

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Exempt Permanent Rules:

6264

2023 DESIGNATED EXPERIMENTAL AND SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS

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1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Exempt Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Designated Experimental and**
1.3 **Special Management Waters**

1.4 **6264.0300 DESIGNATED EXPERIMENTAL WATERS.**

1.5 [For text of subparts 1 to 76, see Minnesota Rules]

1.6 Subp. 77. [See repealer.]

1.7 [For text of subparts 78 to 88, see Minnesota Rules]

1.8 Subp. 89. **Island Reservoir walleye restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in
1.9 the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 15 inches or greater than
1.10 20 inches in length. All walleye that are 15 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be
1.11 immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and possession limit is ten walleye and
1.12 may not include more than one walleye over 20 inches in length.

1.13	Name	Location	County	End Date
1.14	<u>A. Island Reservoir</u>	T.52, R.15, S.1	St. Louis	3/1/2031
1.15	<u>B. Otter River</u>	<u>T.53, R.15, S.26 from</u>	<u>St. Louis</u>	<u>3/1/2031</u>
1.16		<u>confluence of Island</u>		
1.17		<u>Reservoir upstream to</u>		
1.18		<u>Boulder Dam</u>		
1.19	<u>C. Cloquet River</u>	<u>T.53, R.14, S.35 from</u>	<u>St. Louis</u>	<u>3/31/2031</u>
1.20		<u>confluence of Island</u>		
1.21		<u>Reservoir upstream</u>		
1.22		<u>0.5 miles</u>		

1.23 Subp. 90. Caribou Lake lake trout restrictions. While a person is on or angling in
1.24 the following waters, all lake trout in possession must be 20 inches or greater in length. All
1.25 lake trout less than 20 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. The daily
1.26 and possession limit is one.

1.27	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>End Date</u>
1.28	<u>Caribou Lake</u>	<u>T.58, R.2, S.1</u>	<u>Itasca</u>	<u>3/1/2034</u>

2.1 **6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.**2.2 [For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]2.3 [For text of subpart 4, see State Register, volume 46, page 1303]2.4 [For text of subparts 5 to 18, see Minnesota Rules]

2.5 Subp. 19. **Northern pike 24-inch to 36-inch protected slot limit.** While a person is
 2.6 on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24
 2.7 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches
 2.8 in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and
 2.9 possession limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

2.10	Name	Location	County
2.11	<u>[For text of items A to C, see Minnesota Rules]</u>		
2.12	D. Beltrami	T.148, R.32,33, S.25,26,30,31,35,36	Beltrami
2.13	E. <u>D.</u> Big Mantrap	T.141,142, R.33,34, S.Various	Hubbard
2.14	F. Big Turtle	T.148, R.33, S.Various	Beltrami
2.15	G. <u>E.</u> Birch Lake	T.61, R.11, 12, S.Various	St. Louis
2.16	Reservoir		
2.17	H. <u>F.</u> Blueberry	T.138, R.35, S.2,3,10,11	Wadena
2.18	I. <u>G.</u> Center, North	T.34, R.20, S.15, 21,22,27,28,34	Chisago
2.19	J. <u>H.</u> Center, South	T.33,34, R.20, S.2,3,4,9,10,34,35	Chisago
2.20	K. <u>I.</u> Child	T.140, R.29, S.9,10,15,16	Cass
2.21	L. <u>J.</u> Farm	T.62,63, R.11, S.3,4,26-29,32-35	Lake
2.22	M. <u>K.</u> Fish Trap	T.132, R.31, S.28-33	Morrison
2.23	N. Fox	T.148, R.33, S.22,23,26,27	Beltrami
2.24	O. <u>L.</u> Floyd, Little	T.139, R.41, S.2,3,10,11	Becker
2.25	P. <u>M.</u> Garden	T.63, R.11, S.20-22,27-30	Lake
2.26	Q. <u>N.</u> George	T.143, R.34, S.15,16,21,22,27	Hubbard

