

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6234, 6237

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
1.7 that portion of the state's open area lying west of the following 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 United States Highway
1.13 (US) 53; thence along US 53 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 73; thence along STH 73
1.14 to the 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.
1.19 Sharp-tailed grouse may not be taken 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 ~~five~~
1.22 ~~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 described in part 6237.0550 are open: 803A, 804A, 805A, 806A, 807A, 808A, 809A,
2.2 810A, 811A, 812A, and 813A. A total of 125 licenses will 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 Pennington County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 3; thence along
2.12 US 59 to US 2; thence along US 2 to US 75; thence along US 75 to Polk CSAH 21;
2.13 thence along Polk CSAH 21 to Pennington CSAH 3; thence along Pennington CSAH
2.14 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 Polk County
2.24 State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 1; thence along CSAH 1 to United States Highway (US)
2.25 59; thence along US 59 to STH 113; thence along STH 113 to STH 32; thence along
2.26 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, 2023. After the emergency amendments
3.3 expire, the permanent rules again take effect, subject to any permanent rule amendments
3.4 that have been adopted in the interim.