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2025 WATERFOWL AND SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING, LIGHT GOOSE POPULATION CONTROL, GAME REFUGES, CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES, AND FEEDING AND RESTING AREAS

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1.1	Department of Natural Resources
1.2 1.3 1.4	Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2025 Waterfowl and Sandhill Crane Hunting, Light Goose Population Control, Game Refuges, Controlled Hunting Zones, and Feeding and Resting Areas
1.5	6230.0100 DEFINITIONS.
1.6	[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]
1.7 1.8	Subp. 1a. Early goose season. "Early goose season" has the meaning given in part 6240.0100, subpart 1a.
1.9	[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]
1.10	6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.
1.11	[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]
1.12	Subp. 2. Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County. The Bemidji Game Refuge in
1.13	Beltrami County is open to:
1.14	[For text of item A, see State Register, volume 49, page 150]
1.15	B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season, except on Lake Bemidji,
1.16	the Mississippi River, and Stump Lake, and Lake Irving;
1.17	[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]
1.18	[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]
1.19	Subp. 5. Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County. The Clay County Game Refuge
1.20	in Clay County is open to:
1.21	[For text of item A, see State Register, volume 49, page 150]
1.22	[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]
1.23	D. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season.

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2.1	[For text of subpart 6, see Minnesota Rules]
2.2	[For text of subpart 7, see State Register, volume 49, page 899]
2.3	[For text of subparts 8 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]
2.4	Subp. 11. Evansville Game Refuge, Douglas County. The Evansville Game Refuge
2.5	in Douglas County is open to:
2.6	A. trapping;
2.7	B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season; and
2.8	C. deer and bear hunting by firearms.
2.9	[For text of subpart 12, see State Register, volume 49, page 150]
2.10	Subp. 13. Fox Lake Game Refuge, Martin County. The Fox Lake Game Refuge in
2.11	Martin County is open to:
2.12	[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]
2.13	C. special goose hunts goose hunting during the September goose season;
2.14	[For text of items D and E, see Minnesota Rules]

2.19 A. Those portions within the Lac qui Parle Mission Site are closed to hunting.
2.20 The remainder of the refuge is open to:

[For text of subparts 14 to 20, see Minnesota Rules]

following special provisions apply to the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac

Subp. 21. Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties. The

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3.1	(1) waterfowl hunting only from the third Thursday in October through the
3.2	open Canada goose season, only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts part
3.3	6230.0500 to 6230.0700;
3.4	(2) deer hunting; and
3.5	(3) small game hunting other than waterfowl, except from the second Saturday
3.6	in October through November 30, when small game hunting is allowed only at designated
3.7	hunting stations as provided by parts part 6230.0500 to 6230.0700. Small game hunting is
3.8	not allowed on closed Canada goose hunting days during a split goose season.
3.9	B. No unauthorized person may trespass during the dates posted on any part of
3.10	the refuge posted with "State Wildlife Sanctuary - Do Not Trespass" signs, except for:
3.11	(1) ice fishing; and
3.12	(2) open water fishing in the posted closed area from the close of the Canada
3.13	goose season until the second Saturday in October November 1.
3.14	[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]
3.15	[For text of subparts 22 to 32, see Minnesota Rules]
3.16	Subp. 33. Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County. The Ocheda Lake Game
3.17	Refuge in Nobles County is open to:
3.18	[For text of items A to C, see Minnesota Rules]
3.19	D. Canada goose hunting during the early season and from the first Saturday in
3.20	December through the end of the statewide goose season, except that hunting is prohibited
3.21	within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season; and
3.22	[For text of item E, see Minnesota Rules]
3.23	[For text of subparts 34 to 40, see Minnesota Rules]

