



**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2021 PERMIT APPLICATION TO HARVEST MINNOWS IN INFESTED WATERS
(For waters with Zebra Mussel and Eurasian Watermilfoil (Leech) only)**

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following information (please print):

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| Full Name: | Business Name: |
| Address: | Telephone Number: |
| Private Hatchery or Minnow Dealer License #: | Email: |

In the box below, name the infested lakes and streams and county(ies) in which you would like to harvest minnows:

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| Lake or Stream Name | County(ies) |
| 1. Leech (11020300) | 1. Cass |

During the following dates:

| Season | Dates | Permitted harvest |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Spring Run | April 1, 2021 – May 22, 2021 | No harvest allowed during the summer season |
| Summer | May 23, 2021 – Oct 15, 2021 | |
| Fall/Winter | Oct. 16, 2021 – March 31, 2022 | |

Equipment and gear allowed for use when harvesting minnows and transporting minnows from infested waters:

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| Seines, Dip Nets, Graders, Buckets, & Pails |
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Have you taken invasive species training in the past year: Yes ___ No ___ (Check one)

Date: _____

Number of infested water tags needed _____

I verify by my signature that I have read, understand, and agree to follow the conditions listed on the back of this permit application.

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| Applicant Signature | License No. | Date |
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Permit Conditions

- 1) By signing this permit, you, the permittee, agree to comply with the conditions of this permit. Hereafter, “you” refers to the permittee or to any employee of the permittee authorized to work under this permit.
- 2) This permit is only valid in conjunction with a valid minnow dealer license.
- 3) If you violate any of the conditions of this permit, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may revoke this permit.
- 4) You or a designated helper listed on your license must be present, and must have a copy of this permit in possession, during the following activities :
 - traveling to and from the infested waters listed on this permit;
 - emptying, cleaning and checking equipment used in infested waters;
 - sorting bait harvested from infested waters; and
 - loading vehicles to transport equipment and bait from infested waters.

Harvesting in infested waters without a permit is a misdemeanor violation.

- 5) You must successfully complete invasive species training each year and have a certificate of completed training with you while working in or at listed infested waters. Training is available [online](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/commercial/mdeinvasivetraining.html) (www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/commercial/mdeinvasivetraining.html).

Removing plants and invasive species

- 6) You must remove all aquatic plants other than duckweed from gear and equipment before leaving the harvest site unless otherwise authorized under permit, license, or authorization form.
- 7) You must remove all prohibited invasive species (e.g. zebra mussels and faucet snails) from gear and equipment before leaving the harvest site unless otherwise authorized under permit or license. A list of prohibited invasive species is available [online](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/laws.html#prohibited) (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/laws.html#prohibited>).

Tagging gear used in infested waters

- 8) You must tag all gear and equipment used in infested waters, including waders, with tags matching the current permit and type(s) of infested water and issued for the current year by the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife. You must securely attach tags in the presence of an authorized DNR employee. Push the ends of the tag together until locked and check all tags to ensure that they are locked. You must attach tags by placing them so the tag may not be removed from the equipment except by cutting the tag. For example:

- on leech traps, insert the tag through a hole punched in the trap material;
- on box traps, attach the tag on the top side; and
- on seines, attach the tag between the first and second float on one end of the float line.

Transporting gear and equipment

- 9) You may only use gear and equipment marked with infested waters tags in the infested waters listed on the permit.
 - a. You may transport up to two different sets of gear and equipment for minnow harvest by vehicle at any given time. A “set” of gear and equipment is defined as either un-tagged gear and equipment intended for use in non-infested waters, or tagged gear and equipment marked for use in one type of listed infested waters. Different sets of gear and equipment must be secured and kept in physically separated areas at all times while being transported, stored on the vehicle during minnow harvest, and while being used for minnow harvest. See Table 1 for the ways that you can legally transport two types of gear. Only one set of gear or equipment may occupy each of these areas at any given time during transport or while minnows are being harvested.

