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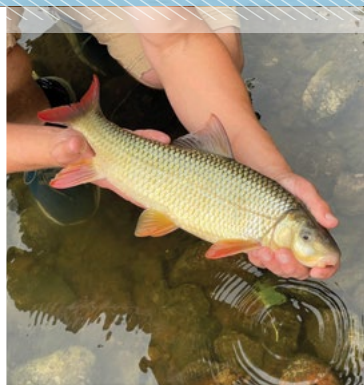
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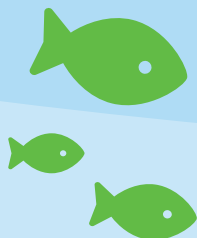
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# TRESPASS LAW

The trespass law applies to all outdoor recreation, including but not limited to: hunting, boating, fishing, trapping, hiking, and camping. When taking part in any outdoor recreation, you may not enter legally posted land or agricultural land without permission.

Landowners, lessees, or authorized managers need only post their land once a year. The signs must be placed at intervals of 1,000 feet (500 feet in wooded areas) or signs may be placed at primary corners and at access points to the property. Signs must state “No Trespassing,” or similar words, in 2-inch high letters and have either the signature or name and telephone number of the landowner, lessee, or manager.

There can be civil or criminal penalties for violation of the trespass laws with maximum fines up to \$3,000 and license revocation. All conservation officers and peace officers enforce trespass laws.

## **Guidelines for water access and recreational use**

These are simple guidelines and are not intended to address all water access and recreational use situations. If you have doubts about whether you may be trespassing on private land, you should ask the landowner for permission.

### **What is lawful access?**

A stream or lake is lawfully accessible if there is a public access, or if public land or a public road right-of-way borders the surface of the water, or if you have permission to cross private land to reach the surface of the water. This includes walking in the water or on the ice regardless of who owns the land beneath the surface of the water.

### **What waters are open to recreational use?**

A stream or lake is open to recreational use over its entire surface if it is capable of recreational use and if it is lawfully accessible. Any water that will float a canoe is capable of recreational use, but other waters may also qualify depending upon the circumstances.

## **A Message about invasives species from DNR Conservation Officers**

Each of us needs to take personal responsibility to prevent the spread of invasive species!

Minnesota law requires that all boaters and anglers:

- Clean plants and invasive species off all watercraft, trailers, and other water-related equipment.
- Drain water-related equipment, remove drain plugs and keep water-draining devices open while transporting.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.
- For the most complete and current infested waters list, visit [mndnr.gov/AIS](http://mndnr.gov/AIS).



# NEW REGULATIONS FOR 2022

Most of the new special regulations for 2022 come as the second and final year of the Quality Sunfish Initiative. The below 52 lakes (along with connected waters) will now have reduced daily limits on sunfish and/or crappie. See the special regulations pages 37-55 or [mndnr.gov/sunfish](https://mndnr.gov/sunfish) for more details.

**Amelia Lake** (Pope), **Andrew Lake** (Douglas), **Beuber Lake** (Cass), **Blackwell Lake** (Douglas), **Boy Lake** (Cass), **Crooked Lake** (Cass), **Cross Lake** (Pine), **Crow Wing Lake**, **1st** (Hubbard), **Crystal Lake** (Otter Tail), **Deer Lake** (Itasca), **Elliot Lake** (St. Louis), **Fish Lake Flowage** (St. Louis), **Garfield Lake** (Hubbard), **George Lake** (Kandiyohi), **Hubert Lake** (Crow Wing), **Island Lake** (Becker), **Island Lake** (Cass), **Lake Minnie-Belle** (Meeker), **Lake Ripley** (Meeker), **Lake Washington** (Le Sueur), **Leven Lake** (Pope), **Lida Lakes** (Otter Tail), **Little Turtle Lake** (Itasca), **Lower Trelipe Lake** (Cass), **Middle Lake** (Otter Tail), **Mill Lake** (Douglas), **Minnewaska Lake** (Pope), **Moon Lake** (Douglas), **Moosehead Lake** (Carlton), **Ox Yoke Lake** (Cass), **Pine Lake**, **Big** (Otter Tail), **Pokegama Lake** (Itasca), **Pokegama Lake** (Pine), **Red Rock Lake** (Douglas), **Reno Lake** (Pope/Douglas), **Round Lake** (Douglas), **Sanborn Lake** (Cass), **Sand Lake** (Becker), **Sand Lake** (Itasca), **Sarah Lake** (Polk), **Shakopee Lake** (Mille Lacs), **Shields Lake** (Rice), **Strand Lake** (St. Louis), **Sugar Lake** (Cass), **Turtle Lake** (Becker), **Upper Trelipe Lake** (Cass), **Venstrom Lake** (Otter Tail), **Vermillion Lake** (Cass), **Vermont Lake** (Douglas), **Villard Lake** (Pope), **Whiteface Reservoir** (St. Louis), **Wild Rice Reservoir** (St. Louis).

## Sunfish and crappie possession limit adjustments

In 2021, daily limits for sunfish and/or crappie were reduced (to either 5 or 10) on nearly 100 lakes during the first year of the Quality Sunfish Initiative but possession limits remained the same (20 sunfish and 10 crappie). However, daily **and** possession limits were reduced on 70 lakes and connected waters prior to 2021—creating confusing inconsistencies between nearly identical regulations. For 2022, the possession limits on those 70 lakes were increased to the statewide level (but daily limits remain reduced to either 5 or 10).

## Experimental and special regulation reviews

- An experimental 17" minimum length for walleye on Clear Lake (Washington County) was removed because management objectives were not achieved. The statewide regulation now applies and is expected to perform equally as well.
- Special sunfish regulations were reviewed on Ox Yoke and Sanborn (Cass) lakes and converted to a 5 fish daily limit after the 10 fish limit failed to meet management objectives.

## Fishing Season Opener Dates

Season openers may reflect a harvest season or a catch and release season. See details on page 21.

| YEAR | WALLEYE, PIKE, BASS | MUSKIE | STREAM TROUT |
|------|---------------------|--------|--------------|
| 2022 | May 14              | June 4 | April 16     |
| 2023 | May 13              | June 3 | April 15     |
| 2024 | May 11              | June 1 | April 13     |

# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are nonnative animals and plants that do not naturally occur in our waters and may cause ecological or economic harm. See images below of some AIS that have been found in Minnesota.

You can help prevent the introduction and spread of AIS by following both the required and recommended actions listed on page 9 before moving your boat, bait or other equipment from one waterbody to another.

**Report new infestations:** If you suspect a new infestation of an AIS, note the exact location, take a photo or keep the specimen, and call a DNR AIS Specialist: 888-MINNDNR.

Invasive carp captures must be immediately reported to the DNR, call 651-587-2781 or email [invasivecarp.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:invasivecarp.dnr@state.mn.us). Please take a photo, keep carcass cool but do not freeze, and make arrangements with the DNR to transport the carp to the nearest area fisheries office. You may keep invasive carp for personal use with a special permit, which is available on the DNR website at [mndnr.gov/invasive-carp](http://mndnr.gov/invasive-carp).

## Red swamp crayfish

2 to 5" long. Raised bright red spots on claws.



## Starry stonewort

Grass-like algae with a small, star-shaped structure called a "bulbil" less than ¼-inch in diameter.



## Spiny waterflea

Long tail, white with black spots, looks like gelatinous globs on fishing line, small (up to ⅜").



## Zebra and quagga mussel

The only freshwater mollusks that attach to objects with byssal threads (up to 1½"); larvae float in water and are too small to see.



## Faucet snail

Up to ½" long, light brown to black, 4-5 whorls.



## New Zealand mudsnail

Up to ⅓" long, light to dark brown, cone-shaped shell, 5-6 whorls.



## Eurasian watermilfoil

12 to 21 leaflet pairs per leaf.



## Bighead and silver carp

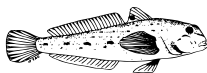
Eye located at lower part of head below the mouth; Silver can jump more than 10 feet high.



Bighead

## Round goby

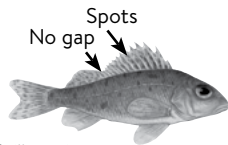
Single scallop-shaped pelvic fin, fish is usually 3-6" long.



Silver

## Ruffe

Spots between rays of dorsal fin, no gap between fins.



Spots  
No gap

Ruffe illustration  
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## Required Actions—It's the Law!

Most anglers and boaters follow Minnesota's Clean, Drain, Dispose laws to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:



✓ **Clean** all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers and other water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.

- It is illegal to transport prohibited invasive species—including zebra mussels—whether dead or alive.
- You can find a complete list of prohibited invasive species by visiting [dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/laws.html#prohibited](https://dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/laws.html#prohibited)

✓ **Drain** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, motor) and drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving any water access or shoreland property.

- Keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

✓ **Dispose** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches and worms, in the trash.

- It is illegal to release bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another.
- It is illegal to release worms in the state; worms are not native to Minnesota.
- If you want to keep your live bait, you must drain all lake or river water and refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

## Recommended Actions—Protect Your Waters

To further decontaminate your watercraft and equipment, it's important to spray, rinse or dry everything before going to another waterbody, especially if your boat has been in the water or moored for more than 24 hours—or if you have recently been in zebra mussel or spiny waterflea infested waters. Do one or more of the following:

- Dry for at least five days.
- Spray with high-pressure water.
- Rinse with very hot water. To reduce the risk of spreading zebra mussels, use water that is 120°F at the point of contact and spray each area for at least two minutes, or use 140°F water for at least 10 seconds on each area.

## Lakes and Rivers Listed as “Infested”

### What do I need to do when I visit a lake or river on the infested waters list?

You should follow the same aquatic invasive species regulations: Clean, Drain, Dispose—every time you visit any lake or river, infested or not.

- If you are harvesting bait, commercial fishing, or diverting or taking water, you need to follow special regulations in infested waters. See regulations for bait on pages 30-31.

### How do I know which waters are listed as infested?

- For the most complete and current infested waters list, visit [mndnr.gov/AIS](https://mndnr.gov/AIS) or request a copy from [AISpublications@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:AISpublications@dnr.state.mn.us) or call 651-259-5100.
- You can use LakeFinder to find out if a particular lake is listed as infested: [mndnr.gov/lakefind](https://mndnr.gov/lakefind).
- Infested waters are posted with orange Invasive Species Alert signs at the public access.

## Watercraft Inspections

The Minnesota DNR has had a watercraft inspection program since 1992 to help prevent the spread of AIS. With the help of our partners, today nearly 1,000 authorized watercraft inspectors are working at lakes and rivers across Minnesota. The information below will help you prepare for a watercraft inspection. In 2019, 97 percent of boaters surveyed by inspectors arrived while following Minnesota's Clean, Drain, Dispose laws.

