



**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2021 PERMIT APPLICATION TO HARVEST MINNOWS IN INFESTED WATERS
(For waters with Spiny Water Flea only)**

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following information (please print):

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:

Lake or Stream Name	County(ies)
Tributaries of Lake of the Woods (>500' upstream)*	Lake of the Woods & Roseau
Rainy River & Tributaries*	Koochiching & Lake of the Woods

* Portions of the tributaries that are designated as infested waters with spiny water flea only. LOW is not included due to Zebra Mussels.

During the following dates:

Season	Dates	Restrictions
Spring	April 10, 2021 – May 15, 2021	
Summer/ Early Fall	May 16, 2021 – October 31, 2021	Minnows harvested from spiny water flea infested waters listed on this permit may not be transported outside of the containment zone during this season by the permittee or person working under this permit. Containment zone: <u>Western boundary</u> – the western Roseau County line; <u>Southern boundary</u> – the southern county lines of Lake of the Woods (LOW) and Roseau counties and extending further east from LOW County to Hwy 13 in Koochiching County; <u>Eastern boundary</u> – Highway 13 north to Hwy 1, Hwy 1 east, Hwy 217 east to Ray, then north on Hwy 53 to International Falls/Canadian border; and <u>Northern boundary</u> – The Minnesota/Canadian border. Minnows harvested from spiny water flea infested waters listed on this permit must be held in holding tanks for 48 hours prior to sale if the point of sale is: west of property adjacent to Hwy 313 between the Canadian border and Warroad; or south of property adjacent to Hwy 11 (which becomes Hwy 71) from Warroad to International Falls.
Late Fall/ Winter	November 1, 2021 – April 9, 2022	

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.

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
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.

Spiny Water Flea (Lake of the Woods)

- 14) You may only use gear and equipment marked with orange, numbered infested water tags (INFESTED WTR ONLY) issued for the current year by the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife in the spiny waterflea-infested waters listed on the permit.
- 15) You must tag all ropes or lines used in, or attached to gear tagged for use in, listed spiny waterflea infested waters listed on this permit with orange, numbered, infested water tags. If a tag cannot be securely affixed to the line, you may mark lines with a one-foot long section in the center of each five foot portion of the rope or line using orange spray paint.
- 16) 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 listed spiny waterflea-infested waters.
- 17) You may not remove infested water tags from gear and equipment tagged for use in waters infested with spiny waterflea 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.

- 18) During the summer/early fall season (from May 16-October 31) you may not transport any minnows harvested from spiny waterflea infested waters which are listed on this permit outside of the containment zone (as defined in this permit).
- 19) During the summer/early fall season (from May 16-October 31) you must hold all minnows harvested from spiny waterflea infested waters which are listed on this permit in holding tanks for 48 hours prior to sale if the point of sale is: west of Hwy 313 between the Canadian border and Warroad; or south of Hwy 11 (which becomes Highway 71) from Warroad to International Falls.
 - a. You may not hold minnows in infested water.
- 20) This permit does not allow harvest from Lake of the Woods proper or 500 feet upstream tributaries of Lake of the Woods due to the presence of zebra mussels. A separate permit is required for Lake of the Woods.

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

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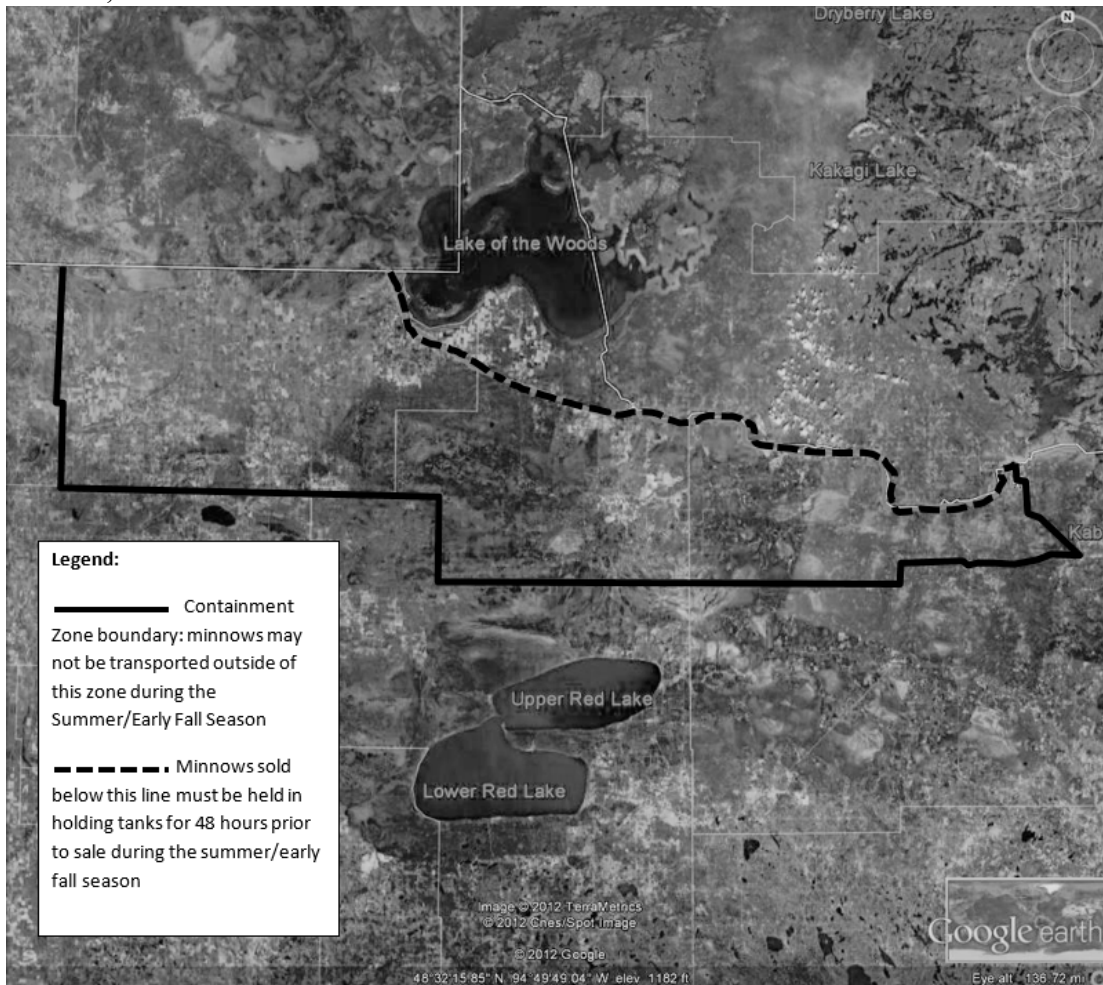


Figure 1: Spiny Waterflea containment zone for Lake of the Woods permits.