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**STATE PUBLIC WATER ACCESS MAP**

**CHISAGO AND ISANTI COUNTIES**

The DNR's Information Center is available to provide information about water recreation opportunities in Minnesota. The DNR provides forms and books for locating public boat accesses, lake maps, and boating regulations.

**Public Access Rules**
- Launch area must be kept clear and the following activities are allowed: fishing, boating, cleaning, and consuming alcoholic beverages. See Minnesota Rules, chapter 621B for complete rules.

**Boating in Minnesota**
- The annual Minnesota Boating Guide summarizes boating laws and regulations in an easy-to-read format. The guide supplies information about operating watercraft on the state's lakes. Special operator age restrictions apply to operators 17 years old and younger.
- Licensing: All motorized and non-motorized watercraft must be licensed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Please contact the DNR license bureau for information.

**Fishing in Minnesota**
- Fishing Regulations and Licensing: All persons 16 and older are required to have the appropriate license with them when fishing. Licenses are available through the DNR License Bureau, county Auditors and many stores that sell fishing supplies. For more fishing regulations or a map of Minnesota, you may call the DNR Information Center at (651) 296-6157 or 1-888-646-6677. To purchase a license by phone 24 hours a day, call 1-888-MN-LICENSE (665-4736).
- Selective Harvest Fishing: Improved technology and increased fishing have caused the quality of fishing to decline in many waters. Fishing for"Selective Harvest" offers anglers an opportunity to keep the larger, more desirable fish or those that are not wanted. When releasing fish back into the water to improve fishing quality, use one of these tips to use for effective Selective Harvest Fishing:
  - Use barbless hooks.
  - Play the fish quickly and handle the fish carefully.
  - Never hold the fish by the eyes.
  - Use a needle nose pliers to remove hooks or cut the line if it is too deep.
  - Never throw fish back into the water, do not throw it back.

**AIS Bait Laws**
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- DO NOT dump unwanted bait into water bodies or on the shoreline. Unwanted bait belongs in the trash or a designated baitwells, bait buckets, motor and ballast tanks.

**Safe Boating**
- Life Jackets: On all boats (except sailboats) regardless of length there must be a readily accessible Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket for each person on board. In addition, on boats 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, there must also be at least one Coast Guard approved throwable device, such as a ring buoy or seat cushion.

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**Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Laws and Requirements**
- The AIS laws and regulations in Minnesota are intended to protect water quality and control the spread of AIS in Minnesota waters. The DNR provides forms and books for locating public boat accesses, lake maps, and boating regulations.

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