### What should I expect from an inspection?

Inspectors are trained to:

- Introduce themselves as a watercraft inspector.
- Provide tips on how to inspect your own equipment (page 9).
- Physically inspect your boat, trailer and any other water-related equipment—meaning they may touch your boat or trailer to feel for tiny attached zebra mussels or other invasive species.
- Physically inspect compartments that may hold water, such as live wells or bilge areas.
- Deny launch if: 1) the inspector finds invasive species or any plants attached, and until the invasive species or plants are removed; or 2) you refuse an inspection.
  - › Although inspectors have the authority to deny launch, they will work with you to try to bring your watercraft into compliance.
  - › Inspectors will not deny launch based solely on where, or when, you last used your watercraft.
- Ask questions to help improve the DNR's inspection program. You are not required to answer these questions.

### How should I prepare for an inspection?

When entering an access:

- Always follow all state laws regarding AIS and arrive in compliance with Clean, Drain and Dispose laws (page 9).
- Open the lids of closed compartments that could hold water, like live wells, so the inspector can see they are drained. Your drain plugs should all be open while you transport your boat.
- Remember to install the drain plug after the inspection and before launching.

When exiting an access:

- Remove any plants, mud, and invasive animals.
- Pull all drain plugs.
- Open water-holding compartments to allow inspection.

### What about on-site watercraft decontamination?

An inspector may require your watercraft to be decontaminated prior to launching or before leaving an access, if a unit is on-site. Most decontaminations can be done quickly. Trained inspectors use hot water to target areas to kill AIS. An inspector may also use high-pressure water. The DNR performs watercraft decontaminations free of charge.

### How do I find a decontamination station?

The DNR posts decontamination unit locations online at [mndnr.gov/decon](https://mndnr.gov/decon).

At these sites, inspectors will perform a courtesy inspection and determine if any decontamination is required.

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## FOLLOW THESE TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL CATCH-AND-RELEASE

**1** Fish shallow water

**2** Set the hook and play the fish quickly

**3** Wet hands before handling fish

**4** Keep the fish in the water

**5** Use a rubber mesh or soft knotless nylon net

**6** Hold the fish firmly, but gently

**7** Use needle-nosed pliers to remove hooks

**8** Cut the line if the fish is hooked deeply

**9** Gently slide the fish back into the water

**10** Revive a tired fish by gently moving it forward in the water

**11** Release your fish quickly

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# DEFINITIONS

## **Culling (sorting)**

The act of replacing one fish with another fish (see possession information on pages 32-33). See border waters with North Dakota on page 63.

## **Daily versus possession limits (bag limits)**

A possession limit is the number of a particular species allowed in an angler's possession, including any and all locations such as a livewell or freezer at home. A daily limit is the number of a particular species an angler is allowed to keep in a calendar day, including those that are gifted or consumed. Daily and possession limits are most often the same with the exception of statewide perch limits (see page 22) and special regulations for sunfish and crappie which reduce a daily limit but retain the statewide possession limit (see pages 37-55). While on or angling in a water with a daily limit that is lower than the possession limit, a person may not have more than the daily limit of that species in their immediate physical possession.

## **Designated stream trout lakes**

These waters have been listed in Minnesota Rule and have been stocked with trout that are typically found in streams: rainbow, brown, or brook trout. Some also have splake, a cross between a lake trout and a brook trout.

## **Game fish**

Includes the following and their hybrids: American eel, bass, burbot, channel catfish, cisco (tullibee), crappie, flathead catfish, muskellunge, northern pike, paddlefish, salmon, sauger, sturgeon, sunfish, trout, walleye, whitefish, and yellow perch.

## **Immediately released or returned to the water**

Immediately released fish are only retained long enough to unhook, measure and photograph. Fish not immediately released are counted as part of an angler's daily and possession limit.

## **Inland waters**

Lakes and rivers within Minnesota not bordering Canada or another state.

## **Minimum size limit**

Prohibits harvest of fish less than a specified length.

## **Minnows**

Members of the true minnow family Cyprinidae, (except carp and goldfish); any of the following not over 7 inches long: bullhead, cisco (tullibee), lake whitefish, goldeye, and mooneye; suckers (not over 12 inches long); leeches; mudminnows, tadpole madtoms and stonecats. Border water regulations may vary.

## **One-over the size limit**

Allows the harvest of one fish over a set size limit as part of the daily or possession limit.

## **Protected slot limit**

Prohibits harvest of fish from a designated size range. Fish within this size range must be immediately released.

## **Rough fish**

Carp, buffalo, sucker (including redhorse), freshwater drum (sheepshead), bowfin (dogfish), gar, goldeye and bullhead. Border waters regulations may vary.

# FISHING LICENSES

- Any combination (married couple) type license will now require each spouse to have a complete customer record on file. MN residents without a complete customer record should visit a license agent or call our license center to verify their residency.
- Resident youth younger than 16 do not need a fishing license.
- There is a \$1 agent fee (added to the cost of the license) associated with each license or stamp sold, including some free licenses.
- Purchase online at: [mndnr.gov/buyalicense](http://mndnr.gov/buyalicense)
- Duplicate licenses and stamps can be purchased from any ELS agent for \$2.50 each.
- License year begins March 1 and ends the last day of February unless otherwise noted.
- Fish house, dark house or shelter licenses valid March 1 to April 30 the following year (or 3-year period).
- A fishing license continues to be valid for the balance of the license period if the licensee's age, residency, or student qualification status changes.
- Super Sports licenses include: 50 cents for wolf management (through June 30); 50 cents for emergency feeding and wild cervidae-deer health management; \$1 deer/bear management account; and \$2 for deer management.
- In the table below, the 3-digit code refers to the license identification code.

## Resident Angling Licenses

|   |     |                                 |  |       |
|---|-----|---------------------------------|--|-------|
| <b>YOUTH ANGLING</b><br>Resident Individual<br>Age 16 and 17      | 138 | Youth Annual<br>(Age 16 and 17) | Youth Individual Angling<br>(exempt from trout/salmon stamp<br>and spearing license)   | \$5   |
| <b>ADULT ANGLING</b><br>Resident Individual<br>Ages 18 through 89 | 111 | Adult Annual                    | Individual Angling   | \$25  |
|   | 110 | 24-hour                         | Individual Angling (no trout/salmon<br>stamp required) Consecutive 24-hour   | \$12  |
|   | 140 | 72-hour                         | Individual Angling (no trout/salmon<br>stamp required) Consecutive 72-hour   | \$14  |
|   | 141 | 3-year                          | Individual Angling Consecutive<br>3-years  | \$71  |
|   | 105 | ½ Bag Limit<br>Conservation     | Individual Angling ½ bag limits  | \$17  |
|   | 216 | Sports                          | Individual Angling and Small Game  | \$41  |
|   | 142 | Super Sports                    | Individual Angling including trout/<br>salmon stamp, Small Game including<br>pheasant and waterfowl stamps,<br>a deer tag (archery, firearms or<br>muzzleloader) | \$100 |

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## Resident Angling Licenses *continued*

| Resident licenses                             | Code | License   | Description  | Fee        |
|---|------|---|--|------------|
| ANGLING<br>LICENSES<br>Additional Options     | 134  | Walleye Stamp Validation  | Voluntary Donation   | \$5        |
|   | 135  |   | Pictorial Stamp mailed   | + 75 cents |
|   | 128  | Trout/Salmon Stamp (required for anglers age 18-64; see page 18 for exemptions) | Individual Trout and Salmon Validation (required for designated trout lakes, Lake Superior and to harvest trout)   | \$10       |
|   | 129  |   | Pictorial Stamp mailed   | + 75 cents |
|   | 130  | Sturgeon Tag  | Required to harvest a sturgeon   | \$5        |
|   | 113  | Spearing Annual   | Individual dark house spearing (angling license required for ages 18 through 89)   | \$6        |
|   | 119  | House or Shelter Annual   | Fish House, Dark House, or Shelter, see page 71 for details  | \$15       |
|   | 131  | House or Shelter 3-year   | Fish House, Dark House, or Shelter, see page 71 for details  | \$42       |
|   | 120  | House or Shelter Rented Annual  | Fish House, Dark House, or Shelter, see page 71 for details  | \$30       |
|   | 132  | House or Shelter Rented 3-year  | Fish House, Dark House, or Shelter, see page 71 for details  | \$87       |
|   | 115  | Netting   | Whitefish and cisco (tullibee) Lakes open to sport gillnetting, the seasons and regulations are online at <a href="http://mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing">mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing</a> or by calling the DNR Information Center. | \$10       |
| MARRIED<br>ANGLING Resident<br>Married Couple | 112  | Married Combination Annual  | Married Couple Angling, each person may have their own possession limit.   | \$40       |
|   | 106  | Married ½ Bag Limit Conservation Combination                                    | Married ½ bag limit Conservation Combination, each person may keep half their regular limit.   | \$27       |
|   | 217  | Married Combination Sports  | Two Angling and one Small Game   | \$57       |

Resident Angling Licenses *continued*

| Resident licenses   | Code | License                          | Description  | Fee   |
|---|------|----------------------------------|--|-------|
| MARRIED ANGLING Resident Married Couple<br><i>Continued</i> | 143  | Married Combination Super Sports | A combination angling license including two trout/salmon stamps, and for the primary licensee an individual small game including pheasant and state waterfowl stamps and a single individual deer tag (archery, firearm or muzzleloader) | \$126 |
| LIFETIME ANGLING Resident Individual                        | 411  | Lifetime Angling                 | Renewal  | FREE  |
|   |      |                                  | Age 3 and younger  | \$344 |
|   |      |                                  | Age 4 to 15  | \$469 |
|   |      |                                  | Age 16 to 50   | \$574 |
|   |      |                                  | Age 51 and older   | \$379 |
|   | 407  | Lifetime Angling and Spearing    | Renewal  | FREE  |
|   |      |                                  | Age 3 and younger  | \$432 |
|   |      |                                  | Age 4 to 15  | \$579 |
|   |      |                                  | Age 16 to 50   | \$678 |
|   |      |                                  | Age 51 and older   | \$439 |
|   | 413  | Lifetime Sports                  | Renewal  | FREE  |
|   |      |                                  | Age 3 and younger  | \$522 |
|   |      |                                  | Age 4 to 15  | \$710 |
|   |      |                                  | Age 16 to 50   | \$927 |
|   |      |                                  | Age 51 and older   | \$603 |

FREE FISHING WEEKENDS

**Take a Mom Fishing Weekend**—May 7-8, 2022 Minnesota resident moms may fish without a license.

**Take a Kid Fishing Weekend**—June 10-12, 2022 Minnesota residents 16 and older may fish without a license if they're with children younger than 16.

**Take a Kid Ice Fishing Weekend**—January 14-16, 2023 Minnesota residents 16 and older may fish without a license if they're with children younger than 16.

## Nonresident Angling Licenses

A \$5 surcharge on nonresident licenses is included with the applicable fee.

Non-resident youth under age 16, see page 20.