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4.1	Subp. 41. St. James Game Refuge, Watonwan County. The St. James Game Refuge
4.2	in Watonwan County is open to:
4.3	A. trapping; and
4.4	B. special goose hunts goose hunting during the early goose season.
4.5	[For text of subpart 42, see Minnesota Rules]
4.6	Subp. 43. Schoolcraft Game Refuge, Hubbard County. The Schoolcraft Game
4.7	Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:
4.8	A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November
4.9	4 and after the close of the 100 series firearms deer season;
4.10	[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]
4.11	[For text of subparts 44 to 47, see Minnesota Rules]
4.12	Subp. 48. Talcot Lake Waterfowl Refuge, Cottonwood County.
4.13	[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]
4.14	B. The Talcot Lake State Waterfowl Refuge is open to goose hunting by persons
4.15	with disabilities at designated hunting stations. Hunters with disabilities may reserve
4.16	designated stations according to regulations available at the Talcot Lake Wildlife
4.17	Management Area Headquarters. All other applicable controlled hunt regulations in parts
4.18	part 6230.0500 and 6230.1100 apply to persons hunting at these stations.
4.19	[For text of subpart 49, see State Register, volume 49, page 150]
4.20	[For text of subparts 50 to 53, see Minnesota Rules]
4.21	Subp. 54. [See repealer.]

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5.1	[For text of subparts 56 to 60, see Minnesota Rules]
5.2	[For text of subparts 61 to 63, see State Register, volume 49, page 150]
5.3	[For text of subpart 64, see State Register, volume 49, page 899]
5.4 5.5	6230.0500 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES AND DESIGNATED HUNTING STATIONS IN STATE GAME REFUGES.
5.6	The following regulations apply to all persons within a controlled hunting zone or in
5.7	designated hunting stations during the an open Canada goose seasons waterfowl season or
5.8	as otherwise specified in parts 6230.0600 to 6230.1100:
5.9	[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]
5.10	B. Only one hunting group, consisting of no more than three hunters, may occupy
5.11	a designated hunting station at a time. Except for stations reserved for hunters with
5.12	disabilities, use of designated hunting stations is first-come, first-serve. A person may not
5.13	occupy a station that is posted closed.
5.14	C. Persons occupying a hunting station must fulfill all license requirements to
5.15	hunt waterfowl.
5.16	C. No trailers of any kind are allowed in designated parking lots. Hunters using
5.17	designated hunting stations must park their vehicles in provided parking areas or numbered
5.18	stalls. Designated parking areas may not be occupied between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.
5.19	D. All persons hunting in controlled hunting zones or in designated hunting stations
5.20	must adhere to any additional regulations that apply.
5.21	D. E. A person may not leave any refuse, offal, or feathers on public lands in the
5.22	controlled hunting zone or in any parking lot.
5.23	E. F. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed or possessed at any of the hunting
5.24	stations on public lands.

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6.1	F. A person may not loiter in areas between the designated hunting stations on
6.2	public lands.
6.3	G. On public lands, dogs must be on a leash except within ten feet of stations or
6.4	while retrieving, and must be under control at all times.
6.5	H. On public lands, after each party member has bagged a limit of Canada geese,
6.6	or expended a limit of shells, the party must promptly leave the station.
6.7	I. No trailers of any kind are allowed in designated parking lots.
6.8	6230.0600 DESCRIPTIONS OF CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES.
6.9	[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]
6.10	Subp. 2. Thief Lake Zone, Marshall County. On the Thief Lake Wildlife Management
6.11	Area in Marshall County, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:
6.12	The Southwest Quarter of Section 8, the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter
6.13	(NW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 9, the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 11, the West Helf (W 1/2) of Section 17, and the Northwest
6.14 6.15	1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 11, the West Half (W 1/2) of Section 17, and the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 20; as well as portions of the South Half of the Southeast
6.16	Quarter (S 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 8, the South Half of the South Half (S 1/2 S 1/2) of
6.17	Section 9, the South Half (S 1/2) of Section 10, the South Half of the South Half (S
6.18	1/2 S 1/2) of Section 11, the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW 1/4 SE
6.19	1/4) of Section 20, Township 158 North, Range 41 West.
6.20	Subp. 3. [See repealer.]
6.21	[For text of subparts 4 and 5, see Minnesota Rules]
6.22	Subp. 6. [See repealer.]
6.23	Subp. 7. [See repealer.]
6 24	[For text of subpart 8, see Minnesota Rules]

