

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Proposed Expedited Game and Fish Rule: Fishing in Inland Waters**

1.3 **6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.**

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

1.9 Species and Open Season Daily and Possession Limits

1.10 A. Largemouth and 6 in aggregate.  
1.11 smallmouth bass.

1.12 (1) In all waters lying east and  
1.13 north of U.S. Highway 53  
1.14 from Duluth to International  
1.15 Falls and Pelican and Ash  
1.16 Lakes, St. Louis County.

1.17 Saturday two weeks ~~prior to~~  
1.18 before the Saturday of  
1.19 Memorial Day weekend ~~to~~  
1.20 through 11:59 p.m. the last  
1.21 Sunday in February.

1.22 (2) In all other waters.

1.23 From the Saturday two  
1.24 weeks ~~prior to~~ before the  
1.25 Saturday of Memorial Day  
1.26 weekend ~~to~~ through 11:59  
1.27 p.m. the ~~Saturday of~~ Friday  
1.28 before Memorial Day  
1.29 ~~weekend~~, angling for bass  
1.30 is limited to catch and  
1.31 release only. Any bass must  
1.32 be immediately returned to  
1.33 the water. It is unlawful for  
1.34 anyone to have in  
1.35 possession, regardless of

2.1 where taken, any bass while  
 2.2 on or fishing in these  
 2.3 waters. The Saturday of  
 2.4 Memorial Day weekend ~~to~~  
 2.5 through 11:59 p.m. the last  
 2.6 Sunday in February is the  
 2.7 harvest season.

2.8 From the second Monday in  
 2.9 September ~~to~~ through the  
 2.10 end of the season, angling  
 2.11 for smallmouth bass is  
 2.12 limited to catch and release  
 2.13 only. Any smallmouth bass  
 2.14 must be immediately  
 2.15 returned to the water and it  
 2.16 is unlawful for anyone to  
 2.17 have in possession,  
 2.18 regardless of where taken,  
 2.19 any smallmouth bass while  
 2.20 on or fishing in these  
 2.21 waters.

2.22 B. Brook, brown, and rainbow  
 2.23 trout and splake.

2.24 Except as provided in part  
 2.25 6264.0400, subparts 35, 36,  
 2.26 37, and 117, the following  
 2.27 restrictions apply.

2.28 (1) In all streams in Houston,  
 2.29 Fillmore, Mower, Dodge,  
 2.30 Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha,  
 2.31 Dakota, and Goodhue  
 2.32 Counties.

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 2.34 January 1 ~~to~~ through 11:59  
 2.35 p.m. October 15.

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5 in aggregate ~~with rainbow and brook trout and splake~~ from the second Saturday in April through 11:59 p.m. September 14. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. Angling for trout is limited to catch and release only from January 1 up to but not including the second Saturday nearest in April 15 and from September 15 ~~to~~ through 11:59 p.m. October 15. During these time

3.1 periods, all trout must be  
 3.2 immediately returned to the  
 3.3 water. It is unlawful for  
 3.4 anyone to have in  
 3.5 possession, regardless of  
 3.6 where taken, any trout while  
 3.7 on or fishing in these waters.  
 3.8 All legal methods of taking  
 3.9 trout are allowed.

3.10 (2) In all other streams, except  
 3.11 those in part 6262.0300,  
 3.12 subpart 6, item C, for St.  
 3.13 Louis, Lake, Carlton, and  
 3.14 Cook Counties.

5 in aggregate ~~with rainbow  
 and brook trout and splake.~~  
 No more than 1 may be over  
 16 inches in length.

3.15 Second Saturday nearest in  
 3.16 April 15 to through 11:59  
 3.17 p.m. September 30.

3.18 (3) In lakes only:

5 in aggregate ~~with rainbow  
 and brook trout and splake.~~  
 No more than 3 may be over  
 16 inches in length.

3.22 (a) Statewide.

3.23 Saturday two weeks prior to  
 3.24 before Saturday of  
 3.25 Memorial Day weekend to  
 3.26 through 11:59 p.m. October  
 3.27 31.

3.28 (b) All lakes entirely within the  
 3.29 Boundary Waters Canoe  
 3.30 Area Wilderness.

3.31 January 1, except when  
 3.32 January 1 falls on a  
 3.33 Sunday, Monday, or  
 3.34 Tuesday, then opening  
 3.35 day is the preceding  
 3.36 Saturday (Saturday  
 3.37 nearest January 1), ~~to~~  
 3.38 through 11:59 p.m.  
 3.39 March 31.

