

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6240

LIGHT GOOSE POPULATION CONTROL

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to Light Goose Population Control.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Light Goose Population Control**

1.3 **6240.0600 SPECIAL LICENSES FOR LIGHT GOOSE POPULATION CONTROL.**

1.4 Subpart 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this part, "light goose" means a lesser snow
1.5 goose, including a blue-phase lesser snow goose (*Anser c. caerulescens*), or a Ross's goose
1.6 (*Anser rossii*).

1.7 Subp. 2. **License required.** A person may not take a light goose during the period
1.8 prescribed in subpart 3 except under a valid license and in full compliance with this part
1.9 and the conditions in the license. Residents and nonresidents may apply for licenses. No
1.10 other hunting license or stamps are required. A license holder must have a license in
1.11 possession at all times when taking or transporting light geese taken under this part and
1.12 must retain the license for as long as the license holder possesses light geese taken under
1.13 this part.

1.14 Subp. 3. **Open harvest period.** Light geese may be taken from February 18 to April
1.15 30 with licenses issued under this part. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to
1.16 one-half hour after sunset.

1.17 Subp. 4. **Bag limits.** No daily or bag limits apply to taking light geese under this part.

1.18 Subp. 5. **Game refuges and waterfowl refuges.** All state refuges that are closed to
1.19 migratory waterfowl hunting are closed to taking light geese under this part. All waterfowl
1.20 refuges that are closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall
1.21 waterfowl seasons are closed to taking light geese under this part. All controlled hunting
1.22 stations in the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties, are closed
1.23 to taking light geese under this part.

2.1 Subp. 6. **License conditions; applicability of other laws and rules.**

2.2 A. A license issued under this part is effective on the date issued or on February
2.3 18, whichever occurs later. A license expires on April 30 of the year of issuance.

2.4 B. Except as provided in subparts 2 to 5, all applicable state statutes and federal
2.5 law for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under this part. All applicable
2.6 state rules for taking migratory waterfowl apply to taking light geese under this part, unless
2.7 inconsistent with or otherwise provided in this part.

2.8 C. By July 1, licensees must submit records of their light goose harvest to the
2.9 Department of Natural Resources on forms provided by the commissioner.

2.10 Subp. 7. **License application.** Application for a license under this part must be made
2.11 using the application processes established by the commissioner under Minnesota Statutes,
2.12 section 84.027, subdivision 15.

2.13 Subp. 8. **Penalties.** A violation of this part or the conditions of any license issued
2.14 under this part results in revocation of the license, and any other penalty provided by state
2.15 or federal law applies.

2.16 Subp. 9. **License eligibility.** To be eligible for a light goose license, a person must
2.17 not have any small-game hunting privileges revoked within one year before purchasing a
2.18 light goose license.

2.19 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6240.0600, published in the State Register, volume
2.20 50, page 5, July 7, 2025, is repealed.