3.1	R. <u>O.</u> Girl	T.140,141, R.28, S.3,4,32,33,34	Cass
3.2	S. <u>P.</u> Island	T.150, R.28, S.3-5,8-10,15,16,19-21	Itasca
3.3	T. <u>Q.</u> Knife	T.40,41, R.23,24, S.Various	Kanabec
3.4	U. <u>R.</u> Little Boy	T.140, R.28, S. Various	Cass
3.5	V. <u>Little Turtle</u>	T.148, R.33, S.8,16,17,20,21	Beltrami
3.6	W. <u>S.</u> Little Woman	T.140, R.29, S.15	Cass
3.7	X. <u>T.</u> Long	T.128, R.30,32, S.16,17,20,21,28	Todd
3.8	Y. <u>U.</u> Minnie Belle	T.118, R.31, S.11,14	Meeker
3.9	Z. <u>V.</u> Mission, Lower	T.135,136, R.27, S.4,5,8,9,33	Crow Wing
3.10	AA. Mission, Upper	T.135,136, R.27, S.3,4,27,28,33,34	Crow Wing
3.11	W.		
3.12	BB. <u>Movil</u>	T.147,148, R.33, S.3,4,27,33,34,35	Beltrami
3.13	CC. Shamineau	T.123, R.31, S.8-10,15-18	Morrison
3.14	X.		
3.15	DD. South Farm	T.62,63, R.11, S.1,2,3,35,36	Lake
3.16	Y.		
3.17	EE. <u>Turtle River Lake</u>	T.147,148, R.32, S.Various	Beltrami
3.18	FF. <u>Three Island</u>	T.148, R.32,33, S.18,19,23-26	Beltrami
3.19	GG. <u>West Battle</u>	T.133, R.39,40, S.Various	Otter Tail
3.20	HH. White Iron	T.62,63, R.11,12, S.Various	St. Louis
3.21	Z.		
3.22	H. Balsam	T.58,59, R.24, S.4-9	Itasca
3.23	AA.		
3.24	JJ. Medicine	T.149, R.32, S.Various	Beltrami
3.25	BB.		
3.26	KK. North Twin	T.148, R.31, S.Various	Beltrami
3.27	CC.		
3.28	LL. Coon-Sandwich	T.60,61, R.25, S.Various	Itasca
3.29	DD.		
3.30	MM. Rachel, Little	T.127, R.39, S.Various	Douglas
3.31	EE. Rachel		

4.1	NN.			
4.2	<u>FF.</u>	Crow Wing, 8th	T.140, R.32,33, S.1,6,7,12	Hubbard
4.3	OO.			
4.4	<u>GG.</u>	Crow Wing, 9th	T.140,141, R.32, S.6,31,32	Hubbard
4.5	PP.			
4.6	<u>HH.</u>	Crow Wing, 10th	T.141, R.32, S.28,29,32	Hubbard
4.7	QQ.			
4.8	<u>II.</u>	Mitchell	T.138, R.27, S.11-14	Crow Wing

4.9 Subp. 20. **Northern pike 30-inch minimum size limit.** All northern pike in possession
 4.10 while on or fishing in the following waters must be 30 inches or greater in length. All
 4.11 northern pike that are less than 30 inches in length must be immediately returned to the
 4.12 water. Possession and daily limit is one.

4.13		Name	Location	County
4.14	A.	Otter Tail	T.133,134, R.39,40, S.Various	Otter Tail
4.15	B. <u>A.</u>	Round	T.134,135, R.28,29, S.1,2,31,35,36	Crow Wing
4.16	C. <u>B.</u>	St. Olaf Lake	T.105, R.22, S.13	Waseca

4.17 *[For text of subparts 21 to 39, see Minnesota Rules]*

4.18 Subp. 40. **Walleye 17-inch to 26-inch protected slot.** While a person is on or angling
 4.19 in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches in length or
 4.20 greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 17 to 26 inches in length, inclusive,
 4.21 must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may include not more
 4.22 than one walleye over 26 inches.

4.23		Name	Location	County
4.24	A.	Island	T.150, R.28, S.3-5, 8-10,15-17,20,21	Itasca

- 5.1 ~~B.~~ **Round** T.148, R.27,28, S.13,14, 18-20,23-26,29,30 Itasea
- 5.2 ~~C.~~ **B. Garden Reservoir** T.63, R.11, S.20-22,27-30 Lake
- 5.3 ~~D.~~ **C. Farm** T.62,63, R.11, S.3,4,26-29, 32-35 Lake
- 5.4 ~~E.~~ **D. North Branch** T.63, R.10,11, S.25,26,28,29,30 Lake
- 5.5 **Kawishiwi River**
- 5.6 ~~F.~~ **E. South Farm** T.62,63, R.11, S.1,2,3,35,36 Lake
- 5.7 ~~G.~~ **F. White Iron** T.62,63, R.11,12, S.Various St. Louis
- 5.8 ~~H.~~ **G. Popple River** T.148, R.27, S.19,20, from the outlet of Round Itasca
- 5.9 **Lake downstream to the State Highway 46 bridge**

5.10 [For text of subparts 41 to 58, see Minnesota Rules]

5.11 [For text of subpart 59, see State Register, volume 46, page 1306]

5.12 [For text of subparts 60 to 124, see Minnesota Rules]

5.13 Subp. 125. **Vermillion River brown trout and rainbow trout seasons and angling**

5.14 **restrictions.** Angling for ~~brown trout and rainbow trout~~ in the following waters is open

5.15 ~~from the Saturday nearest April 15~~ January 1 through October 15. Angling for all trout is

5.16 limited to catch and release only from January 1 up to but not including the Saturday nearest

5.17 April 15 and from September 15 through October 15. While a person is on or angling in

5.18 the following waters, angling for brown trout is limited to catch and release only, whereby

5.19 any brown trout caught must be immediately returned to the water. ~~While a person is on or~~

5.20 ~~angling in the following waters from September 15 through October 15, angling for rainbow~~

5.21 ~~trout is limited to catch and release only, whereby any rainbow trout caught must be~~

5.22 ~~immediately returned to the water.~~ All legal methods of taking trout are allowed.