4.1 (c) All lakes entirely or partly  
 4.2 outside the Boundary  
 4.3 Waters Canoe Area  
 4.4 Wilderness.

4.5 Saturday nearest January  
 4.6 15 ~~to~~ through 11:59 p.m.  
 4.7 March 31.

4.8 (d) Little Andrus (Snowshoe)  
 4.9 Lake, Cass County; Allen  
 4.10 and Pleasant Lakes, Crow  
 4.11 Wing County; and Bad  
 4.12 Medicine Lake, Becker  
 4.13 County, are closed for the  
 4.14 winter season.

4.15 ~~C. Brook trout and splake.~~  
 4.16 ~~Except as provided in part~~  
 4.17 ~~6264.0400, subparts 35, 36,~~  
 4.18 ~~37, and 117, the following~~  
 4.19 ~~restrictions apply.~~

4.20 ~~(1) In all streams in Houston,~~  
 4.21 ~~Fillmore, Mower, Dodge,~~  
 4.22 ~~Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha,~~  
 4.23 ~~and Goodhue Counties.~~  
 4.24 ~~January 1 to October 15.~~

5 in aggregate with rainbow  
 and brown trout and splake.  
 No more than 1 may be over  
 16 inches in length. Angling  
 for trout is limited to catch  
 and release only from  
 January 1 up to but not  
 including the Saturday  
 nearest April 15 and from  
 September 15 to October 15.  
 During these time periods,  
 all trout must be immediately  
 returned to the water. It is  
 unlawful for anyone to have  
 in possession, regardless of  
 where taken, any trout while  
 on or fishing in these waters.  
 All legal methods of taking  
 trout are allowed.

5.1 ~~(2) In all other streams, except~~  
 5.2 ~~those in part 6262.0300,~~  
 5.3 ~~subpart 6, item B, for St.~~  
 5.4 ~~Louis, Lake, Carlton, and~~  
 5.5 ~~Cook Counties.~~  
 5.6 ~~Saturday nearest April 15 to~~  
 5.7 ~~September 30.~~

~~5 in aggregate with brown  
 and rainbow trout. No more  
 than 1 may be over 16 inches  
 in length.~~

5.8 ~~(3) In lakes only:~~

~~5 in aggregate with brown  
 and rainbow trout. No more  
 than 3 may be over 16 inches  
 in length.~~

5.12 ~~(a) Statewide:~~

5.13 ~~Saturday two weeks prior~~  
 5.14 ~~to Saturday of Memorial~~  
 5.15 ~~Day weekend to October~~  
 5.16 ~~31.~~

5.17 ~~(b) All lakes entirely within the~~  
 5.18 ~~Boundary Waters Canoe~~  
 5.19 ~~Area Wilderness:~~

5.20 ~~January 1, except when~~  
 5.21 ~~January 1 falls on a~~  
 5.22 ~~Sunday, Monday, or~~  
 5.23 ~~Tuesday, then opening~~  
 5.24 ~~day is the preceding~~  
 5.25 ~~Saturday (Saturday~~  
 5.26 ~~nearest January 1), to~~  
 5.27 ~~March 31.~~

5.28 ~~(c) All lakes entirely or partly~~  
 5.29 ~~outside the Boundary~~  
 5.30 ~~Waters Canoe Area~~  
 5.31 ~~Wilderness:~~

5.32 ~~Saturday nearest January~~  
 5.33 ~~15 to March 31.~~

5.34 ~~(d) Little Andrus (Snowshoe)~~  
 5.35 ~~Lake, Cass County; Allen~~  
 5.36 ~~and Pleasant Lakes, Crow~~  
 5.37 ~~Wing County; and Bad~~  
 5.38 ~~Medicine Lake, Becker~~

6.1 County, are closed for the  
6.2 winter season.

6.3 D. Rainbow trout, including  
6.4 steelhead.

6.5 Except as provided in part  
6.6 6264.0400, subparts 35, 36,  
6.7 37, and 117, the following  
6.8 restrictions apply.

6.9 (1) In all streams in Houston,  
6.10 Fillmore, Mower, Dodge,  
6.11 Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha,  
6.12 and Goodhue Counties.  
6.13 January 1 to October 15.

5 in aggregate with brown  
and brook trout and splake.  
No more than 1 may be over  
16 inches in length. Angling  
for trout is limited to catch  
and release only from  
January 1 up to but not  
including the Saturday  
nearest April 15 and from  
September 15 to October 15.  
During these time periods,  
all trout must be immediately  
returned to the water. It is  
unlawful for anyone to have  
in possession, regardless of  
where taken, any trout while  
on or fishing in these waters.  
All legal methods of taking  
trout are allowed.

6.28 (2) In all other streams, except  
6.29 those in part 6262.0300,  
6.30 subpart 6, item A, for St.  
6.31 Louis, Lake, Carlton, and  
6.32 Cook Counties.  
6.33 Saturday nearest April 15 to  
6.34 September 30.

5 in aggregate with brook  
and brown trout and splake.  
No more than 1 may be over  
16 inches in length.

6.35 (3) In lakes only:

6.36 5 in aggregate with brook  
6.37 and brown trout and splake.  
6.38 No more than 3 may be over  
16 inches in length.

6.39 (a) Statewide.

7.1 ~~Saturday two weeks prior~~  
 7.2 ~~to Saturday of Memorial~~  
 7.3 ~~Day weekend to October~~  
 7.4 ~~31.~~

7.5 ~~(b) All lakes entirely within the~~  
 7.6 ~~Boundary Waters Canoe~~  
 7.7 ~~Area Wilderness.~~

7.8 ~~January 1, except when~~  
 7.9 ~~January 1 falls on a~~  
 7.10 ~~Sunday, Monday, or~~  
 7.11 ~~Tuesday, then opening~~  
 7.12 ~~day is the preceding~~  
 7.13 ~~Saturday (Saturday~~  
 7.14 ~~nearest January 1), to~~  
 7.15 ~~March 31.~~

7.16 ~~(e) All lakes entirely or partly~~  
 7.17 ~~outside the Boundary~~  
 7.18 ~~Waters Canoe Area~~  
 7.19 ~~Wilderness.~~

7.20 ~~Saturday nearest January~~  
 7.21 ~~15 to March 31.~~

7.22 ~~(d) Little Andrus (Snowshoe)~~  
 7.23 ~~Lake, Cass County; Allen~~  
 7.24 ~~and Pleasant Lakes, Crow~~  
 7.25 ~~Wing County; and Bad~~  
 7.26 ~~Medicine Lake, Becker~~  
 7.27 ~~County, are closed for the~~  
 7.28 ~~winter season.~~

7.29 ~~E.~~ Lake trout.

7.30 C.

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7.31 (1) Statewide.

7.32 ~~Saturday two weeks prior~~  
 7.33 ~~to Saturday of Memorial~~  
 7.34 ~~Day weekend to through~~  
 7.35 ~~11:59 p.m. September 30.~~

7.36 (2) All lakes entirely within the  
 7.37 Boundary Waters Canoe  
 7.38 Area Wilderness.

8.1 January 1, except when  
 8.2 January 1 falls on a  
 8.3 Sunday, Monday, or  
 8.4 Tuesday, then opening  
 8.5 day is the preceding  
 8.6 Saturday (Saturday  
 8.7 nearest January 1), ~~to~~  
 8.8 through 11:59 p.m.  
 8.9 March 31.

8.10 (3) All lakes lying entirely or  
 8.11 partly outside the Boundary  
 8.12 Waters Canoe Area  
 8.13 Wilderness.

8.14 Saturday nearest January  
 8.15 15 ~~to~~ through 11:59 p.m.  
 8.16 March 31.

8.17 ~~F.~~ Walleye and sauger. 6 in aggregate.

8.18 D.  
 8.19 Saturday two weeks ~~prior to~~  
 8.20 before the Saturday of  
 8.21 Memorial Day weekend ~~to~~  
 8.22 through 11:59 p.m. the last  
 8.23 Sunday in February.

8.24 ~~G.~~ Northern pike.

8.25 E.  
 8.26 Saturday two weeks ~~prior to~~  
 8.27 before the Saturday of  
 8.28 Memorial Day weekend ~~to~~  
 8.29 through 11:59 p.m. the last  
 8.30 Sunday in February.

8.31 The restrictions in this item  
 8.32 do not apply to boundary  
 8.33 waters, which are regulated  
 8.34 under parts 6266.0100 to  
 8.35 6266.0700.

8.36 (1) Northeastern management 2  
 8.37 zone.



9.1 The northeastern  
 9.2 management zone includes  
 9.3 all inland waters lying east  
 9.4 and north of U.S. Highway  
 9.5 53 from International Falls  
 9.6 to Duluth.

When taking northern pike  
 by angling, only 1 over 40  
 inches in length may be in  
 possession; all northern pike  
 from 30 to 40 inches in  
 length must be immediately  
 returned to the water.

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When taking northern pike  
 by dark house spearing, only  
 1 over 26 inches in length  
 may be in possession.

9.12 (2) North-central management  
 9.13 zone.

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9.14 The north-central  
 9.15 management zone includes  
 9.16 all inland waters lying west  
 9.17 ~~and south~~ of U.S. Highway  
 9.18 53 from the Canadian  
 9.19 border at International Falls  
 9.20 to Duluth and north of a line  
 9.21 described as follows: ~~from~~  
 9.22 beginning at the South  
 9.23 Dakota border, along U.S.  
 9.24 Highway 12 to State  
 9.25 Highway 7, thence south  
 9.26 along State Highway 7 to  
 9.27 State Highway 22, thence  
 9.28 south on State Highway 22  
 9.29 to U.S. Highway 212,  
 9.30 thence east on U.S.  
 9.31 Highway 212 to State  
 9.32 Highway 41, thence south  
 9.33 on State Highway 41 to ~~the~~  
 9.34 ~~near or north bank of the~~  
 9.35 ~~Minnesota River, thence~~  
 9.36 ~~along the near banks of the~~  
 9.37 ~~Minnesota and Mississippi~~  
 9.38 ~~Rivers~~ Hennepin County  
 9.39 Road 61, thence east on  
 9.40 Hennepin County Road 61  
 9.41 to Hennepin County Road  
 9.42 1, thence east on Hennepin

When taking northern pike  
 by angling, only 2 over 26  
 inches in length may be in  
 possession; all northern pike  
 from 22 to 26 inches must be  
 immediately returned to the  
 water.

When taking northern pike  
 by dark house spearing,  
 either:  
 (a) only 2 over 26 inches in  
 length and none from 22 to  
 26 inches in length may be  
 in possession; or  
 (b) only 1 from 22 to 26  
 inches in length and 1 over  
 26 inches in length may be  
 in possession.

10.1 County Road 1 to State  
 10.2 Highway 5, thence east on  
 10.3 State Highway 5 to U.S.  
 10.4 Highway 10, thence south  
 10.5 on U.S. Highway 10 to the  
 10.6 Wisconsin border.

10.7 The north-central  
 10.8 management zone does not  
 10.9 include waters of the  
 10.10 Minnesota or Mississippi  
 10.11 Rivers where those waters  
 10.12 create the southern  
 10.13 boundary of the zone.

10.14 (3) Southern management zone.

10.15 The southern management  
 10.16 zone includes all inland  
 10.17 waters lying south of a line  
 10.18 described as follows: ~~from~~  
 10.19 beginning at the South  
 10.20 Dakota border, along U.S.  
 10.21 High 12 to State Highway  
 10.22 7, thence south along State  
 10.23 Highway 7 to State  
 10.24 Highway 22, thence south  
 10.25 on State Highway 22 to U.S.  
 10.26 Highway 212, thence east  
 10.27 on U.S. Highway 212 to  
 10.28 State Highway 41, thence  
 10.29 south on State Highway 41  
 10.30 to and including the waters  
 10.31 of the Minnesota River,  
 10.32 thence along the Minnesota  
 10.33 River to and including the  
 10.34 waters of the Mississippi  
 10.35 River, Hennepin County  
 10.36 Road 61, thence east on  
 10.37 Hennepin County Road 61  
 10.38 to Hennepin County Road  
 10.39 1, thence east on Hennepin  
 10.40 County Road 1 to State  
 10.41 Highway 5, thence east on

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The minimum size is 24  
 inches in length, and  
 includes northern pike taken  
 by angling or dark house  
 spearing.

11.1 Highway 5 to U.S. Highway  
 11.2 10, thence south on U.S.  
 11.3 Highway 10 to the  
 11.4 Wisconsin border.

11.5 (4) Certain experimental and  
 11.6 special management waters.

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11.7 This subitem applies to  
 11.8 waters regulated under parts  
 11.9 6264.0300, subparts 74 and  
 11.10 76; and 6264.0400, subparts  
 11.11 19, 25, 54, 59, 71, 72, 73,  
 11.12 74, 76, 77, 79, 80, 94, 98,  
 11.13 and 102.

11.14 ~~H.~~ Muskellunge (~~including~~  
 11.15 ~~F.~~ ~~muskellunge-northern pike~~  
 11.16 ~~hybrid~~).

1 in aggregate. The  
 minimum size limit is 54  
 inches in length.

11.17 ~~The first Saturday in June to~~  
 11.18 ~~December 1 through 11:59~~  
 11.19 ~~p.m. November 30.~~

11.20 ~~(1) In all inland waters not~~  
 11.21 ~~listed in subitem (2).~~

11.22 G. Tiger muskellunge (northern  
 11.23 pike-muskellunge hybrid).

1 in aggregate. The  
 minimum size limit is 40  
 inches in length.