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

7.3 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

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- Subp. 3. **Restrictions on entry to zone.** Persons may not enter the controlled hunting zone except when their vehicles are occupying numbered parking stalls in the designated parking lot in the controlled hunting zone. Persons other than those hunting at a designated station in the controlled hunting zone may not occupy a numbered stall in a designated parking lot.
- 7.9 Subp. 4. [See repealer.]
- 7.10 Subp. 5. [See repealer.]
- 7.11 Subp. 6. [See repealer.]
- 7.12 Subp. 7. **Hunting restrictions.** Hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited.
- 7.13 **6234.0800 HUNTING BY FALCONRY.**

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

Subp. 4. **Open season and hours for migratory game birds.** Woodcock, sora and Virginia rails, mourning dove, and common snipe may be taken by falconry from September 1 to December 16. Ducks, coots, and moorhens (Gallinules) may be taken by falconry from the Saturday nearest October 1 to the Saturday nearest January 14 during the open seasons prescribed in part 6240.0640, subpart 1, and from December 13, 2025, through January 21, 2026. Geese may be taken by falconry during any open goose season. Crows may be taken by falconry during the open season. Falconry hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except during the regular waterfowl season when falconry hours are the same as waterfowl shooting hours.

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8.1	6240.0100 DEFINITIONS.	
8.2	[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]	
8.3	Subp. 1a. Early goose season. "Early goose season" means goose seasons beginning	nξ
8.4	before open September 16 6 through September 21.	
8.5	[For text of subparts 2 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]	
8.6 8.7	6240.0200 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING AND POSSESSION OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.	
8.8	Subpart 1. Shooting hours. Shooting hours for migratory waterfowl, coots, gallinule	es
8.9	rails, and snipe are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except as follows: during the	
8.10	early teal season from September 6 through September 10, when shooting hours are sunri-	se
8.11	to sunset for teal.	
8.12	A. on the opening day of the duck season, shooting hours begin at 9:00 a.m.; ar	10
8.13	B. from the opening day of the duck season to the Saturday nearest October 8,	•
8.14	shooting hours end at 4:00 p.m.	
8.15	Subp. 2. Possession limits. The possession limit is twice three times the daily limit	t,
8.16	except for rails where the daily and possession limits are the same. All restrictions specifi	ĩ
8.17	to a species or gender apply.	
8.18	[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]	
8.19	Subp. 4. Use of motorized watercraft. A person may use motorized watercraft in	

the waterfowl feeding and resting area established on South Heron Lake during the early

[For text of subparts 5 and 6, see Minnesota Rules]

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goose season established in part 6240.1200.

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Subp. 7. Taking in open water. A person may take migratory waterfowl, coots, gallinules, rails, and snipe in open water on the following waters of Minnesota with the restrictions given:

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A. the area of the Mississippi River and backwaters within the boundary beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 61 and the Minnesota border in Dakota County; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 63; thence along U.S. Highway 61/63 to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 61/14 to Interstate 90; thence along Interstate 90/U.S. Highway 61/14 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 16; thence along STH 16 to STH 26; thence along STH 26 to the state's southern boundary; thence along the southern boundary to the eastern boundary; thence along the eastern boundary to the point of the beginning: hunting is allowed not more than 100 feet from any shoreline, including islands, from boats that must be at anchor;

- B. Lake Pepin, Lake of the Woods, and Lake Mille Lacs: hunting is allowed from boats that must be at anchor; and
- <u>C.</u> Lake Superior north and east of Minnesota/Park Point peninsula: hunting is allowed from boats that must be at anchor.
- Subp. 8. Early teal season restrictions. Within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation, taking teal during the early teal season is prohibited within one-half mile of wild rice beds that are posted as open to wild rice harvest by Tribal authorities.
- Subp. 9. Early teal season restrictions. Within the boundaries of the White Earth Reservation, taking teal during the early teal season is prohibited on wild rice waters identified by Tribal authorities.
- Subp. 10. Early teal season restrictions. Within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs

 Indian Reservation, taking teal during the early teal season is prohibited on wild rice beds
 that are posted open to rice harvest by Tribal authorities.