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|---|-----|--|---|------------|
| <b>YOUTH ANGLING</b><br><b>Nonresident</b><br><b>Individual</b><br><b>age 16 and 17</b>   | 205 | Youth Annual<br>age 16 and 17                                | Youth Individual Angling (exempt from trout/salmon stamp and spearing license). Youth under age 16 may purchase to possess own limit. | \$5        |
| <b>ADULT ANGLING</b><br><b>Nonresident</b><br><b>Individual age 18</b><br><b>and over</b> | 121 | Annual   | Individual Angling  | \$51       |
|   | 139 | 24-hour  | Individual Angling (no trout/salmon stamp required) Consecutive 24-hour   | \$14       |
|   | 127 | 72-hour  | Individual Angling (no trout/salmon stamp required) Consecutive 72-hour   | \$36       |
|   | 126 | 7-Day  | Individual Angling, Consecutive 7-day   | \$43       |
| <b>ANGLING LICENSES</b><br><b>Nonresident</b><br><b>additional options</b>                | 134 | Walleye Stamp<br>Validation                                  | Voluntary Donation  | \$5        |
|   | 135 |  | Pictorial stamp mailed  | + 75 cents |
|   | 128 | Trout/Salmon<br>Stamp (required<br>for anglers age<br>18-64) | Individual Trout and Salmon<br>Validation   | \$10       |
|   | 129 |  | Pictorial stamp mailed  | + 75 cents |
|   | 130 | Sturgeon Tag   | Required to harvest a sturgeon  | \$5        |
|   | 118 | Spearing Annual<br>Age 18 and over                           | Individual Dark house Spearing<br>(angling license required)  | \$17       |
|   | 116 | House or Shelter<br>Annual                                   | Fish House, Dark House, or<br>Shelter, see page 71 for details  | \$37       |
|   | 117 | House or Shelter<br>7-Day                                    | Fish House, Dark House, or<br>Shelter, see page 71 for details  | \$21       |
|   | 133 | House or Shelter<br>3-year                                   | Fish House, Dark House, or<br>Shelter, see page 71 for details  | \$111      |
| <b>FAMILY ANGLING</b><br><b>Nonresident</b><br><b>Married Couple</b>                      | 124 | Combination<br>Annual Family                                 | One or both parents and dependent<br>children under age 16. Trout/salmon<br>stamp not included.                                       | \$68       |
|   | 125 | Combination<br>14-Day  | Married Couple Consecutive<br>14-Day Angling  | \$54       |
| <b>LIFETIME ANGLING</b><br><b>Nonresident</b><br><b>Individual</b>                        | 415 | Lifetime Angling   | Renewal   | Free       |
|   |     |  | Age 3 and under   | \$821      |
|   |     |  | Age 4 to age 15   | \$1,046    |
|   |     |  | Age 16 to age 50  | \$1,191    |
|   |     |  | Age 51 and over   | \$794      |

## Electronic Licensing Information

The Electronic Licensing System (ELS) issues licenses and stamp validations through 1,400 license agent locations statewide. Agents charge an issuing fee for each license and stamp sold.

### Instant Licenses

Customers may purchase instant licenses and stamp validations online or by telephone at 888-665-4236. An additional convenience fee is added for sales via the website or telephone (see website for details). A self-printed or electronic license is sufficient proof of licensing. Lake sturgeon harvest tags may not be purchased online.

### Lifetime Licenses

First-time purchase of lifetime licenses is only available at the DNR License Center in St. Paul. Application forms are available online or through the DNR Information Center 888-646-6367. A lifetime license holder who is required by law to have a game and fish license, must authorize their participation by obtaining an annual license renewal each year the lifetime license is used. These annual licenses are issued at no fee.

### Conservation Licenses

- Conservation Licenses are available only to residents of Minnesota.
- Daily and possession limits are half of what can be taken with a standard angling license. Fractions are rounded down to next whole number (see page 20 for list).
- People bowfishing, spearing, or using other approved harvest methods under a Conservation License are limited to one half of the daily and possession limit for that method.
- Sturgeon harvest tag may not be used with a Conservation License.

### Trout/Salmon Stamp

Trout/salmon stamp validations are printed on the ELS license. This is the only verification needed to prove purchase of the trout/salmon stamp. Purchasers may request the actual pictorial stamp for an additional 75 cents.

Except as noted, anglers need a Minnesota trout/salmon stamp validation and a fishing or sports license when fishing in designated trout streams, designated trout lakes, Lake Superior, or when possessing trout on waters that are not designated trout water. All trout and salmon in possession require a trout/salmon validation, unless received as a gift, (see giving fish on page 33). Trout/salmon stamps are not required for children younger than 18 years old, adults who are 65 and older, people fishing with a 24-hour or 72-hour license or people who are exempt from fishing license requirements or who receive a fishing license at no charge.



2022 Trout Stamp, Mark Thone

### Walleye Stamp

- Purchase of a walleye stamp is voluntary; it is not needed for fishing.
- Revenues from the sale of walleye stamps are used for stocking walleyes purchased from the private sector.
- Walleye stamp validations are printed on the ELS license. Purchasers may request the actual pictorial stamp for an additional 75 cents.



2022 Walleye Stamp,  
Ronald Engebretson

# LICENSE GUIDE

## Do I need a fishing license?

To legally fish in Minnesota, all residents of Minnesota, age 16 through 89, must have a current Minnesota fishing license unless an exemption applies (see below “Who doesn’t need a fishing license?”). You must carry your license when fishing or traveling from an area where you were fishing. All nonresidents need a license except those younger than 16 do not need a license if a parent or guardian is licensed. More details can be found on page 20.

## Did you buy a 3-year license in 2019?

Three-year angling licenses bought in 2019 are due for renewal.

## Who is a resident?

- To qualify as a resident, a person must maintain a legal residence in Minnesota for at least 60 consecutive days before purchasing a license.
- Residents 21 years of age or older must provide a current Minnesota driver’s license or Minnesota public safety ID card or have a receipt for an application for a Minnesota driver’s license or Minnesota public safety ID that is at least 60 days old.
- A nonresident under age 21 whose parent is a Minnesota resident is considered a resident.
- New residents must visit a license agent location or call our Licensing office to have their residency updated before qualifying for resident rates.

## Who is a nonresident?

Nonresidents include anyone who does not meet the definition of a resident.

## Who doesn’t need a fishing license?

- Residents younger than 16, or residents 90 and older.
- Minnesota residents enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces, stationed outside the state, and home on leave (you must carry leave or furlough papers while fishing or transporting fish).
- Minnesota residents who have served in federal active service outside the U.S. during the preceding 24 months who are now discharged from overseas duty (must carry discharge papers while fishing or transporting fish).
- Anyone not requiring a license is allowed to keep a possession limit of fish.

## Licenses by phone. Purchase an e-license today!

Minnesota fishing licenses can be purchased via most mobile devices. No more waiting in line. No more stops on the way to your favorite fishing spot.

Purchasing an e-license on your smartphone or tablet means that you won’t receive a paper copy of your license. Instead, you elect to receive a text message, email or both that displays your valid license.

Only fishing and hunting licenses that don’t require a tag can be purchased as e-licenses. The text or email confirming your valid license must be presented to a conservation officer upon request.



[mndnr.gov/buyalicense](https://mndnr.gov/buyalicense)



## **Do I need a free fishing license?**

Anglers who meet certain qualifications can obtain a free license ([mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing/exemptions.html](http://mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing/exemptions.html)) if they are:

- Foreign exchange students with proof of foreign exchange student status. Available from any agent.
- Residents 16 and older who have a developmental disability or veterans with a 100 percent service-connected disability. Available only from the DNR by calling 877-348-0498.
- Residents who are legally blind, receiving SSI or SSDI, or receiving worker's compensation for total and permanent disability. Must present current letter from Social Security stating disability or SSI benefits to any license agent to receive free license. SSI/SSDI benefit verification is available online at [socialsecurity.gov](http://socialsecurity.gov), by calling 800-772-1213 or at your local Social Security office.
- Residents receiving disability benefits under the Federal Railroad Retirement Act or U.S. Postal Service. Must present proof of disability benefits. Available at any agent.
- Residents of a Minnesota licensed nursing or boarding care home, wards of the Minnesota Commissioner of Human Services, residents of state institutions, or inpatients of a U.S. Veterans Administration hospital. Must use application available from the DNR (888-646-6367).

## **Do I need a license to fish in Minnesota State Parks?**

Minnesota residents may fish without a license for any species except trout when:

- Shore fishing or wading on state-owned land within a state park.
- Fishing from a boat or on the ice on water bodies that are completely inside the boundaries of a state park.
- To fish on a designated trout stream or to fish for trout in a state park you must have a fishing license and a trout/salmon stamp validation.

## **What if I'm helping a child fish?**

If an adult is showing a child younger than 16 how to bait, cast, and remove fish, no license is needed. The child must hold the rod, set the hook and reel in the fish.

## **What if I'm helping someone fish who has a developmental disability?**

You do not need a license to assist a disabled person, who must have a valid license unless an exemption applies. You may only fish with the number of lines allowed for all licensed or exempt anglers fishing.

## **What if I don't have a paper license because it was purchased on a mobile device?**

Licenses purchased on a mobile device are issued in electronic format. Purchasers choose to receive an email, text message or both. The email and/or text message stored electronically on your mobile device serves as your license. You must carry your mobile device or a printed copy of the email or text message you received when fishing or traveling from an area where you were fishing.

## **Can I get a refund?**

*Check your license for accuracy prior to leaving the license agent location. All sales are final.* Refunds can only be issued if the:

- Licensee dies before the opening of the licensed season;
- Licensee is unable to participate in the licensed activity because the licensee is called to active military duty or military leave is canceled during the entire open season of the licensed activity; or
- Licensee purchased two licenses for the same license season in error.

**What are license requirements for nonresident youth?**

Nonresidents under 16 may either fish under a parent or guardian’s license (including a family license) or must purchase a nonresident youth license. If fishing under a family license or their own youth license, youth may possess their own limit; if fishing under a parent or guardian’s individual license any fish kept are counted towards the parent’s possession limit.

**What if I lose or can’t find my license?**

You can go to any license agent and have them print a duplicate license. The cost is \$2.50, which includes a 50-cent fee charged by the vendor.

**What if I’m not a state resident but am a full-time student at a Minnesota school, college or university?**

You may purchase fishing licenses at the resident rate if you reside in Minnesota and show the license agent a fee statement showing full-time enrollment.

**What if I’m not a state resident but serve in the U.S. Armed Forces and am stationed in Minnesota or the spouse of a Minnesota resident on active military duty?**

By showing proof, you may purchase fishing licenses and stamps at the resident rate.

**How can my license be revoked?**

- Fishing privileges may be revoked for one year for two or more convictions of fishing violations in three years. Violations of fishing laws in other states may affect your ability to fish in Minnesota.
- Violating the gross over-limits penalty provisions can result in privileges being revoked for three, five or 10 years, depending on the number of fish involved in the violation.
- Failure to pay fines or to appear in court on a violation can result in revocation of all game and fish licenses until the fines are paid.

