 to 11, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

2.18 Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 32 and STH 113; thence  
2.19 along STH 113 to United States Highway (US) 59; thence along US 59 to US 10; thence  
2.20 along US 10 to STH 32; thence along STH 32 to the point of beginning.

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

2.23 Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 32 and County State-Aid  
2.24 Highway (CSAH) 1, Polk County; thence along CSAH 1 to United States Highway  
2.25 (US) 59; thence along US 59 to STH 113; thence along STH 113 to STH 32; thence  
2.26 along STH 32 to the point of beginning.

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

- 3.1 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6234.0300,  
3.2 6237.0400, and 6237.0550, expire December 31, 2020. After the emergency amendments  
3.3 expire, the permanent rules again take effect, subject to any permanent rule amendments  
3.4 that were adopted in the interim.