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10.1	6240.0250	TAKING MOURN	VING DOVES.		
10.2	Subpar	rt 1. Open season. 1	Mourning doves may be ta	iken during the 60-c	lay 90-day
10.3	period begi	nning from September	er 1 through November 29	<u>)</u> .	
10.4		[For text	of subpart 2, see Minneso	ta Rules]	
10.5	6240.0400	TAKING RAILS.			
10.6	Subpar	rt 1. Open season. S	Sora and Virginia rails ma	y be taken during th	ne 70-day
10.7	period from	n September 1 to the e	nd of woodcock season as	prescribed under pa	ırt 6240.0300
10.8	through No	ovember 9. King rails	may not be taken or posse	essed.	
10.9		[For text	of subpart 2, see Minneso	ta Rules]	
10.10	6240.0500	TAKING COMMO	ON WILSON'S SNIPE.		
10.11	Subpar	rt 1. Open season.	Common Wilson's snipe m	nay be taken during	the 107-day
10.12	period from	n September 1 to the e	nd of woodcock season as	prescribed under pa	ırt 6240.0300
10.13	through De	ecember 16.			
10.14	Subp. 2	2. Daily limit. A pe	rson may not take more th	an eight common <u>V</u>	<u>Vilson's</u> snipe
10.15	per day dur	ring the open season.			
10.16	<u>6240.0600</u>	SPECIAL LICENS	SES FOR LIGHT GOOS	E POPULATION	CONTROL.
10.17	Subpar	rt 1. Definition. For	purposes of this part, "lig	ht goose" means a	lesser snow
10.18	goose inclu	ding a blue phase les	ser snow goose (Anser c.	caerulescens) or a l	Ross' goose
10.19	(Anser ross	<u>rii).</u>			
10.20	Subp. 2	2. License required	. A person may not take a	light goose during	the period
10.21	prescribed i	in subpart 3 except u	nder a valid license and in	full compliance wi	th this part
10.22	and the con	ditions in the license	. Residents and nonreside	nts may apply for li	censes. No

other hunting license or stamps are required. A license holder must have a license in

possession at all times when taking or transporting light geese taken under this part and

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11.1	must retain the license for as long as the license holder possesses light geese taken under
11.2	this part.
11.3	Subp. 3. Open harvest period. Light geese may be taken from February 18 through
11.4	April 30 with licenses issued under this part. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise
11.5	to one-half hour after sunset.
11.6	Subp. 4. Bag limits. No daily or bag limits apply to taking light geese under this part
11.7	Subp. 5. Game refuges and waterfowl refuges. All state refuges closed to migratory
11.8	waterfowl hunting are closed to taking light geese under this part. All waterfowl refuges
11.9	closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall waterfowl seasons
11.10	are closed to taking light geese under this part. All controlled hunting stations in the Lac
11.11	qui Parle Game Refuge in Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties are closed to taking light
11.12	geese under this part.
11.13	Subp. 6. License conditions; applicability of other laws and rules.
11.14	A. A license issued under this part is effective on the date issued or on February
11.15	18, whichever is later. A license expires on April 30 the year issued.
11.16	B. Except as provided in subparts 2 to 5, all applicable provisions of state statutes
11.17	and federal law for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under this part.
11.18	All applicable rules for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under this
11.19	part, unless inconsistent with or otherwise provided in this part.
11.20	C. By July 1, licensees must submit records of their light goose harvest to the
11.21	Department of Natural Resources on forms provided by the commissioner.
11.22	Subp. 7. License application. Application for a license under this part must be made
11.23	using the application processes established by the commissioner under Minnesota Statutes
11.24	section 84.027, subdivision 15.

