

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Proposed Expedited Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Taking Fish on**
1.3 **Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Waters**

1.4 **6266.0500 TAKING FISH ON MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS.**

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

1.6 Subp. 2. **Definitions.** The terms used in parts 6266.0500 and 6266.0600 have the
1.7 ~~following~~ meanings given in this subpart.

1.8 *[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.9 B. "Game fish" ~~means all species and size categories not included as rough fish,~~
1.10 ~~minnows, and catfish taken by angling~~ has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes,
1.11 section 97A.015, subdivision 25.

1.12 *[For text of item C, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.13 D. ~~"Minnow" means:~~

1.14 (1) ~~members of the minnow family (Cyprinidae), except all species of carp~~
1.15 ~~and goldfish;~~

1.16 (2) ~~shad, mudminnows, willow cat, and all members of the sucker family~~
1.17 ~~(Catostomidae) not over 12 inches in length; and~~

1.18 (3) ~~bullheads, ciscoes, herring, whitefish, goldeyes, and mooneyes not over~~
1.19 ~~seven inches in length.~~

1.20 D. "Minnows" has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015,
1.21 subdivision 29.

1.22 E. "Rough fish" ~~means common carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead suckers,~~
1.23 ~~burbot, gar, buffalo, quillback, mooneyes, goldeyes, shad, eels, and bullheads. In addition,~~
1.24 ~~catfish 15 inches or over in length when taken under commercial license with commercial~~

2.1 ~~fishing gear downstream from the Taylors Falls Dam shall be considered rough fish~~ has the
 2.2 meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 43.

2.3 F. "Sunfish" has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015,
 2.4 subdivision 46.

2.5 Subp. 3. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters.** To
 2.6 the extent that chapter 6264 is inconsistent with this part, the provisions of chapter 6264
 2.7 apply. Lake sturgeon are designated under part 6264.0400, subpart 90. Except as provided
 2.8 in chapter 6264, the following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on
 2.9 Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters:

2.10 Species and Open Season Daily and Possession Limits

2.11 A. ~~Small and large mouth~~ Smallmouth and
 2.12 largemouth bass

2.13 [For text of subitems (1) to (4), see Minnesota Rules]

2.14 B. Walleye and sauger

2.15 (1) St. Louis River. Saturday two weeks 2 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit
 2.16 ~~prior to~~ before the Saturday of for walleye.
 2.17 Memorial Day weekend to March
 2.18 1.

2.19 [For text of subitem (2), see Minnesota Rules]

2.20 (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. ~~6 4~~ in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size
 2.21 Continuous. limit for walleye and only 1 walleye or
 2.22 sauger over 20 inches in length may be in
 2.23 possession.

2.24 (4) Mississippi River below Lock and 6 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit
 2.25 Dam 8 (Genoa, Wisconsin) to the for walleye. Only 1 walleye over 27 inches
 2.26 Iowa border. in length may be in possession. All walleye
 2.27 from 20 to 27 inches in length must be
 2.28 immediately returned to the water.

2.29 C. Northern pike 5, ~~except St. Louis River 2 northern pike.~~

- 3.1 (1) St. Louis River. The Saturday two 2
 3.2 weeks ~~prior to~~ before the Saturday
 3.3 of Memorial Day weekend through
 3.4 March 1.
- 3.5 (2) St. Croix River. Saturday nearest 5
 3.6 May 1 through March 1.
- 3.7 (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 3; only 1 northern pike over 30 inches in
 3.8 Continuous. length may be in possession.
- 3.9 D. Channel and flathead catfish 10 in aggregate
 3.10 Channel catfish. Continuous.
 3.11 Flathead catfish. April 1 to
 3.12 November 30.
- 3.13 (1) St. Louis River and St. Croix River. 10 in aggregate.
 3.14 (2) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 10 in aggregate; only 1 catfish over 30
 3.15 inches in length may be in possession.
- 3.16 E. Lake sturgeon
 3.17 ~~An angler must have a special fish~~
 3.18 ~~management tag to harvest lake~~
 3.19 ~~sturgeon.~~
- 3.20 *[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see Minnesota Rules]*
- 3.21 F. Shovelnose sturgeon
- 3.22 (1) All waters of the Mississippi River ~~40~~ 3
 3.23 below Red Wing Dam. Continuous.
- 3.24 *[For text of subitem (2), see Minnesota Rules]*
- 3.25 G. Crappie: 25
 3.26 Continuous.
- 3.27 (1) St. Louis River. 25
 3.28 (2) St. Croix River. 25
 3.29 (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 15
- 3.30 H. Rock bass. Continuous. 25
- 3.31 I. Sunfish and bluegill. 25

- 4.1 Continuous.
- 4.2 (1) St. Louis River. 25 in aggregate.
- 4.3 (2) St. Croix River. 25 in aggregate.
- 4.4 (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 15 in aggregate.
- 4.5 J. Yellow perch. 25
- 4.6 Continuous.
- 4.7 (1) St. Louis River. 25
- 4.8 (2) St. Croix River. 25
- 4.9 (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 15
- 4.10 K. Bullhead. Continuous. No limits
- 4.11 L. Paddlefish (~~spoonbill catfish~~). No open
- 4.12 season.
- 4.13 M. Rough fish. Continuous. No limits
- 4.14 N. Muskellunge. ~~Minimum size limit is 50 inches.~~ 1; 50-inch minimum size limit for
- 4.15 muskeggon. Saturday nearest Memorial Day muskeggon.
- 4.16 through November 30.
- 4.17 O. White (~~striped~~) and yellow bass. 25
- 4.18 Continuous.
- 4.19 (1) St. Louis River. 25 in aggregate.
- 4.20 (2) St. Croix River. 25 in aggregate.
- 4.21 (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 10 in aggregate.
- 4.22 P. All other species. Governed by inland regulations of state in
- 4.23 which taken.

4.24 [For text of subparts 4 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]