

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

**Adopted Exempt Permanent Rules:**

**6262**

**DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS FOR GAR**

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Please see the attachment for language of the exempt permanent rules package for Daily and Possession Limits for Gar.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Daily and Possession Limits**  
1.3 **for Gar**

1.4 **6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.**

1.5 Subpart 1. **General inland fishing regulations.** Fish may be taken in inland waters  
1.6 by angling during the time specified for each of the following species; however, certain  
1.7 waters of the state are subject to experimental or special regulations or are closed for taking  
1.8 and possessing fish. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season extends  
1.9 through the following Sunday.

1.10 Species and Open Season Daily and Possession Limits

1.11 *[For text of items A to P, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.12 Q. Carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead, No limits.  
1.13 suckers, burbot, ~~gar~~, whitefish, goldeyes,  
1.14 tullibees, buffalo, smelt.

1.15 Continuous.

1.16 R. Longnose and shortnose gar. 10 in aggregate.

1.17 Continuous.

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

1.19 **6266.0200 TAKING FISH ON MINNESOTA-IOWA BOUNDARY WATERS.**

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

1.21 Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Iowa boundary waters.** The  
1.22 following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota-Iowa  
1.23 boundary waters:

1.24 Species Open Season Daily and  
1.25 Possession  
1.26 Limit

1.27 *[For text of items A to G, see Minnesota Rules]*

2.1 H. Bullhead, carp, sucker, No closed season No limits  
 2.2 redhorse, sheepshead, buffalo,  
 2.3 burbot, bowfin, ~~gar~~, and  
 2.4 quillback

2.5 *[For text of item I, see Minnesota Rules]*

2.6 J. Longnose and shortnose gar Continuous 10 in  
 2.7 aggregate

2.8 When the closing date falls on a Saturday, the season extends through the following  
 2.9 Sunday.

2.10 *[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

2.11 Subp. 4. **Spearing restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing is prohibited on  
 2.12 Minnesota-Iowa boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, bowfin, gar, and  
 2.13 quillback may be taken by spearing ~~and possessed without limit.~~ The possession limit for  
 2.14 all gar is ten in aggregate. For all other species listed in this subpart, there is no possession  
 2.15 limit.

2.16 *[For text of subparts 5 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]*

2.17 **6266.0300 TAKING FISH ON MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY**  
 2.18 **WATERS.**

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

2.20 Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-North Dakota boundary**  
 2.21 **waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on  
 2.22 Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters:

2.23	Species	Open Season	Daily and
2.24			Possession Limits

2.25 *[For text of items A to J, see Minnesota Rules]*

3.1 K. Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, Continuous. No limit.  
 3.2 sucker, redhorse, bowfin,  
 3.3 burbot, ~~gar~~, and white (striped)  
 3.4 bass

3.5 *[For text of item L, see Minnesota Rules]*

3.6 M. Longnose and shortnose gar Continuous. 10 in aggregate.

3.7 Subp. 3. **Spearing restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing is prohibited on  
 3.8 Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers,  
 3.9 redhorse, bowfin, and gar may be taken by spearing from May 1 through December 31  
 3.10 between sunrise and sunset each day. ~~There is no possession limit on the listed species of~~  
 3.11 ~~fish.~~ The possession limit for longnose and shortnose gar is ten in aggregate. For all other  
 3.12 species listed in this subpart, there is no possession limit. A person may not have in  
 3.13 possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters a spear  
 3.14 at any time, except during the open season for spearing. Possession includes personal  
 3.15 possession and possession in a vehicle.

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

3.17 Subp. 8. **Dark house spearing.** Taking fish by spearing from or within a dark house  
 3.18 is allowed on Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters according to items A to ~~E~~ F.

3.19 *[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]*

3.20 B. Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, and bowfin, ~~and gar~~ may be taken  
 3.21 with a spear and possessed without limit.

3.22 C. Longnose and shortnose gar may be taken with a spear. The possession limit  
 3.23 for all gar is ten in aggregate.

3.24 ~~E~~. D. Northern pike may be taken with a spear and the possession limit is three.

4.1 ~~D.~~ E. A person may not have a spear in possession on or near the water or ice of  
 4.2 Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters at any time, except during the open season for  
 4.3 spearing.

4.4 ~~E.~~ F. Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle.

4.5 **6266.0400 TAKING FISH ON MINNESOTA-SOUTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY**  
 4.6 **WATERS.**

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

4.8 Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary**  
 4.9 **waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on  
 4.10 Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters:

4.11	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
4.12			
4.13			

4.14 *[For text of items A to J, see Minnesota Rules]*

4.15 4.16 4.17 4.18	K. Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, sucker, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, <del>gar</del> , and white (striped) bass	Continuous.	No limits.
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4.19 4.20	<u>L. Longnose and shortnose gar</u>	<u>Continuous.</u>	<u>10 in aggregate.</u>
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4.21 When the closing falls on a Saturday, the season extends through the following Sunday.

4.22 Subp. 3. **Spearing restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing is prohibited on  
 4.23 Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers,  
 4.24 redhorse, bowfin, and burbot, and gar may be taken by spearing and possessed without limit  
 4.25 from May 1 through the last day in February between sunrise and sunset each day. Longnose  
 4.26 and shortnose gar may be taken by spearing from May 1 through the last day in February  
 4.27 between sunrise and sunset each day. The possession limit for all gar is ten in aggregate.

5.1 When the closing day falls on a Saturday, the season extends through March 1. A person  
 5.2 may not have a spear in possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-South Dakota  
 5.3 boundary waters at any time, except during the open season for spearing. Possession includes  
 5.4 personal possession and possession in a vehicle.

5.5 *[For text of subpart 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

5.6 Subp. 5. **Dark house spearing.** Taking fish by spearing from or within a dark house  
 5.7 is allowed on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters according to items A to F G.

5.8 *[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]*

5.9 B. Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, and burbot, ~~and gar~~ may  
 5.10 be taken by spearing and possessed without limit.

5.11 C. Longnose and shortnose gar may be taken with a spear. The possession limit  
 5.12 for all gar is ten in aggregate.

5.13 ~~E. D.~~ Northern pike may be taken with a spear and the possession limit is three.

5.14 ~~D. E.~~ Catfish may be taken by spear, except on Bois De Sioux River from the  
 5.15 White Rock Dam to the North Dakota border. The possession limit is five. Only one fish  
 5.16 may be over 24 inches.

5.17 ~~E. F.~~ A person may not have a spear in possession on or near the water or ice of  
 5.18 Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters at any time, except during the open season for  
 5.19 spearing.

5.20 ~~F. G.~~ Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle.

5.21 *[For text of subparts 6 to 14, see Minnesota Rules]*

5.22 **6266.0500 TAKING FISH ON MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS.**

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

6.1 Subp. 3. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters.** To  
 6.2 the extent that chapter 6264 is inconsistent with this part, the provisions of chapter 6264  
 6.3 apply. Lake sturgeon are designated under part 6264.0400, subpart 90. Except as provided  
 6.4 in chapter 6264, the following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on  
 6.5 Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters:

6.6	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
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6.7 *[For text of items A to L, see Minnesota Rules]*

6.8	M. Rough fish-, <u>excluding all gar</u>	No limits
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6.9 Continuous.

6.10 *[For text of items N and O, see Minnesota Rules]*

6.11	P. <u>Longnose and shortnose gar</u>	<u>10 in aggregate.</u>
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6.12	<del>P.</del> <u>Q.</u> All other species	Governed by inland regulations of state in
6.13		which taken.

6.14 *[For text of subparts 4 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]*