**How to Figure Your Bag Limit for a Conservation License**

- Applies to bag limits established for inland waters, experimental and special management waters, and border waters.
- Does not apply to size restrictions, but may only have up to the corresponding bag limit. For example: a normal limit of five fish with three over 10 inches for a Conservation License would be two fish with only one over 10 inches.
- Divide the regular limit in half. If necessary, round down to the nearest whole number. For example: nine fish regular limit would be a four fish conservation limit.

**Conservation License Bag Limits**

| REGULAR DAILY OR POSSESSION BAG LIMIT      | 1 fish            | 2 fish | 3 fish | 4 fish | 5 fish | 6 fish | 8 fish | 10 fish | 20 fish | 25 fish | 50 fish |
|--|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| CONSERVATION DAILY OR POSSESSION BAG LIMIT | Catch-and-release | 1 fish | 1 fish | 2 fish | 2 fish | 3 fish | 4 fish | 5 fish  | 10 fish | 12 fish | 25 fish |

# SEASONS AND LIMITS—INLAND AND LAKE SUPERIOR

- All calendar dates are for 2022 unless noted otherwise. Season dates are inclusive unless otherwise noted.
- Daily and possession limits are the same unless otherwise noted.
- Most species have experimental or special regulations on some waters. See pages 37-55.
- For Canada, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, and North Dakota border water regulations see pages 58-68. For Lake Superior see pages 26-28.
- Different limits for Conservation License apply, chart is on page 20.
- Northern pike dark house spearing limits differ, see page 71.
- Some waters are seasonally closed to fishing to protect vulnerable concentrations of fish. Dates can vary from year to year but will be posted every spring at [mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing](http://mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing).

## INLAND WATERS

### Inland Seasons and Limits

| SPECIES              | OPEN SEASON                  | ZONE AND ANGLING POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)  |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Northern pike</b> | May 14, 2022 - Feb. 26, 2023 | <p>Northeast Zone: 2 (not more than 1 over 40" in possession, all from 30-40" must be immediately released)</p> <p>North-central Zone: 10 (not more than 2 over 26", all from 22-26" must be immediately released)</p> <p>Southern Zone: 2 (minimum size 24")</p> <p>See Zone Map on page 23 and page 24 for details on how possession limits apply across zones. Dark house spearing limits differ, see page 71.</p> |

| SPECIES                               | OPEN SEASON                  | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Walleye and sauger</b>             | May 14, 2022 - Feb. 26, 2023 | 6 combined total (not more than 1 walleye over 20" in possession) |
| <b>Muskellunge/hybrid muskellunge</b> | June 4 - Dec. 1              | 1 combined total (minimum size 54")                               |

**SIZE EXCEPTION:** the following Twin Cities area lakes: Eagle, Pierson and Wasserman, Carver County; Crystal and Orchard, Dakota County; Gervais, Island, Johanna, Phalen and Silver, Ramsey County; Bryant, Bush, Bde Maka Ska, Cedar, Crystal, Isles, Nokomis and Weaver, Hennepin County; Cedar, Scott County; Clear and Elmo, Washington County.

1 combined total (minimum size 40")

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## Inland Seasons and Limits *continued*

| SPECIES   | OPEN SEASON                            | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Largemouth bass—Statewide</b><br>(except Northeast Zone)   | May 14 - 27                            | Catch-and-release only  |
|   | May 28, 2022 - Feb. 26, 2023           | 6 combined total largemouth or smallmouth bass  |
| <b>Largemouth bass—Northeast Zone</b> (Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County are part of the Northeast Zone for bass. See Zone Map on page 23.) | May 14, 2022 - Feb. 26, 2023           | 6 combined total largemouth or smallmouth bass  |
| <b>Smallmouth bass—Statewide</b><br>(except Northeast Zone)   | May 14 - 27                            | Catch-and-release only  |
|   | May 28 - Sept. 11                      | 6 combined total largemouth or smallmouth bass  |
|   | Sept. 12, 2022 - Feb. 26, 2023         | Catch-and-release only  |
| <b>Smallmouth bass—Northeast Zone</b>   | May 14, 2022 - Feb. 26, 2023           | 6 combined total largemouth or smallmouth bass  |
| <b>Crappie</b> (white or black and their hybrids)   | Continuous                             | 10 combined total   |
| <b>Sunfish</b><br>(bluegill, pumpkinseed, green, orangespotted, longear, warmouth, and their hybrids)   | Continuous                             | 20 combined total   |
| <b>Rock bass</b>  | Continuous                             | 30  |
| <b>White bass</b>   | Continuous                             | 30  |
| <b>Catfish</b><br>(channel and flathead)  | Channel catfish: continuous            | 5 combined total. No more than 2 can be flathead (only 1 catfish over 24")                                    |
|   | Flathead catfish:<br>April 1 - Nov. 30 |   |
| <b>Perch</b>  | Continuous                             | 20 daily, 40 in possession  |
| <b>Bullhead</b>   | Continuous                             | 100   |
| <b>Whitefish, cisco (tullibee), and burbot.</b> Sport netting regulations effective each fall are available on the DNR website.                     | Continuous                             | No limit<br><br>EXCEPTION: On Leech Lake Indian Reservation whitefish limit 25 and cisco (tullibee) limit 50. |
| <b>Rough fish</b> not including bullhead (definition on page 12).   | Continuous                             | No limit  |
| <b>Smelt</b>  | Continuous                             | No limit  |

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Inland Seasons and Limits *continued*

| SPECIES  | OPEN SEASON   | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)                |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Lake or shovelnose sturgeon</b> (See pages 56-66 for other sturgeon waters and regulations.)            | Same dates every year: June 16 - April 14   | Catch-and-release only; no tag needed. |
| <b>Paddlefish</b>  | No open season  |  |
| <b>Lake trout (SUMMER)</b><br>Statewide  | May 14 - Sept. 30   | 2                                      |
| <b>Lake trout (WINTER)</b><br>Outside or partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). | <b>2022 Season:</b><br>Jan. 15 - March 31<br><br><b>2023 Season:</b><br>Jan. 14 - March 31            | 2                                      |
| Lakes entirely within the BWCAW.   | <b>2022 Season:</b><br>Jan. 1 - March 31<br><br><b>2023 Season:</b><br>Dec. 31, 2022 - March 31, 2023 | 2                                      |

Northern Pike Possession Limits for Inland Waters

The state is divided into three zones for northern pike—Northeast, North-central, and Southern—each with a specific regulation for angling and for spearing. Waters with special regulations (pages 37-55), and border waters (pages 58-68), are not covered by the zone regulations and the special regulation is in effect for both spearing and angling. Details can be found at [mndnr.gov/pike](http://mndnr.gov/pike).



Zone Map

The Northeast Zone is defined as north and east of U.S. Highway 53 from Duluth to International Falls.

North-central/Southern Boundary: from the South Dakota Border—State Highway 7 at Ortonville—east past Hutchinson, south on State Highway 22 to Glencoe, east on U.S. Highway 212 to Chaska, south on State Highway 41 to the Minnesota River to the Mississippi River to the Wisconsin border.

The waters of the Minnesota or Mississippi rivers where those waters create the North-central/Southern Boundary are included in the Southern Zone.

## What is the statewide possession limit for northern pike?

The maximum number of northern pike that you may possess is 10 fish. Zone possession limits apply to where the fish was harvested, not where it is possessed. For example, if you live in the North-central zone you cannot possess seven pike caught locally and three caught from the Southern zone.

## How do possession limits apply to lakes with special regulations on northern pike?

If the possession limit on a special regulation lake or stream is different than the zone limit, the special regulation limit applies. For example, if the special regulation limit is less than the statewide regulation, you may only have one daily limit from that lake included in your possession limit.

## TROUT—BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW

The following regulations apply to stream trout species and their hybrids (brook, brown, rainbow) living in lakes and streams. They do not include lake trout which are listed under Inland Waters (page 23). Lake Superior tributaries (pages 26-28) and Experimental and Special Regulations (pages 37-55) are also not covered in this section.

Calendar dates refer to 2022 unless noted otherwise. Daily and possession limits are the same.

Learn more about trout fishing at [mndnr.gov/fishing/trout](https://mndnr.gov/fishing/trout).

## General Regulations

- Fishing hours for stream trout on inland waters are from one hour before sunrise to 11 p.m.
- Only one line is allowed winter or summer when fishing on designated stream trout lakes and designated trout streams.
- For legal tackle, more details can be found on page 29.
- Possessing live minnows or using them for bait on designated stream trout lakes is prohibited. Only dried, frozen, or pickled (brined) minnows are allowed. Live leeches, worms, and wax worms are legal to use.
- Taking of any species, including catch-and-release angling, in designated trout waters is prohibited outside of an open season for trout. Any season where trout can be targeted (harvest or catch-and-release) is considered an open season.
- Taking minnows or leeches from designated trout waters, except under special permit, is prohibited.
- All stream trout must have head, tail, fins, and skin intact when being transported.
- Rough fish may not be taken by spear, harpoon, archery, or dip net in designated trout lakes or streams. However, dark house spearing (page 71) is allowed for northern pike and catfish.
- The list of Designated Trout Lakes can be found on the DNR website [mndnr.gov/fishing/trout\\_lakes/list.html](https://mndnr.gov/fishing/trout_lakes/list.html)

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Stream Trout Species Seasons and Limits (Streams)

| WATERS  | OPEN SEASON                     | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)  |
|---|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Streams—Southeast Minnesota</b><br>Includes Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue counties.   | Jan. 1 - April 15               | Catch-and-release only   |
|   | April 16 - Sept. 14             | 5 combined total (not more than 1 over 16")  |
|   | Sept. 15 - Oct. 15              | Catch-and-release only   |
|   | Jan. 1, 2023 - April 15, 2023   | Catch-and-release only   |
| <b>EXCEPTIONS:</b> Within these state parks: Beaver Creek Valley (East Beaver Creek); Forestville (Forestville Creek, Canfield Creek, South Branch Root River) and Whitewater (Middle Branch Whitewater River, Trout Run Creek). Also within city boundaries of Chatfield, Lanesboro, Preston, Rushford, and Spring Valley. | Sept. 15, 2021 - April 15, 2022 | Catch-and-release only   |
|   | April 16 - Sept. 14             | 5 combined total (not more than 1 over 16"). See special regulations for these streams, pages 52-55. |
|   | Sept. 15, 2022 - April 14, 2023 | Catch-and-release only   |
| <b>Streams—Statewide Except Southeast Minnesota</b>   | April 16 - Sept. 30             | 5 combined total (not more than 1 over 16")  |

Stream Trout Species Seasons and Limits (Lakes)

| WATERS   | OPEN SEASON  | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)                     |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Lakes (SUMMER)</b><br>Statewide   | May 14 - Oct. 31   | 5 combined total (not more than 3 over 16") |
| <b>Lakes (WINTER)</b><br>Outside or partly outside the BWCAW   | <b>2022 Season:</b><br>Jan. 15 - March 31<br><b>2023 Season:</b><br>Jan. 14 - March 31 | 5 combined total (not more than 3 over 16") |
| Lakes entirely within the BWCAW  | <b>2022 Season:</b><br>Jan. 1 - March 31<br><b>2023 Season:</b><br>Dec. 31 - March 31  | 5 combined total (not more than 3 over 16") |
| Lakes<br><b>EXCEPTIONS:</b><br>Little Andrus (Snowshoe), Cass County; Allen and Pleasant, Crow Wing County; Bad Medicine, Becker County. | Winter season closed for stream trout.   |   |

# LAKE SUPERIOR AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

The following regulations clarify the fishing seasons and limits for Lake Superior and the streams and rivers flowing into it. While fishing Minnesota waters, anglers must follow Minnesota regulations.