11.24 First Saturday in June  
 11.25 through 11:59 p.m.  
 11.26 November 30.  
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11.28 ~~(2) In the following lakes in~~  
 11.29 ~~Carver, Dakota, Hennepin,~~  
 11.30 ~~Ramsey, Scott, and~~  
 11.31 ~~Washington Counties:~~

11.32 ~~Lake:~~

~~County:~~

11.33 ~~Bryant~~

~~Hennepin~~

11.34 ~~Bush~~

~~Hennepin~~

11.35 ~~Calhoun~~

~~Hennepin~~

11.36 ~~Cedar~~

~~Hennepin~~

12.1		Cedar	Scott
12.2		Clear	<del>Washington</del>
12.3		Crystal	Dakota
12.4		Crystal	Hennepin
12.5		Eagle	Carver
12.6		Elmo	<del>Washington</del>
12.7		Gervais	Ramsey
12.8		Island	Ramsey
12.9		Isles	Hennepin
12.10		Johanna	Ramsey
12.11		Nokomis	Hennepin
12.12		Orchard	Dakota
12.13		Phalen	Ramsey
12.14		Pierson	Carver
12.15		Silver	Ramsey
12.16		<del>Wasserman</del>	Carver
12.17		<del>Weaver</del>	Hennepin
12.18	<del>I.</del>	Rock bass.	30
12.19	<u>H.</u>		
12.20		Continuous.	
12.21	<del>J.</del>	White ( <del>striped</del> ) <u>and yellow</u>	30 <u>in aggregate.</u>
12.22	<u>I.</u>	bass.	
12.23		Continuous.	
12.24	<del>K.</del>	Crappies.	10
12.25	<u>J.</u>		
12.26		Continuous.	
12.27	<del>L.</del>	Sunfish, as defined in	20
12.28	<u>K.</u>	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section</u>	
12.29		<u>97A.015, subdivision 46.</u>	

- 13.1 Continuous.
- 13.2 ~~M.~~ Flathead and channel  
13.3 L. catfish. 5 in aggregate. No more than  
13.4 ~~no more than 2 may be~~  
13.5 ~~Continuous, except for~~ flathead catfish. 2. Only one  
13.6 ~~flathead catfish, the season~~ over 24 inches may be in  
13.7 ~~is closed from December 1~~ possession.  
13.8 ~~to March 31. April 1~~  
13.9 ~~through 11:59 p.m.~~  
13.10 November 30.
- 13.11 M. Channel catfish.  
13.12 5. Only one over 24 inches  
13.13 Continuous. may be in possession.
- 13.14 N. Perch. 100 to November 30, 2000.  
13.15 Continuous. 20 daily, 50 in possession,  
13.16 December 1, 2000, to  
13.17 November 30, 2001.  
13.18 20 daily; 40 in possession,  
13.19 December 1, 2001, and  
13.20 thereafter.
- 13.21 O. Bullheads. 100  
13.22 Continuous.
- 13.23 P. Lake and shovelnose 0  
13.24 sturgeon.  
13.25 June 16 to through 11:59  
13.26 p.m. April 14 for catch and  
13.27 release only. Closed April  
13.28 15 to through 11:59 p.m.  
13.29 June 15. When the closing  
13.30 date of a season falls on a  
13.31 Saturday, the season does  
13.32 not extend through the  
13.33 following Sunday.
- 13.34 Q. Carp, bowfin, redhorse, No limits.  
13.35 sheepshead, suckers, burbot,

14.1 ~~gar, whitefish, goldeyes,~~  
 14.2 ~~tullibees, buffalo, smelt.~~

14.3 Continuous.

14.4 R. American eel. 0

14.5 Continuous catch and  
 14.6 release only.

14.7 S. Burbot. 4

14.8 Continuous.

14.9 T. Whitefish. 15. No more than 15 greater  
 14.10 than 7 inches may be in  
 14.11 possession.

14.12 U. Cisco. 15. No more than 15 greater  
 14.13 than 7 inches may be in  
 14.14 possession.

14.15 V. Paddlefish. 0

14.16 No open season. Paddlefish  
 14.17 are a state threatened  
 14.18 species and may not be  
 14.19 targeted, taken, bought,  
 14.20 sold, or possessed. An  
 14.21 incidentally caught  
 14.22 paddlefish must be  
 14.23 immediately returned to the  
 14.24 water.

14.25 W. Longnose and shortnose gar. 10 in aggregate.

14.26 Continuous.

14.27 [For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

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## Administrative Rules



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