5.23	Name	Location	County
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6.1 A. Vermillion River T.113,114, R.18-20, S.Various, ~~the entire~~ Dakota
 6.2 ~~designated trout stream reach beginning 1.1 miles~~
 6.3 ~~downstream of Highway 52 upstream to the~~
 6.4 ~~Highview Avenue bridge in S.31, R.19, T.114~~
 6.5 ~~and S.36, R.19,20, T.114 upstream of Vermillion~~
 6.6 ~~Falls in Hastings, including all tributaries~~

6.7 *[For text of items B to E, see Minnesota Rules]*

6.8 *[For text of subparts 126 to 146, see Minnesota Rules]*

6.9 Subp. 147. **Walleye maintenance protected slot limit.** While a person is on or angling
 6.10 in the following water, all walleye in possession must be less than 20 inches in length or
 6.11 greater than 24 inches in length. All walleye that are 20 to 24 inches in length, inclusive,
 6.12 must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include
 6.13 more than one walleye over 24 inches in length.

6.14	Name	Location	County
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6.15 *[For text of items A to D, see Minnesota Rules]*

6.16	<u>E. Round</u>	<u>T.148, R.27,28, S.13,14,18-20,23-26,29,30</u>	<u>Itasca</u>
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6.17 *[For text of subparts 148 to 151, see Minnesota Rules]*

6.18 Subp. 152. Northern pike 22-inch to 30-inch protected slot limit. While a person
 6.19 is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than
 6.20 22 inches in length or greater than 30 inches in length. All northern pike that are 22 to 30
 6.21 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and
 6.22 possession limit is ten and may not include more than one northern pike over 30 inches in
 6.23 length.

6.24	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
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6.25	<u>Little Turtle, Big</u>	<u>T.148, R.33, S.8-9,15-17,20-23,25-29,33-36;</u>	<u>Beltrami</u>
6.26	<u>Turtle, Movil,</u>	<u>T.147, R.33, S.3,4; T.148, R.32, S.30-31</u>	
6.27	<u>Beltrami, and Fox</u>		
6.28	<u>Lakes, including</u>		

7.1 connected waters
7.2 (Turtle River)

7.3 Subp. 153. **Big Sandy Lake walleye regulation.** While a person is on or angling in
7.4 the following waters, all walleye in possession must be 14 to 18 inches in length, inclusive.
7.5 All walleye that are less than 14 inches in length or greater than 18 inches in length must
7.6 be immediately returned to the water, except a person's daily and possession limit may
7.7 include one walleye over 26 inches in length.

7.8	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
7.9	<u>A. Big Sandy Lake</u>	<u>T.49,50, R.23,24, S.Various</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
7.10	<u>B. Aitkin Lake</u>	<u>T.50, R.23, S.Various</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
7.11	<u>(Aitkin</u>		
7.12	<u>Flowage)</u>		
7.13	<u>C. Sandy River</u>	<u>T.49, R.23,24, S.Various</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
7.14	<u>Lake</u>		
7.15	<u>D. Flowage Lake</u>	<u>T.49, R.23,24, S.Various</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
7.16	<u>E. Davis</u>	<u>T.48, R.24, S.Various</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
7.17	<u>(Steamboat)</u>		
7.18	<u>Lake</u>		
7.19	<u>F. Sandy River</u>	<u>T.48, R.23,24, S.Various</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
7.20	<u>from State</u>		
7.21	<u>Highway 210</u>		
7.22	<u>downstream to</u>		
7.23	<u>confluence with</u>		
7.24	<u>Mississippi</u>		
7.25	<u>River</u>		
7.26	<u>G. Prairie River</u>	<u>T.49,50, R.22,23, S.Various</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
7.27	<u>from confluence</u>		
7.28	<u>with Tamarack</u>		
7.29	<u>River</u>		
7.30	<u>downstream to</u>		
7.31	<u>Big Sandy Lake</u>		
7.32	<u>H. West Savanna</u>	<u>T.50, R.22,23, S.Various</u>	<u>Aitkin</u>
7.33	<u>River from</u>		
7.34	<u>County</u>		

- 8.1 Highway 14
- 8.2 downstream to
- 8.3 Prairie River

8.4 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6264.0300, subpart 77, is repealed.