## Licensing

Anyone fishing on the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior must possess a Minnesota angling license and a Minnesota trout/salmon stamp validation except as listed on page 18. You need a Wisconsin fishing license to fish on Wisconsin waters of Lake Superior but you may fish the St. Louis River Estuary with a Minnesota fishing license.

## Location

- There are two sets of fishing regulations for Lake Superior and its tributaries based on whether you are above or below a posted boundary, which corresponds to areas accessible to migratory fish. A list of boundary locations on tributaries can be found on the DNR website or by contacting an [Area Fisheries Office](#) along the North Shore.
- Some tributary streams have special regulations. Additionally, some streams have sanctuary areas closed to fishing, including the French, Knife, Lester, Devil Track and Kadunce rivers, and Gauthier Creek. (See Experimental and Special Regulations, page 52-55.)
- Angling from boats is closed October 3 - November 30 on the portion of Lake Superior from the outermost portion of the north arm of the Duluth ship channel to the mouth of Chester Creek.

## Hours

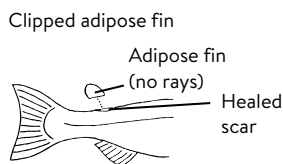
Angling hours on Lake Superior tributaries below the posted boundaries are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Exceptions are the St. Louis River Estuary (St. Louis and Carlton counties) and the Pigeon River (Cook County).

## Methods

- Anglers are restricted to a single hook or fly only—no treble hooks—on Lake Superior tributary streams and rivers below the posted boundaries. Exceptions are the St. Louis River (St. Louis and Carlton counties) and the Pigeon River (Cook County).
- No more than two lines may be used on Lake Superior, except only one line may be used within 100 yards of the mouth of any flowing stream.
- On Lake Superior tributaries below the posted boundaries, a fish that is hooked in any part of the body, except the mouth, must be immediately returned to the water.

## Possession and Transportation

- Unclipped steelhead (rainbow trout) must be immediately released on Lake Superior and its tributaries. A clipped adipose fin, used to identify stocked trout, must show a healed scar (see diagram right). Marking, tagging, or fin clipping fish and then releasing them without a DNR permit is unlawful.



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## Possession and Transportation *continued*

- While fishing or while on the water, trout, salmon, muskellunge, and catfish must be transported with head and tails intact.
- While transporting fish on land, 1) rainbow, brown and brook trout, and splake must be transported with head and tail intact; and 2) salmon, lake trout, and walleye may be filleted but must retain a 1-inch square patch of skin with scales. See pages 33-34 for additional general information on transporting fish.
- Rough fish or other species not named in the Lake Superior section are subject to inland regulations.

## Taking of Smelt

- Smelt may be taken night or day. Artificial lights may not be used to lure or attract smelt. There is no limit on smelt, and smelt from Lake Superior may be bought or sold; however, live smelt may not be possessed or transported.
- Dip nets may be used for taking smelt. Minnow seines not more than 25 feet long or 4 feet deep may be used to take smelt in the St. Louis River and in Lake Superior when more than 100 feet from the mouth of any stream.
- Taking of smelt at any time is prohibited in the following Lake Superior Tributaries: French River, Sucker River, Little Sucker River (St. Louis County); Silver Creek, Encampment Creek, Crow Creek (Lake County).

## Taking of Smelt and Cisco (Tullibee), and Trout Eggs, for Bait

- Anglers may take cisco (tullibee) or smelt from Lake Superior or its tributaries below the posted boundaries to use as bait only on Lake Superior.
- To use cisco (tullibee) or smelt taken from Lake Superior or its tributaries as bait on other water bodies, the fish must be preserved under a DNR-issued bait preservation permit. Permit applications are available from the DNR, 500 Lafayette, St. Paul, MN 55155-4026. Freezing is not a preservation method.
- No other fish species from Lake Superior or its tributaries below the posted boundaries, or the St. Louis River downstream of the Fond du Lac dam, may be used as bait except trout eggs (see next bullet).
- Eggs of trout harvested from Lake Superior or its tributaries below the posted boundaries may be used as bait (spawn bags). Spawn bags from Lake Superior trout may only be used on Lake Superior and its tributaries below the posted boundaries, and no other waters in the state.
- Spawn bags can be bought or sold only if they are made from either 1) fish eggs from a licensed aquaculture facility; or 2) fish eggs taken from a source outside Minnesota that has been certified disease free and are preserved and labeled under a Minnesota bait preservation permit. These spawn bags may only be used in Lake Superior and tributaries below posted boundaries.

## Guide Licenses

A guide's license is required to operate a charter boat for the purpose of guiding or assisting anglers on the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior and the St. Louis River Estuary. More information: [mndnr.gov/licenses/commercial](http://mndnr.gov/licenses/commercial)

## Lake Superior and Tributaries Below Posted Boundaries

Including St. Louis River Estuary below the Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary cable and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries.

Calendar dates refer to 2022 unless noted otherwise. If fishing the St. Louis River Estuary and species are not listed below see Minnesota–Wisconsin border waters regulations (page 66). Otherwise, see inland waters regulations (page 21) for any species not listed.

| SPECIES  | OPEN SEASON  | POSSESSION LIMIT  | SIZE LIMIT                               |
|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Brook trout and splake</b>  | April 16 - Sept. 5   | 1 (combined total brook trout, splake, brown trout and rainbow trout is 5). | Minimum size limit 20"                   |
| <b>Rainbow trout—clipped</b>   | Continuous   | 3 (combined total brook trout, splake, brown trout and rainbow trout is 5). | Minimum size limit 16"                   |
| <b>Rainbow trout—unclipped</b>   | Continuous   | Catch-and-release only  |  |
| <b>Brown trout</b>   | Continuous   | 5 (combined total brook trout, splake, brown trout and rainbow trout is 5). | Minimum size limit 10". Only 1 over 16". |
| <b>Lake trout</b>  | Dec. 1, 2021 - Oct. 2, 2022<br>Dec. 1, 2022 - Oct. 8, 2023 | 3   |  |
| <b>Salmon</b> (Chinook, coho, pink, and Atlantic)  | Continuous   | 5 combined total (only 1 can be Atlantic salmon)                            | Minimum size limit 10"                   |
| <b>Walleye</b>   | May 14, 2022 - March 1, 2023                               | 2   | Minimum size limit 15"                   |
| <b>Northern pike</b>   | May 14, 2022 - March 1, 2023                               | 2   |  |
| <b>Smelt</b>   | Continuous   | No limit  |  |
| <b>Lake or shovelnose sturgeon</b><br>Includes Lake Superior and the St. Louis River. (See pages 56–66 for other sturgeon waters and regulations.) | Same dates every year: June 16 - April 14                  | Catch-and-release only; no tag needed.                                      |  |

## Lake Superior Tributaries Above Posted Boundaries

| SPECIES                      | OPEN SEASON         | POSSESSION LIMIT       | SIZE LIMIT               |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Brook and brown trout</b> | April 16 - Sept. 30 | 5 combined total       | Not more than 1 over 16" |
| <b>Rainbow trout</b>         | April 16 - Sept. 30 | Catch-and-release only |                          |

# GENERAL REGULATIONS

## TACKLE AND LINES

### How many lines can I fish with?

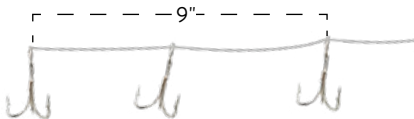
- You may use only one line during the open water season.
- You may use two lines through the ice except on designated trout lakes and streams.
- On designated trout lakes and streams, only one line is allowed at any time.
- More than one line may be allowed on border waters (page 58) and Lake Superior (page 26).

### How many hooks can I use on the end of my line?

- **ONLY ONE** artificial bait/lure or one single tackle configuration can be used at the end of your line for it to be considered a single line.
- Up to three single- or multiple-pronged hooks may be used as a single tackle configuration but the total distance between hooks cannot exceed 9" (see below).
- "Umbrella" style rigs may be used provided only one wire contains hooks. The other wires may include lures/baits but cannot contain hooks.
- You may use up to three artificial flies on one fishing line when you are fishing for bass, crappie, rock bass, sunfish, or trout. There are no restrictions on distance between the flies.
- Unless fishing on a designated trout stream or lake, you may add one additional "stinger" hook on a line as part of a single artificial lure or bait. The "stinger" hook must be within 3 inches of the artificial lure/bait.

### Single Tackle Configuration Example

Combined length cannot exceed 9"



### Artificial Lure/Baits Examples



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### Can I use bait in Minnesota waters?

- You can fish with a variety of live or dead bait including worms, night crawlers, insects and larvae. If you are fishing with minnows or leeches, a number of restrictions apply.
- If you choose to keep your bait when done fishing, you must exchange water in bait buckets with tap or bottled water prior to leaving any water body, except when you are fishing through the ice. The exception for ice fishing does not apply when fishing on Lake Superior.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. It is illegal to release bait into Minnesota lakes and rivers. All earthworms are non-native and can damage forests if released.
- You can't use whole or parts of game fish, goldfish, carp, or salamanders (including mudpuppies) for bait. See page 27 for Lake Superior exceptions.

### What are the rules for taking and transporting live minnows and leeches?

- You can't import live minnows or leeches into Minnesota.
- Dead bait may only be imported if it comes from a waterbody tested negative for Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) with a negative fish health certification or has been preserved under a DNR bait preservation permit issued to a commercial license. All imported dead bait must be labeled and the labeling kept on your person while angling (see website for examples).
- You can take an unlimited number of minnows and leeches with an angling license for personal use, however you may not transport more than 12 dozen at one time without a commercial minnow license. All minnows and leeches must be transported in tap/well or bottled water.

### Where can I harvest minnows and leeches?

You can take them from all waters of the state where you can legally access the water except:

- Within the boundaries of state parks.
- Within designated trout waters, except under permit.
- Most aquatic invasive species infested waters. See [mndnr.gov/AIS](http://mndnr.gov/AIS) for a current list.
- All streams and connected waters in Lincoln, Pipestone, Murray, Rock and Nobles counties south of U.S. Highway 14 and west of U.S. Highway 59 to the South Dakota border.
- A harvest permit is required to take madtoms and stonecats in Dodge, Freeborn and Mower counties.

### Can I harvest bait from infested waters?

- Minnows and leeches may be taken for personal use from waters infested solely with Eurasian watermilfoil using a cylindrical trap not exceeding 16 inches in diameter and 32 inches long. At these waters, harvested bait may only be used on the water where taken. The harvest and use of bait from other infested waters is prohibited.
- Within infested streams and rivers (except for the St. Louis River Estuary), bullhead, sucker, mooneye, goldeye and sheepshead may be taken by hook and line for personal use as bait on the same water. Harvested bait may not be transported live from the river or stream. Where a river or stream is divided by barriers such as dams, fish for bait must be caught and used on the same section.
- You can obtain a DNR permit at [mndnr.gov/fishing](http://mndnr.gov/fishing) to take gizzard shad by cast net for personal use as bait for fishing from Minnesota portions of the Mississippi River

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downstream of St. Anthony Falls, the Minnesota River downstream of Granite Falls, and the St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls.

### **How can I take minnows and leeches?**

You can use dip nets, seines and traps. See restrictions below:

- Seines may be up to 25-feet long with bar mesh up to ¼-inch. The depth of the seine may be up to 37 inches deep if the bar mesh is between ⅜-inch and ¼-inch, or up to 48 inches of material for bar mesh sizes smaller than ⅜-inch.
- Traps may not exceed a width of 30 inches and length of 30 inches, height may not exceed 15 inches, the diameter or width of the opening may not exceed 1½ inches, and mesh size may not exceed ½-inch bar measure. Traps must have a waterproof tag bearing the name and address of the owner.
- You can't use throw nets (cast nets) without a DNR permit (see page 30).

### **When do I need to get a commercial license to take and sell minnows and leeches?**

- If you want to transport more than 12 dozen.
- If you want to sell minnows or leeches at retail or wholesale.

### **What are the rules for live suckers?**

Suckers 12 inches and shorter are considered minnows and regular bait rules for minnows apply. However, suckers longer than 12 inches may only be transported alive if they are in containers that are not livewells or other parts of a boat and only if bought from a licensed commercial vendor. You must have a valid sales receipt from the vendor on your person.

### **What are the rules for live bullheads?**

- Live bullheads may not be transported north of Minnesota Highway 210.
- Bullheads less than 7 inches in length are considered minnows and may be possessed in any quantity south of Minnesota Highway 210. Bullheads must be transported in a container with a locking lid.
- You may take and possess bullheads, 7-10 inches in length, for use as live bait. They are counted as part of your daily and possession limit of 100.
- Legal methods of taking bullheads are dip net, angling or minnow seines.

### **What is restricted bait and can I harvest and use it?**

- Restricted bait includes cisco (tullibee) less than 7 inches, smelt, and VHS-susceptible species (such as fathead minnows, spottail shiners, emerald shiners, and bluntnose minnows).
- For restricted bait rules on Lake Superior and tributaries, see page 28.
- Live restricted bait must have been purchased from a licensed retailer (retain proof of purchase) or come from a VHS-free source.
- Dead restricted bait can only be used if it was harvested from a waterbody tested for VHS with a negative fish health certification, a VHS free zone (see [mndnr.gov/bait/dead](http://mndnr.gov/bait/dead)), or has been preserved and labeled under a bait preservation permit issued to a commercial license.
- All restricted dead bait must be labeled and the labeling kept on your person while angling (see [www.dnr.state.mn.us/bait/dead.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/bait/dead.html) for examples).
- Freezing is not a bait preservation method because freezing doesn't kill VHS.

### **Where can I get more information about bait?**

Check the Other Species section of the online regulations or contact the Minnesota DNR Information Center at 888-MINNDNR, or go to [mndnr.gov/bait](http://mndnr.gov/bait)

## METHODS

### What if people are fishing together from a boat or on shore?

- A party is two or more people fishing together from a single watercraft or on shore while maintaining unaided visual and vocal contact.
- The number of fish your party possesses can't be more than the combined limits of all party members. You may not transport more than your individual daily or possession limit.

### What fishing methods are illegal?

- Intentionally fishing for a species during its closed season.
- Using an artificial light to lure, attract or spot fish. However, you may use a lighted artificial lure. Batteries used in lighted fishing lures must not contain mercury.
- Leaving your fishing line with hooks attached in the water unattended. Receiving electronic notifications is not considered attending your fishing line.
- Using explosives, firearms, chemicals (not including a scented bait), spring (or automatic hook setting) devices that impale or hook fish, or electricity to take fish.
- Taking fish by hand (noodling) or by snagging.

## POSSESSION

### How many fish can I keep?

- Your daily and possession limits are the same unless otherwise noted. Some lakes have reduced daily limits but statewide possession limits (pages 38-51) which means an angler can keep one limit per day from that lake but can't exceed the statewide possession limit (pages 21-23) at any time.
- A fish is in your possession once you have caught and kept it. Your possession limit includes any fish you have kept that day plus any fish in storage from a previous day.
- Processed fish (e.g. pickled, smoked) still count towards your limit.
- Once you reach your daily or possession limit for a species, you may keep fishing but all fish of that species must be immediately released and no culling is allowed. If fishing is good you may want to stay below your limit to accommodate keeping a deeply hooked legal sized fish.
- Culling (page 12) is allowed in most waters except North Dakota border waters and Mille Lacs (except bass may be culled), until you reach your daily or possession limit.

### What are length limits?

Some waters have fish length restrictions, such as slot limits, minimum size limits, or one-over the size limit. See page 12 for definitions.

You can't possess any fish outside the legal length limits of the waters on which you are traveling or fishing, unless all of the following conditions are true: 1) The fish was legally taken from a connected water body or packaged by a licensed fish packer; 2) You are traveling back to your lodging or docking and taking the most direct route; and 3) You are not fishing while you are in transit.

### What if I've caught fish on waters with size restrictions different from statewide regulations?

- Unless you are in the act of preparing the fish for a meal, any kept fish with size restrictions different than statewide regulations may not be filleted.

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Kept fish must still have their heads, tails, fins, and skin intact so they can be measured and counted. Carcasses count toward your possession limit until you dispose of them.

- You may eat legal sized fish while on the ice, docked, or moored to shore but you must retain the carcass including the head, dorsal fin, and tail. Any fish caught and eaten on the same day count toward your daily limit.

### **Can I give away fish that I've kept?**

If you have kept a fish and want to transfer it as a gift, it must be accompanied by a receipt that must remain with the gift. The person receiving the gift can't possess more than the statewide limit including your gift. The receipt must contain all of the following information:

- Name and address of the owner.
- Name and address of recipient.
- Date of transfer.
- Description of the gift (number and species).
- License number (DNR number or transaction number) under which the fish was taken.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Can I transport live fish I caught (other than bait)?**

No, fish being harvested may not be transported in enough water to keep them alive. You can't transfer live fish or fish eggs from one body of water to another.

### **What about fish for an aquarium?**

If you are older than 16, you can transport live fish for display in a home aquarium only if you purchase the fish from an aquaculture licensee and have proof of purchase.

Youth age 16 and younger can legally transport certain live fish for display in a home aquarium if:

- They have legally caught the fish from among the following species: largemouth, smallmouth or rock bass; yellow perch; crappie; bluegill, pumpkinseed, green or orange-spotted sunfish; black, yellow, and brown bullhead.
- No more than four fish of each species are transported at any one time.
- All fish are 10 inches or less in length.
- Fish are not transported in water taken from any lake or stream. You must bring bottled or tap water for transport.

### **How do I prepare fish I've caught for transport?**

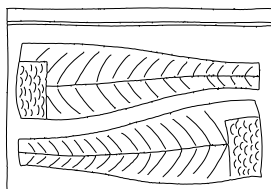
- You must package and transport fish in such a way that they can be readily unwrapped, separated, identified and counted.
- A fish may not be cut into more than two fillets.
- If you are transporting lake sturgeon, muskellunge, catfish, splake or brook, brown and rainbow trout, you must transport them with the head and tail intact so the fish can be measured.
- Bullhead, sunfish and crappie may be filleted without leaving a patch of skin.
- Fillets from all other species must have a 1-inch square patch of skin with scales intact from a portion of the body other than the belly, unless they are packaged by a licensed fish packer.
- Sauger without head and tail intact will be counted as walleye unless they are packaged by a licensed fish packer.

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One of the best ways to transport your fish so they can be counted and identified is in clear plastic freezer bags.

Fillets and dressed fish must show at least a 1-inch square patch of skin with scales so fish species can be identified.

See page 32 or 37 for waters with special or experimental regulations.



## OTHER SPECIES

### Threatened and Endangered Species

You can't take or possess any state-endangered or threatened species, including skipjack herring, crystal darter, pallid shiner, slender madtom, gravel chub, plains topminnow, black buffalo, pugnose shiner, paddlefish, Blanchard's cricket frog, Blanding's turtle, wood turtle, or endangered or threatened mussels, unless you have an endangered species permit.

### Crayfish

#### Can I take my own crayfish?

Yes, people with a fishing license and children younger than 16 can take and possess up to 25 pounds of live crayfish for personal use. However, you cannot possess red swamp crayfish, as they are a prohibited invasive species (more details on page 8). A permit is needed to sell crayfish or take/possess more than 25 pounds of crayfish. More information can be found at [mndnr.gov/fishing/commercial](http://mndnr.gov/fishing/commercial).

#### When can I take crayfish?

From April 1 to November 30. Traps may be left overnight but may only be tended from one hour before sunrise through one hour after sunset.

#### Where can I use crayfish as bait?

- Crayfish may not be used for bait in the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway north or upstream of the St. Croix Boom Site boat launch, or within Voyageurs National Park.
- Except as noted above, preserved crayfish may be used in all waters of the state and live crayfish may only be used in the water where they were captured.

### Frogs and Salamanders

#### Can I take my own frogs?

In most cases, yes:

- People with a fishing license and children younger than 16 can take, use, buy and sell an unlimited number of frogs up to 6 inches long for bait.
- A special frog license is required to take frogs for any purpose other than bait.
- You must have an endangered species permit to possess Blanchard's cricket frogs.

#### When can I take frogs for bait?

From May 16 to March 31 the following year.

#### Can I release frogs or tadpoles?

No. Unused frogs or tadpoles can't be released in any Minnesota water.

### **Can I use salamanders (including mudpuppies) as bait?**

No. Salamanders are protected wild animals and cannot be used as bait. Several salamander species including mudpuppies are species of special concern.

## **Mussels (Clams)**

### **Can I take live mussels?**

No. State law prohibits the harvest of live mussels. Twenty-four of Minnesota's 51 native mussel species are endangered or threatened.

### **Can I take dead mussel shells?**

People with a fishing license and children younger than 16 may hand-pick or possess up to 24 whole shells or 48 half shells from dead mussels of species that are not endangered or threatened.

- Shell collection is allowed from May 16 through the last day in February the following year.
- You can't take mussel shells from the St. Croix River.
- You can't possess zebra mussels.
- Mussel shells can't be bought or sold.

## **Turtles**

### **Can I take my own turtles?**

Residents with a resident fishing license can take, possess and transport snapping and western painted turtles for personal use.

### **What kind of turtles can I take?**

- Western painted: between 4 and 5½ inches in shell length, possession limit three. Turtles used in turtle races may be any length greater than 4 inches.
- Snapping: minimum size is 12 inches in shell length, possession limit is three. Season is from July 1 through April 30 the following year.
- All other species of turtles may only be purchased from a commercial vendor.

### **What about turtle races?**

Residents younger than 18 may take, possess, rent or sell up to 25 turtles for use in a non-profit turtle race. Each turtle must be greater than 4" in length.

### **How do you measure turtle shell length?**

Measure the top shell length (the hard upper shell of the turtle) from above the neck to above the tail. The measuring device should measure a straight line above the curvature of the shell.

### **How can I take turtles?**

If you want to use traps, nets or other commercial equipment, you will need a recreational turtle license in addition to an angling license. You may not use firearms, bows, spears, impaling objects, explosives, drugs, poisons, lime or other harmful substances to take turtles.

### **Can I take turtle eggs?**

A DNR permit is required to take turtle eggs.

### **Can I release turtles in Minnesota?**

No. Unused or unwanted turtles can't be released in any Minnesota water.

### **Where do I get a recreational turtle license?**

Licenses and permit applications are available from the Minnesota DNR, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, 55155-4026. Phone 877-348-0498.

## ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

- If you catch a fish (including rough fish) and you don't intend to use it for anything, you must return it immediately back into the water alive. You can't waste a fish by discarding it, or any part of it, on the ice, on the bank, or into the water.
- You can't dispose of any rubbish (including parts of fish or other animals), or chemicals into public waters, or on shore.
- You can't deposit fish parts or other material (chum) into waters to attract fish.
- You can't possess or transport white perch, ruffe, round goby, black carp, bighead carp, grass carp or silver carp, unless you are taking them to a DNR office. If you catch a black, bighead, grass or silver carp, see page 8.
- You can't buy or sell game fish, whitefish, or cisco (tullibee) unless you buy fish from a commercial, private hatchery, or aquatic farm licensee.
- You can't release bait into any water or worms anywhere in Minnesota.  
All unwanted bait should be disposed of in the trash.

See page 9 for boat and trailer transport restrictions.

## PERMITS

A Minnesota DNR permit is required to:

- Transplant aquatic plants, apply chemicals and perform certain types of cutting to control vegetation in any public water.
- Mark or tag fish and then release them.
- Harvest minnows from designated trout lakes or streams or from most infested waters.
- Conduct some fishing contests.

A permit from the county sheriff is required for most organized events on the water or ice, including fishing contests.

Find more information at [mndnr.gov/permits](http://mndnr.gov/permits) or contact your regional Fisheries Office (page 85).

### Federal aid in sport fish restoration

Minnesota's rich outdoor heritage is enjoyed by all. When you purchase a fishing rod, reel, or most any other sporting gear, you pay a federal excise tax. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants that money back to the states using a formula based on fishing licenses sold and the state's land area. These funds support fish population monitoring, research, habitat projects, and efforts related to angler access, recruitment, and retention.



# SPECIAL REGULATIONS

## INTENSIVE MANAGEMENT LAKES

A number of lakes in Minnesota are managed under both treaties and DNR regulations. Angling harvest on these intensive management lakes may change throughout the year to maintain sustainable fish populations. If regulations change, information will be posted at public boat ramps, the DNR website, and in newspapers.

**MILLE LACS LAKE** including tributaries to posted boundaries (Aitkin, Crow Wing and Mille Lacs counties). Regulations for walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, tullibee, and other fish species will be posted at public access sites and the DNR website at [mndnr.gov/millelacslake](http://mndnr.gov/millelacslake).

**RED LAKE, UPPER** including Shotley Brook and Tamarac River (Beltrami County). Those portions of Red Lake located within the Red Lake Indian Reservation are closed to non-band members except by special authorization of the tribal council.

- Northern pike: all from 30-40 inches must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 40" allowed.
- Walleye: Restrictions or changes will be posted at public access sites and on the DNR website. A person's statewide bag limit may not include more than the current daily bag limit of Red Lake walleye.

## WATERS WITH EXPERIMENTAL AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS

These regulations differ from statewide or border water regulations and take precedence. Unless otherwise stated, all general regulations, seasons, limits, border water regulations, possession, and transportation regulations apply to these waters. If you want to keep fish with special or experimental size restrictions, the fish must remain intact to verify it is of legal size until you are preparing to eat the fish. Regulations are posted at access sites but be sure to also check other sections of this booklet and other states' regulations when on border waters. Note: some regulations specify a daily limit for the lake and others specify a possession limit. See definitions on page 12.

These regulations are intended to improve fishing quality or provide unique opportunities. The DNR regularly evaluates the regulations and needs your compliance to ensure success.

### National Wildlife Refuges may have differing regulations

Please check with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: 612-713-5360.

### Voyageurs National Park

In response to the threat of invasive species introductions, the park only allows artificial bait in the interior lakes and prohibits the use of privately owned watercraft and the landing of float planes in these lakes. These regulations do not apply to Rainy, Kabetogama, Namakan, Crane, and Sand Point lakes. Contact Voyageurs National Park for more information: 218-283-6600.

## Lakes (County)

- A** **AGNES LAKE (Douglas)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 12-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.
- AITKIN LAKE** including area known as **Aitkin Flowage (Aitkin)**: See Big Sandy Lake.
- ALEXANDER LAKE (Morrison)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".
- ★ **NEW—AMELIA LAKE (Pope)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.
- ★ **NEW—ANDREW LAKE (Douglas)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.
- ANDRUSIA LAKE (Beltrami)** See Cass Lake Chain.
- ANN LAKE (Carver)** Largemouth bass: catch-and-release only. Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".
- ANNIE BATTLE LAKE** including inlet to **Molly Stark Lake** and outlet to **Blanche Lake (Otter Tail)** Use of gas and electric motors, underwater cameras, augers, and other electronic fish-finding devices is prohibited. Sunfish: daily limit five. Northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass: catch-and-release only. Crappie: possession limit five.
- ARROWHEAD LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.
- ASH LAKE (St. Louis)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".
- B** **BALM LAKE (Beltrami)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.
- BALSAM LAKE (Itasca)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".
- BASS LAKE** near **Cohasset (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit five.
- BASS LAKE** near **Underwood (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit five.
- BASS LAKE** near **Burtrum (Todd)** north of **Long Lake**. Walleye: possession limit two. Largemouth bass: possession limit one. Northern pike: possession limit three, all larger than 26" must be immediately released.
- BASSWOOD LAKE (Lake)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Protected slot and possession limit applies to all Minnesota waters of Basswood Lake.
- BATTLE LAKE (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.
- BATTLE LAKE, WEST (Otter Tail)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".
- BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR (Chester Woods) (Olmsted)** See Rochester–Olmsted County Area Lakes.
- BEAR HEAD LAKE (St. Louis)** Sunfish: daily limit five.
- BEAR LAKE (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit five.
- BEAUTY LAKE (Todd)** Sunfish: daily limit five.
- BECKER LAKE (Stearns)** See Sauk River Chain of Lakes.
- BELTRAMI LAKE** including **Turtle River** and **Fox Lake (Beltrami)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Sunfish: daily limit five.
- BERTHA LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.
- ★ **NEW—BEUBER LAKE (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**BIG BASS LAKE (Beltrami)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**BIG FLOYD LAKE (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**BIG LAKE (Beltrami)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**BIG MANTRAP (Hubbard)** Crappie: daily limit five. Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**BIG MARINE LAKE (Washington)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

★ **NEW—BIG PINE LAKE (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit 10. Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession.

**BIG PORTAGE LAKE and connected Rice and Deep Portage lakes (Cass)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**BIG RICE LAKE (Beltrami)** See Cass Chain.

**BIG SAND LAKE (Hubbard)** Walleye: all from 20-28" must be immediately released. One over 28" allowed in possession.

**BIG SANDY LAKE and connected waters (Aitkin):** Aitkin Lake including area known as Aitkin Flowage, Davis Lake including bay known as Steamboat Lake, Flowage Lake, Sandy River Lake, Prairie River from confluence with Tamarack River downstream to confluence with Big Sandy Lake, Sandy River from State Highway 210 downstream to confluence with the Mississippi River, and West Savanna River from County Highway 14 downstream to confluence with the Prairie River. Sunfish: daily limit five. Walleye: all less than 14" or greater than 18" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession.

**BIG SWAN LAKE (Todd)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit six, only one over 36".

**BIG TROUT LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.

**BIRCH LAKE RESERVOIR including the South Kawishiwi River upstream to the first rapids north of Minnesota Highway 1 bridge (St. Louis).** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**BLACKDUCK LAKE (Beltrami)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**BLACKDUCK LAKE (St. Louis)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**BLACK BASS LAKE (Mille Lacs)** Use of gas or electric augers, underwater cameras, and other electronic fish-finding devices is prohibited. Largemouth and smallmouth bass: catch-and-release only. Northern pike: catch-and-release only. Sunfish: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—BLACKWELL LAKE (Douglas)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**BLUEBERRY LAKE (Wadena)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**BOLFING LAKE (Stearns)** See Sauk River Chain of Lakes.

**BORDEN LAKE (Crow Wing)** Sunfish: daily limit five. Crappie: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—BOY LAKE and connected Swift Lake (Cass County)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**BUCK LAKE near Burtrum (Todd)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**BUFFALO LAKE (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**C CAMPBELL LAKE (Beltrami)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**CARNELIAN LAKE (Stearns)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**CASCADE LAKE (Cascade Ponds) (Olmsted)** See Rochester-Olmsted County Area Lakes.

**CASS CHAIN** including connecting waters Wolf, Ose, Andrusia, Big Lake Creek, Mississippi River, Cass, Fox Creek, Pike Bay, Windigo, Buck, Big Rice, Little Rice, Kitchi, Turtle River, and Pug Hole (Beltrami) Sunfish: daily limit five.

**CEDAR LAKE (Morrison)** Walleye: possession limit two. Crappie: daily limit five.

Northern pike: possession limit three, all larger than 26" must be immediately released.

**CEDAR LAKE north of Sauk Centre (Todd)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**CEDAR ISLAND LAKE (Stearns)** See Sauk River Chain of Lakes.

**CENTER LAKE, North and South (Chisago)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**CENTERVILLE LAKE (Anoka)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**CHARLEY LAKE (Ramsey)** Closed to fishing.

**CHILD LAKE (Cass)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**CHISAGO LAKE (Chisago)** Largemouth bass: all 12" and larger must be immediately released.

**CHRISTINA LAKE (Douglas)** Closed to fishing.

**CLAMSHELL LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.

**CLEAR LAKE (Aitkin)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**CLEAR LAKE (Waseca)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: catch-and-release only.

★**NEW—CLEAR LAKE (Washington)** Walleye: experimental regulation expired, statewide regulations in effect.

**CLITHERALL LAKE (Otter Tail)** Smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**COON LAKE (Anoka)** Walleye: minimum size limit 17".

**COON-SANDWICK LAKE (Itasca)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**CRANE LAKE** including Vermilion Gorge and Echo River from mouth upstream to County Highway 424 bridge (St. Louis) Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession. Walleye and sauger: possession limit six combined, only four may be walleye.

★**NEW—CRAWFORD LAKE (Wright)** Largemouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**CROOKED LAKE (Anoka)** Largemouth bass: catch-and-release only.

★**NEW—CROOKED LAKE and connected Welsh Lake (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**CROOKED LAKE (Stearns)** Largemouth bass: all from 12-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

★**NEW—CROSS LAKE and connected waters including the Snake River under the I-35 bridges downstream to the Cross Lake Road/County Road 9 bridge. (Pine)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**CROSS LAKE RESERVOIR (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.

★**NEW—CROW WING LAKE, 1st (Hubbard)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**CROW WING LAKES, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th (Hubbard)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**CROW WING LAKES, 5th and 6th (Hubbard)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**CROW WING LAKES, 8th, 9th, and 10th (Hubbard)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

★**NEW—CRYSTAL LAKE (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**CUT FOOT SIOUX LAKE and connected Little Cut Foot Sioux Lake, First River Flowage, and Egg Lake (Itasca):** Sunfish: daily limit five. Walleye: see Winnibigoshish.

**D** **DAGGETT LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.

**DAM LAKE and connected Lily Lake and Dam Brook (Aitkin)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**DAVIS LAKE (Aitkin)** See Big Sandy Lake.

**DEEP LAKE (Ramsey)** Closed to fishing.

**DEER LAKE (Beltrami)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession. Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Sunfish: daily limit five.

**DEER LAKE near Effie (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**DEER LAKE including Ottertail River (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**DEMONTREVILLE LAKE (Washington)** Largemouth bass: catch-and-release only.

**DIAMOND LAKE (Kandiyohi)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**DIXON LAKE (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit five. Walleye: see Winnibigoshish.

**DUTCH LAKE (Hennepin)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**DYERS LAKE (Cook)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**E** **EAST LOST LAKE including Ottertail River (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**EDEN LAKE (Stearns)** Channel catfish and flathead catfish: combined possession limit 10, not more than two may be flathead catfish. Only one over 24" allowed in possession.

**EAST TWIN LAKE (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**EDWARD LAKE (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**ELEPHANT LAKE (St. Louis)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

★**NEW—ELLIOT LAKE (St. Louis)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**EUNICE LAKE (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit five. Crappie: minimum size limit 10". Daily limit five. Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 12-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**F** **FARM LAKE (Lake)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Walleye: (includes the North Branch Kawishiwi River from Farm Lake 4.8 miles east to the long portage) All from 17-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession.

**FARM ISLAND LAKE (Aitkin)** Walleye: all from 16-19" must be immediately released.

**FISH LAKE near Parkers Prairie (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**FISH LAKE near Weetown (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

★**NEW—FISH LAKE RESERVOIR (St. Louis)** Walleye: all less than 13" or greater than 17" must be immediately released, except one over 26" allowed in possession. Possession limit three. Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**FISH TRAP LAKE (Morrison)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**FLADMARK LAKE (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: possession limit 10. Northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass: catch-and-release only. Crappie: possession limit five.

**FLORIDA LAKE (Kandiyohi)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**FLOUR LAKE (Cook)** Smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**FLOWAGE LAKE (Aitkin)** See Big Sandy Lake.

**FOSTER AREND LAKE (Olmsted)** Trout: continuous season. Possession limit three. One over 16" allowed in possession. Sunfish, crappie, yellow perch, largemouth and smallmouth bass, see Rochester–Olmsted County Area Lakes.

**FOX LAKE (Beltrami)** See Beltrami Lake.

**FRANKLIN LAKE (Otter Tail)** Crappie: minimum size limit 10". Daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**G GAMEHAVEN (Boy Scout Lake or Willow Reservoir No. 4) (Olmsted)** See Rochester–Olmsted County Area Lakes.

**GARDEN LAKE (Lake)** Northern pike: all from 24"-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Walleye: all from 17"-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" is allowed in possession.

 **NEW—GARFIELD LAKE (Hubbard)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**GEORGE LAKE (Hubbard)** Northern pike: all from 24"-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**GEORGE LAKE (Kandiyohi)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**GILBERT LAKE (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**GILCHRIST LAKE (Pope)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**GIRL LAKE (Cass)** Northern pike: all from 24"-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**GLADSTONE LAKE (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**GOODRICH LAKE (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**GOOSE LAKE (Chisago)** Crappie: daily limit five. Walleye: minimum size limit 17".

**GRAVE LAKE (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**GREAT NORTHERN LAKE (Stearns)** See Sauk River Chain of Lakes.

**GREEN LAKE (Chisago)** Walleye: minimum size limit 17".

**GREEN LAKE (Kandiyohi)** Walleye: possession limit three.

**GREEN PRAIRIE LAKE (Morrison)** Sunfish: possession limit 10.

**GRINDSTONE LAKE (Pine)** Smelt: seines may not be used within 100' of any inflow or outflow of the lake.

**GROVE LAKE (Pope)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**GULL LAKE (Beltrami)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**GULL LAKE (Cook)** Walleye: see Saganaga Lake.

**GUN LAKE (Aitkin)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**H HEIGHT OF LAND (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**HENRY LAKE (Douglas)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 12-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**HORSESHOE LAKE and connected Minnewawa Lake (Aitkin)** Walleye: possession limit three. Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**HORSESHOE LAKE (Cass)** Near Backus. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**HORSESHOE LAKE (Stearns)** See Sauk River Chain of Lakes.

**HOVDE LAKE (Cass)** Largemouth bass: catch-and-release only.

★ **NEW—HUBERT LAKE (Crow Wing)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all 12" and larger must be immediately released. Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**HUNGRY JACK LAKE (Cook)** Smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**I INDIAN LAKE (Wright)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**INGUADONA LAKE and connected Rice Lake (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit 10. Crappie: daily limit five.

**IRENE LAKE (Douglas)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

★ **NEW—ISLAND LAKE (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

★ **NEW—ISLAND LAKE near Longville (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**ISLAND LAKE near Deer River (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**ISLAND LAKE near Northome (Itasca)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Walleye: all from 17-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession.

**ISLAND-LOON LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.

**ISLAND RESERVOIR (St. Louis)** Walleye: all from 15-20" must be immediately released. Possession limit 10, only one over 20".

**ITASCA LAKE (Clearwater)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**J JANE LAKE (Washington)** Largemouth bass: catch-and-release only.

**JAY GOULD including Little Jay Gould and Blackwater Reservoir upstream to Highway 6 (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**JULIA LAKE (Beltrami)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**K KABEKONA LAKE (Hubbard)** Walleye: all from 20-26" must be immediately released. Possession limit four, only one over 26".

**KABETOGAMA LAKE including Sullivan Bay and Ash River to Ash River Falls (St. Louis)** Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession. Walleye and sauger: possession limit six combined, only four may be walleye.

**KALMAR RESERVOIR (Olmsted)** See Rochester—Olmsted County Area Lakes.

**KITCHI LAKE (Beltrami)** See Cass Lake Chain.

**KNAUS LAKE (Stearns)** See Sauk River Chain of Lakes.

**KNIFE LAKE (Kanabec)** Walleye: all from 18-24" must be immediately released. One over 24" allowed in possession. Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**KRAYS LAKE (Stearns)** See Sauk River Chain of Lakes.

**L LA SALLE LAKE (Hubbard)** Walleye: possession limit two. Largemouth and smallmouth bass: catch-and-release only. Crappie: possession limit five. Sunfish: possession limit five. Yellow perch: possession limit 10.

**LAC QUI PARLE LAKE upstream to Marsh Lake Dam, including the Watson Sag upstream to the diversion dam (Lac qui Parle and Chippewa)** Walleye: possession limit four, only one walleye over 20".

**LADY LAKE near Grey Eagle (Todd)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**LAKE OF THE WOODS including the Rainy River from the mouth upstream to the dam in International Falls (Roseau)** Northern pike: all from 30-40" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 40". Walleye and sauger: all walleye from 19½-28" must be immediately released. Possession limit six in combination, not more than four can be walleye, only one walleye over 28", see page 60 for season. Lake sturgeon, see page 61.

**LEECH LAKE (Cass)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five. Walleye: Possession limit four, only one over 20". See page 22 for whitefish.

**LESTER LAKE (Hubbard)** All species: catch-and-release only.

☀ **NEW—LEVEN LAKE (Pope)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

☀ **NEW—LIDA LAKES, South and North, including Mud Lake (Otter Tail)** Crappie: minimum size limit is 11". Walleye: all from 17-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession. Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**LILY LAKE and connected Long Lake (Todd)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**LIND LAKE (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**LITTLE BOY LAKE (Cass)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. Possession limit four, only one over 26".

**LITTLE BOWSTRING LAKE (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**LITTLE CORMORANT LAKE (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit five. Crappie: minimum size limit 10". Daily limit five. Walleye: minimum size limit 17".

**LITTLE FLOYD LAKE (Becker)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Daily limit three, only one over 36".

**LITTLE MANTRAP LAKE (Hubbard)** Largemouth bass: all from 12-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**LITTLE MCDONALD LAKE including Kerbs Lake (Otter Tail)** Walleye: all from 17-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession.

**LITTLE PINE LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.

**LITTLE PINE LAKE (Otter Tail)** Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession.

**LITTLE RABBIT LAKE (Crow Wing):** See Mississippi River.

**LITTLE SAUK LAKE (Todd)** Walleye: possession limit two. Largemouth bass: possession limit one. Sunfish: possession limit five. Crappie: possession limit five. Yellow perch: possession limit 10.

**LITTLE SPLITHAND LAKE (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**LITTLE SUGAR BUSH LAKE (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**LITTLE TOAD LAKE (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit 10. Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**LITTLE TROUT LAKE (St. Louis)** Lake trout: catch-and-release only.

☀ **NEW—LITTLE TURTLE LAKE near Marcell (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**LITTLE VERMILION LAKE including Loon River to Loon River Falls portage (St. Louis)** Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession. Walleye and sauger: possession limit six combined, only four may be walleye.

**LITTLE WEBB LAKE (Cass)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

44 **LITTLE WOMAN LAKE (Cass)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**LONG LAKE near Hawick (Kandiyohi)** Largemouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession. Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**LONG LAKE near Clearwater (Stearns)** Largemouth bass: all from 12-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**LONG LAKE south of Richmond (Stearns)** Channel catfish and flathead catfish: combined possession limit 10, not more than two may be flathead catfish. Only one over 24" allowed in possession. Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**LONG LAKE near Burtrum (Todd)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**LONG LAKE near Spaulding (Todd)** