

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Fish and Wildlife Division

**NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF RULES PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING
TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

Amendments to Rules related to Bait Restrictions, Minnesota Rules, parts 6262.0576 and 6262.0577; Revisor's ID Number R-4911; OAH docket number 8-9027-40926

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 2, this Notice is being sent to all persons who have registered their name with the agency under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.14, subdivision 1a. This notice is also posted on the website of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-cited rules proposed for adoption will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings on the date of this notice, June 30, 2025. A copy of the rule modification is enclosed with this notice.

All interested persons have five business days after the date of this notice to submit comments to the Office of Administrative Hearings via its e-comments website at <https://minnesotaaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions> or 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620.

Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, chapter 6, article 2, sections 6,7, and 73, amended Minnesota Statutes, sections 17.4982, subdivisions 21a and 21b and 97C.342, subdivision 2 to:

- a. Define VHS-susceptible species as aquatic species that are hosts for viral hemorrhagic septicemia, according to the Fish Health Blue Book or the book's successor, and that can survive in the Great Lakes region.
- b. Allow establishment of viral hemorrhagic septicemia-free zones in the state to be used for certification of water bodies.

The Department is using the good cause exemption process under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1(3) to adopt rule amendments to conform Minnesota Rules, parts 6262.0576 and 6262.0577 to the specific changes made in Minnesota Statutes, sections 97A.432, subdivision 2 and 17.4982, subdivisions 21a, and 21b, without further interpretation of law.

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For special accommodation, you may contact agency contact person named above. Questions concerning the rules should be directed to the agency contact person.

June 30, 2025

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