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Subp. 8. **Penalties.** Violation of this part or the conditions of any license issued under 12.1 this part results in revocation of the license in addition to any other penalties provided by 12.2 12.3 state or federal law. Subp. 9. License eligibility. To be eligible for a light goose license, a person must 12.4 not have any small-game hunting privileges revoked within one year before purchasing a 12.5 light goose license. 12.6 6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAY. 12.7 12.8 Subpart 1. Dates, eligibility, and license requirements. Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and Canada dark or light geese, as defined in part 6240.0950, subpart 2, may be 12.9 taken statewide on Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day Weekend, September 13 and 14, by 12.10 resident and nonresident hunters 15 17 years of age or younger. An adult resident or 12.11 nonresident mentor 18 years of age or older, who is authorized by the youth's parent or 12.12 guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at all times during the hunt. The accompanying 12.13 adult may not hunt. No hunting license or state waterfowl stamps are required, but all youths 12.14 age 16 and older must have a federal migratory bird stamp. 12.15 Subp. 2. Shooting hours. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 12.16 p.m sunset. 12.17 Subp. 3. **Bag limits.** The daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens 12.18 is as allowed by federal rule. The daily bag limit for geese is five Canada dark geese and 12.19 20 light geese, as defined under part 6240.0950, subpart 2. 12.20 6240.0630 TAKING SANDHILL CRANE. 12.21 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sandhill cranes may be taken from September 13 through 12.22 October 19. 12.23 Subp. 2. Shooting hours. Shooting hours for sandhill cranes are one-half hour before 12.24 sunrise to sunset. 12.25

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13.1	Subp. 3. Open area; taking restrictions.
13.2	A. Sandhill cranes may be taken only in the Northwest Goose Zone described in
13.3	part 6240.0860, subpart 1.
13.4	B. Sandhill cranes may be taken by bow and arrow or shotgun with nontoxic shot
13.5	approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A person may not take sandhill
13.6	cranes with a rifle or handgun.
13.7	Subp. 4. License and requirements.
13.8	A. Sandhill cranes may only be taken under:
13.9	(1) a valid permit to take sandhill cranes issued by the commissioner for a
13.10	fee of \$3; and
13.11	(2) a small-game license, unless exempted.
13.12	B. A hunter must have a license to take sandhill cranes in possession when taking
13.13	or possessing sandhill cranes.
13.14	C. A hunter must not have had small- or big-game hunting privileges revoked
13.15	within one year of purchasing a license to take sandhill cranes.
13.16	Subp. 5. Bag limits. A person may not take more than two sandhill cranes per day or
13.17	have more than six sandhill cranes in possession.
13.18	Subp. 6. Penalties. Violating this part or the conditions of any permit issued under
13.19	this part results in revocation of the license and any other penalty provided by state or federal
13.20	<u>law.</u>
13.21	Subp. 7. Game and waterfowl refuges. All state game refuges closed to
13.22	migratory-waterfowl hunting are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part. All
13.23	waterfowl refuges closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall
13.24	waterfowl seasons are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part.

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14.1	6240.0640 TAKING COOTS, MOORHENS, DUCKS, AND MERGANSERS.
14.2	Subpart 1. Open season.
14.3	A. Coots, moorhens, ducks, and mergansers may be taken as follows:
14.4	(1) in the North Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 2,
14.5	during the 60-day period from September 27 through November 25;
14.6	(2) in the Central Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 4,
14.7	during the 60-day period that includes September 27 through October 5 and October 11
14.8	through November 30; and
14.9	(3) in the remainder of the state, during the 60-day period that includes
14.10	September 27 through October 5 and October 18 through December 7.
14.11	B. Blue- and green-winged and cinnamon teal may be taken statewide from
14.12	September 6 through September 10.
14.13	Subp. 2. Daily limits.
14.14	A. In any one day, a person may not take more than six ducks, five mergansers,
14.15	and a total of 15 coots and moorhens.
14.16	B. The daily limit of ducks, other than mergansers, may not include more than:
14.17	(1) four mallards, including two female mallards;
14.18	(2) two pintail;
14.19	(3) two redheads;
14.20	(4) three wood ducks;
14.21	(5) two black ducks; and
14.22	(6) two canvasbacks.