Table 1: Approved locations for hauling two sets of gear at one time.

| | Location of one set of gear | Location of another set of gear |
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| Option 1 | inside vehicle/cab of truck or on truck bed | on utility trailer or trailered boat |
| Option 2 | inside vehicle/cab of truck | in truck bed (outside cab) |

- b. Before launching a boat when transporting more than one set of gear and equipment, you must manually remove any standing water from the truck bed, trailer, or boat using clean, dry towels. You must be at least 100 feet from a water body when moving gear and equipment between approved areas.
- c. You may not transport a set of gear and equipment marked for use in infested waters to within 100 feet of any waters other than waters specified in this permit.
- d. Exceptions. This requirement does not apply:
 - i. when operating a moving vehicle on a road;
 - ii. while delivering bait to retail locations adjacent to a waterbody; or
 - iii. when launching a boat as described above with a vehicle transporting up to two sets of gear and equipment at the same time.
 - iv. when using one untagged bucket labeled “tempering” with a permanent marker to take water from non-infested waters and kept physically separated from gear tagged for use in infested waters.

10) You may not boat or walk to infested waters through non-infested waters while transporting gear or equipment tagged for infested waters unless specifically authorized by another permit. You may not boat or walk to non-infested waters through infested waters while transporting untagged gear or equipment for non-infested waters.

Using and transporting water

- 11) You may not use water from infested waters to transport or hold live minnows, leeches, or other wild animals. For each harvest date, you must use fresh ground water or water from non-infested lakes or streams to transport minnows harvested from infested waters. You may temper water by obtaining water from a non-infested surface water site and transporting that water in an un-tagged bucket permanently marked “TEMPERING”.
- 12) You may not transfer water used to transport minnows harvested from infested waters into tanks at your facility, or into any rearing or holding ponds. Dispose of this water on the ground or on a permeable surface at least 300 feet from any natural waters, storm drains, or artificial ponds.
- 13) You must thoroughly spray and rinse the inside of all tanks used to haul minnows from infested waters with hot water \geq 120 degrees Fahrenheit before reuse at another water body.

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- 14) You must tag all gear and equipment with red and green numbered, infested water tags issued for the current year by the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife and you may only use tagged gear in Zebra Mussel and Eurasian Watermilfoil infested waters listed on the permit.
- 15) You may not harvest minnows from Leech Lake during the closed summer season from May 23 or a date determined by temperature threshold (see below), whichever is later, until October 15.
- 16) Closed date determined by temperature: when the water temperature on Leech Lake exceeds 55 degrees Fahrenheit on two consecutive water samples as determined by the DNR, the DNR will contact you to notify you that you must stop harvesting all bait harvest and must remove all gear and equipment from Leech Lake by sunset on the following day. You may contact Doug Schultz, Walker Area Fisheries Supervisor, at Doug.W.Schultz@state.mn.us or 218-547-1683 for an update on water temperatures.

- 17) Inspect all gear carefully to ensure that no plant fragments are attached to gear.
- 18) You must use a stiff-bristled brush to clean all mud and debris off the soles and foot portions of boots and waders used in zebra mussel infested waters prior to leaving the harvest site.
- 19) You may only use the following harvest gear and equipment in zebra mussel infested waters: seines, dip nets, graders, and buckets or pails. [Note: This is because zebra mussels can attach to solid surfaces left in the water.]
- 20) You may not remove infested water tags from gear and equipment tagged for use in waters infested with zebra mussels during the license year. After the license year, you may remove tags in the presence of an authorized DNR employee after he or she inspects gear and equipment for aquatic invasive species.
 - a. Exception: Infested water tags may be removed from non-felt soled waders tagged for use in zebra mussel infested waters in the presence of an authorized DNR employee after waders have been dried for ten days and after he or she inspects gear and equipment for aquatic invasive species. Tags may be removed from waders only once per license year, at least ten days after the closed summer season begins.
- 21) No one may take minnows for commercial purposes within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation without having obtained the prior permission of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in a manner and form the band requires (*Minnesota Rules*, part 6254.0800).

Application must be received by March 1, 2021 (MR. 6216.0400)

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