

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Proposed Expedited Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Native Rough Fish Management**

1.3 **6115.0231 SPECIFIC STANDARDS; BRIDGES, CULVERTS, INTAKES, AND**  
1.4 **OUTFALLS.**

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

1.6       **Subp. 2. Bridges, culverts, and other crossings.** The construction, reconstruction,  
1.7       or relocation of all bridges, culverts, or other crossings over public waters shall be approved  
1.8       if all of the following criteria are met:

1.9       *[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.10       C. the structure provides for game fish or native rough fish movement, unless the  
1.11       structure is intended to impede ~~rough fish~~ carp movement or the stream has negligible  
1.12       fisheries value;

1.13       *[For text of items D to F, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.14       *[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.15 **6133.0090 MINNOWS.**

1.16       The restitution values for minnows are as follows:

1.17       *[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.18       C. catostomidae (12 inches or less), 50 cents a pound;

1.19       *[For text of items D to H, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.20 **6259.0100 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING CRAYFISH.**

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

1.22       **Subp. 2. Gear and marking requirements.** The following provisions in this subpart  
1.23       apply to gear and marking requirements on the taking of crayfish:

2.1           A. Crayfish may be harvested with gear allowed for native rough fish and minnows  
2.2        in addition to gear specified in this part. Crayfish traps or harvesting devices must be  
2.3        identified in a permanent and legible manner with a plastic or metal tag not smaller than  
2.4        one inch by three inches bearing the user's name and address.

2.5           *[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]*

2.6           D. Common carp and native rough fish parts may be used within a crayfish trap  
2.7        as bait.

## 2.8   **6260.1500 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON NAMAKAN AND SAND POINT LAKES.**

2.9           Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.**

2.10           A. Whitefish and native rough fish, except for bowfin, may be taken by licensed  
2.11        commercial operators in Namakan Lake and Sand Point Lake only from January 1 through  
2.12        March 15 and from May 16 through December 31.

2.13           B. The minimum size limit for whitefish taken by commercial fishing operations  
2.14        is 18 inches total length.

2.15           *[For text of subparts 2 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 2.16   **6260.1600 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON RAINY LAKE.**

2.17           Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** Whitefish and native rough fish, except for  
2.18        bowfin, may be taken by licensed commercial operators in Rainy Lake from June 1 through  
2.19        December 31 subject to the specified length limits. The minimum length for whitefish taken  
2.20        by commercial fishing operations is 18 inches.

2.21           *[For text of subparts 2 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 2.22   **6260.1800 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON LAKE SUPERIOR.**

2.23           Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** The species of fish in this subpart may be  
2.24        taken in Lake Superior by licensed commercial operators according to this subpart.

3.1           A. Chubs, alewives, smelt, and native rough fish may be taken at any time. Ciscoes  
3.2       may be taken from December 1 through October 31, except that ciscoes may be taken from  
3.3       November 1 through November 30 under a special permit approved by the commissioner.

3.4           *[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]*

3.5           *[For text of subparts 2 to 8, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 3.6       **6260.1900 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON INLAND MISSISSIPPI RIVER.**

3.7       Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** Common carp and native rough fish, except  
3.8       for bowfin, may be taken in the Mississippi River from the St. Croix River junction to St.  
3.9       Anthony Falls, including the following waters:

3.10           *[For text of items A to H, see Minnesota Rules]*

3.11           *[For text of subparts 2 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

## 3.12       **6260.2000 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON INLAND WATERS.**

3.13           *[For text of subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*

3.14       **Subp. 5. Use of crib nets.** Crib net design for inland waters is at the discretion of the  
3.15       operator, except that mesh size in cribs may not be larger than 2-3/4 inches, stretch measure  
3.16       for cribbing of bullheads and three inches stretch measure for cribbing of common carp and  
3.17       other native rough fish species, or be of twine size smaller than 18 gauge or 150 pound  
3.18       strength. Wooden cribs must be constructed so that the sides and bottoms have no openings  
3.19       larger than 1-1/4 inches for bullheads and 1-1/2 inches for common carp and other native  
3.20       rough fish species.

3.21           *[For text of subparts 6 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]*

4.1 **6262.0600 SEASONS AND METHODS FOR TAKING COMMON CARP AND**  
4.2 **NATIVE ROUGH FISH.**

4.3 Subpart 1. **Generally.** Common carp and native rough fish may be taken according  
4.4 to Minnesota Statutes, sections 97C.345, 97C.371, and 97C.375.

4.5 Subp. 1a. **Taking by harpooning or dip net.** Common carp and native rough fish  
4.6 may be taken as described in items A and B from May 1 through the Sunday before the  
4.7 third Monday in February between sunrise and sunset in all inland waters, except where the  
4.8 taking of fish is otherwise prohibited by law or rule.

4.9 A. Common carp and native rough fish may be taken by harpooning with a rubber  
4.10 powered gun, spring gun, or compressed air gun. Harpooning equipment may not be used  
4.11 within 1,000 feet of an established swimming beach. Harpooning equipment may be  
4.12 discharged only when both the equipment and operator are entirely beneath the surface of  
4.13 the water and may not be carried in a cocked position while out of the water.

4.14 B. Common carp and native rough fish may be taken by means of hand-held dip  
4.15 nets having a diameter not exceeding 24 inches.

4.16 Subp. 1b. **Taking by spear.** Common carp and native rough fish may be taken by  
4.17 hand-held spears in open water or through the ice. The season for taking common carp and  
4.18 native rough fish by hand-held spears is from the last Saturday in April up to but not including  
4.19 the third Monday in February. The season is closed from the third Monday in February to  
4.20 the Friday before the last Saturday in April. A person may possess a spear on or near waters  
4.21 between sunrise and sunset during the open season.

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

4.23 Subp. 1d. **Taking by archery.** Common carp and native rough fish may be taken by  
4.24 archery, provided that the arrows used have a barb and are tethered or controlled by an  
4.25 attached line. Use of crossbows is prohibited, except as provided under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.26 section 97B.106.

5.1 *[For text of subparts 2 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]*

5.2 **6262.0650 DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMIT OF NATIVE ROUGH FISH TAKEN**  
5.3 **BY SPEARING, HARPOONING, ARCHERY, AND DIP NETS.**

5.4 Daily and possession limits of native rough fish taken by spearing, harpooning, archery,  
5.5 and dip nets are: specified in part 6262.0200.

5.6 A. suckers, 50;

5.7 B. redhorse, 50;

5.8 C. bullheads, 100; and

5.9 D. other species, no limit.

5.10 **6262.0700 RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING COMMON CARP AND NATIVE**  
5.11 **ROUGH FISH.**

5.12 Except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.345, common carp and native  
5.13 rough fish may not be taken by spearing, harpooning, archery, or dip netting in any designated  
5.14 trout stream or lake, posted spawning area, or any water where spawning, trapping, or  
5.15 hatchery operations are being carried on.

5.16 **6262.0750 PROHIBITION ON RETURNING COMMON CARP AND NATIVE**  
5.17 **ROUGH FISH TO WATERS.**

5.18 Common carp and native rough fish taken by spearing, harpooning, or archery may  
5.19 not be returned to the water and. Common carp and native rough fish taken by dip netting  
5.20 or angling may be returned to the water. Common carp and native rough fish may not be  
5.21 left on the banks of any water of the state.