

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Proposed Expedited Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Lake Superior Fishing**  
1.3 **Regulations**

1.4 **6262.0300 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR AND TRIBUTARIES.**

1.5 *[For text of subparts 1 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.6 Subp. 6. **Lake Superior and tributaries open season, daily and possession**  
1.7 **limits.** Angling season and daily and possession limits for Lake Superior are as follows:

1.8	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
1.9 1.10	A. Rainbow trout, including steelhead		
1.11 1.12 1.13 1.14 1.15 1.16 1.17 1.18 1.19 1.20 1.21 1.22 1.23 1.24 1.25 1.26 1.27	Lake Superior and all streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Highway 23 bridge, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries.	Continuous	5 in aggregate with brown and brook trout and splake. No more than 3 may be clipped rainbow trout, including steelhead. The minimum size limit for clipped rainbow trout is 16 inches in length. Clipped rainbow trout have their adipose fin removed and must show a healed scar. No harvest of unclipped rainbow trout is allowed. All unclipped rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately, and it is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any unclipped rainbow trout while on or fishing in Lake Superior.
1.28 1.29 1.30 1.31 1.32 1.33 1.34	In all streams of the Lake Superior watershed in St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties above the posted boundaries and their tributaries.	<u>Second Saturday nearest of April 15 to through</u> September 30	No harvest of rainbow trout is allowed. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any rainbow trout while on or fishing in the listed waters.

1.35 B. Brook trout and splake

2.1 Lake Superior and all streams Second Saturday 5 in aggregate with brown and  
 2.2 and rivers from Lake Superior ~~nearest of April 15~~ rainbow trout. The aggregate limit  
 2.3 upstream to the posted ~~through Labor Day~~ for brook trout and splake is 1, and  
 2.4 boundaries, including the St. September 30 the minimum size limit is 20  
 2.5 Louis River upstream to the inches in length.  
 2.6 Highway 23 bridge, and Lake  
 2.7 Superior tributaries with no  
 2.8 posted boundaries.

2.9 In all streams of the Lake Second Saturday 5 in aggregate with brown trout.  
 2.10 Superior watershed in St. Louis, ~~nearest of April 15~~ No more than 1 may be over 16  
 2.11 Lake, Carlton, and Cook ~~to through~~ inches in length.  
 2.12 Counties above the posted September 30  
 2.13 boundaries and their tributaries.

2.14 C. Brown trout

2.15 Lake Superior and all streams Continuous 5 in aggregate with rainbow and  
 2.16 and rivers from Lake Superior brook trout and splake. No more  
 2.17 upstream to the posted than 1 may be over 16 inches, and  
 2.18 boundaries, including the St. the minimum size limit is 10  
 2.19 Louis River upstream to the inches in length.  
 2.20 Highway 23 bridge, and Lake  
 2.21 Superior tributaries with no  
 2.22 posted boundaries.

2.23 In all streams of the Lake Second Saturday 5 in aggregate with brook trout and  
 2.24 Superior watershed in St. Louis, ~~nearest of April 15~~ splake. No more than 1 may be  
 2.25 Lake, Carlton, and Cook ~~to through~~ over 16 inches in length.  
 2.26 Counties above the posted September 30  
 2.27 boundaries and their tributaries.

2.28 D. Lake trout

2.29 Lake Superior and all streams December 1 3  
 2.30 and rivers from Lake Superior through the first full  
 2.31 upstream to the posted weekend in October  
 2.32 boundaries, including the St.  
 2.33 Louis River upstream to the  
 2.34 Highway 23 bridge, and Lake  
 2.35 Superior tributaries with no  
 2.36 posted boundaries.

3.1 E. Chinook, coho, Atlantic, and Continuous 5 in aggregate. All must be at least  
 3.2 pink salmon 10 inches in length. ~~Only 1 may be~~  
 3.3 ~~an Atlantic salmon.~~

3.4 F. Smelt Continuous Smelt may be possessed without  
 3.5 limit and may be bought or sold at  
 3.6 any time.

3.7 G. Walleye  
 3.8 Lake Superior and all streams Saturday two weeks 2. All must be at least 15 inches in  
 3.9 and rivers from Lake Superior prior to Saturday of length.  
 3.10 upstream to the posted Memorial Day  
 3.11 boundaries, including the St. weekend through  
 3.12 Louis River upstream to the March 1  
 3.13 Highway 23 bridge, and Lake  
 3.14 Superior tributaries with no  
 3.15 posted boundaries.

3.16 H. Northern pike  
 3.17 Lake Superior and all streams Saturday two weeks 2  
 3.18 and rivers from Lake Superior prior to Saturday of  
 3.19 upstream to the posted Memorial Day  
 3.20 boundaries, including the St. weekend through  
 3.21 Louis River upstream to the March 1  
 3.22 Highway 23 bridge, and Lake  
 3.23 Superior tributaries with no  
 3.24 posted boundaries.

3.25 All other species may be taken as allowed by inland regulations, except that for the St.  
 3.26 Louis River downstream of the Minnesota Highway 23 bridge, part 6266.0500 applies.  
 3.27 ~~When the closing date of the season falls on a Saturday, the season extends to the following~~  
 3.28 ~~Sunday.~~

3.29 *[For text of subpart 7, see Minnesota Rules]*

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## Administrative Rules



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