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15.1	<u>C.</u>	The limit of scaup is one pe	er day through Octobe	er 11 in the North W	Vaterfowl
15.2	Zone, one pe	er day through October 16 in	n the Central Waterfo	wl Zone, and one po	er day
15.3	through Octo	ober 23 in the South Waterfo	owl Zone. The limit of	of scaup is two per d	lay the
15.4	remainder of	f the duck season in each zo	ne.		
15.5	<u>D.</u>	The daily limit of merganse	ers may not include m	nore than two hoode	<u>ed</u>
15.6	mergansers.				
15.7	6240.0950	TAKING GEESE.			
15.8	Subpart	1. Open season. Geese m	ay be taken as follow	<u>'S:</u>	
15.9	<u>A.</u>	statewide during the early §	goose season. The ear	·ly goose season is a	ı special
15.10	season for w	hich a special season goose l	icense is required und	er Minnesota Statute	es, section
15.11	97B.802;				
15.12	<u>B.</u>	in the North Waterfowl Zone	e described in part 624	10.0620, subpart 2, S	September
15.13	27 through I	December 26;			
15.14	<u>C.</u>	in the Central Waterfowl Z	one described in part	6240.0620, subpart	4,
15.15	September 2	7 through October 5 and October 5	ctober 11 through Dec	cember 31; and	
15.16	<u>D.</u>	in the remainder of the state	e, during the 60-day pe	eriod that includes S	eptember
15.17	27 through (October 5 and October 18 th	rough January 7.		
15.18	Subp. 2	Daily limit. The bag limit	t for dark geese is fiv	e combined and the	bag limit
15.19	for light gee	se is 20 combined during ar	ny open season. Dark	geese are Canada, c	ackling,
15.20	brant, and w	hite-fronted geese. Light ge	ese are snow, blue, ar	nd Ross's geese.	

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

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16.1	Subp. 2. Game refuges.
16.2	A. The following refuges are open to goose hunting during the first two days of
16.3	the regular goose season: Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint James
16.4	Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to goose hunting during the first two days of
16.5	the regular goose season.
16.6	B. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting for from the last seven
16.7	days day of the statewide duck season through the end of the goose season. There is no
16.8	goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.
16.9	Subp. 3. Waterfowl refuges.
16.10	[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]
16.11	B. The Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada
16.12	goose hunting from the Saturday on or nearest November 1 October 9 to the end of the
16.13	goose season. There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and Bardwell Lakes.
16.14 16.15	6240.2000 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREA RESTRICTIONS.
16.16	[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]
16.17	Subp. 4. Use of electric motors. On the lakes listed in items A to $\frac{J}{K}$, a person may
16.18	use an electric motor with battery power of 12 volts or less within the designated migratory
16.19	waterfowl feeding and resting area during the open waterfowl season:
16.20	[For text of items A to E, see Minnesota Rules]
16.21	F. Kandiyohi County: Wagonga Wakanda Lake, Lake Lillian;
16.22	[For text of items G and H, see Minnesota Rules]
16.23	I. Pope County: Nelson Lake; and

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17.1	J. Traverse County: Mud Lake-; and
17.2	K. Le Sueur County: Diamond Lake, Dora Lake, and Sanborn Lake.
17.3	REPEALER. (a) Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0400, subpart 54; 6230.0600, subparts 3,
17.4	6, and 7; 6230.0700; 6230.0800, subparts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7; 6230.0900, subparts 2, 4, 5,
17.5	and 6; 6230.1000; 6230.1100; 6240.1150, subpart 2; 6240.1200, subparts 3, 4, and 5; and
17.6	6240.1800, subpart 1, are repealed.
17.7	(b) Minnesota Rules, part 6240.0600, published in the State Register, volume 48, page 671,
17.8	January 22, 2024, is repealed.
17.9	EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0100,
17.10	$\underline{6230.0400,6230.0500,6230.0600,6230.0900,6234.0800,6240.0100,6240.0200,6240.0250,}$
17.11	6240.0400, 6240.0500, 6240.0610, 6240.1850, and 6240.2000; and the repealer, paragraph
17.12	(a), expire January 30, 2026. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules
17.13	as they read before those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended

by permanent rule. Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0600, 6240.0630, 6240.0640, and 6240.0950,

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expire January 30, 2026.