

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Proposed Expedited Game and Fish Rules: Waters with Restrictions on Taking Fish**

1.3 **6262.0575 WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.**

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

1.5 Subp. 2. **Inland waters of Mississippi River pool 3.** ~~All walleye in possession~~ While
1.6 on or fishing in the following waters ~~must be 15 inches in length or greater. The possession~~
1.7 ~~limit for walleye and sauger in aggregate is six. Taking walleye and sauger in the following~~
1.8 ~~waters is limited to the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend~~
1.9 ~~to the third Sunday in February, the limits and seasons in items A to J apply.~~

1.10 A. The walleye and sauger daily and possession limit is four in aggregate. All
1.11 walleye must be 15 inches or greater in length. Only one walleye or sauger may be 20 inches
1.12 or greater in length.

1.13 B. The largemouth and smallmouth bass daily and possession limit is five in
1.14 aggregate, and all must be 14 inches or greater in length.

1.15 C. The northern pike daily and possession limit is three, and only one may be 30
1.16 inches or greater in length.

1.17 D. The white and yellow bass daily and possession limit is ten.

1.18 E. The sunfish daily and possession limit is 15.

1.19 F. The yellow perch daily and possession limit is 15.

1.20 G. The crappie daily and possession limit is 15.

1.21 H. The channel catfish and flathead catfish daily and possession limit is ten in
1.22 aggregate, and only one may be 30 inches or greater in length.

1.23 I. The muskellunge daily and possession limit is one, and all muskellunge must
1.24 be 50 inches or greater in length.

J. The muskellunge season is from the Saturday nearest Memorial Day through November 30. The flathead catfish season is April 1 through November 30. Seasons for channel catfish, walleye, sauger, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white bass, yellow bass, sunfish, crappie, and yellow perch is continuous.

Name	Location	County
Inland waters of Mississippi River pool 3	from the railroad tracks on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border upstream to the dam at Hastings, Minnesota	Dakota, Washington

Subp. 3. [See repealer.]

[For text of subparts 4 to 11, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 12. **Rochester Area Lakes regulations.**

A. The Rochester Area Lakes are the ~~five~~ ten waters listed in item C. Daily and possession limits provided in item B apply to the ~~five~~ ten waters listed in item C as a whole.

[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]

C. The Rochester Area Lakes are all in Olmsted County and include the following waters:

Name	Location	County
Gamehaven (Willow Reservoir No. 4)	T.106, R.13,14, S.25,30,31,36	Olmsted
Cascade Ponds	T.107, R.14, S.33,34	Olmsted
Manor Woods Pond	T.107, R.14, S.33	Olmsted
Silver Lake	T.107, R.14, S.25,26,35,36	Olmsted
Silver Creek Reservoir No. 2	T.107, R.13, S.26,27	Olmsted

(1) Bear Creek Reservoir T. 106, R. 12, S. 7, 18;

(2) Cascade Lake T. 107, R. 14, S. 33, 34;

(3) Foster-Arend Lake T. 107, R. 14, S. 14, 23;

(4) Gamehaven (Willow Reservoir # 4) T. 106, R. 13, S. 30, 31; T. 106, R. 14, S. 26, 36;

(5) Kalmar Reservoir T. 107, R. 15, S. 24, 25;

(6) Manor Woods Pond T. 107, R. 14, S. 33;

(7) Quarry Hill Nature Center Pond T. 107, R. 13, S. 31;

(8) Silver Creek Reservoir #2 T. 107, R. 13, S. 26, 27;

(9) Silver Lake T. 107, R. 14, S. 26, 35, 36; and

(10) Willow Creek Reservoir T. 106, R. 14, S. 34.

[For text of subpart 13, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 14. **La Salle Lake.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for black crappie is five, for sunfish is five, for yellow perch is ten, ~~and for walleye is two, and for northern pike is one.~~ Angling for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass is limited to catch and release only, whereby any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release angling for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass is legal during the open season for these species in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass while on or angling in the following waters. ~~While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, fishing for northern pike is limited to catch and release only, whereby any northern pike caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release fishing for northern pike is legal during the open season for this species in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any northern pike while on or fishing in the following waters.~~

4.1 Name Location County
4.2 La Salle T.145, R.35, S.30,31,32 Hubbard
4.3 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6262.0575, subpart 3, is repealed.

4.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to Minnesota Rules, part 6262.0575, subparts 2
4.5 and 12, and the repealer are effective March 1, 2026.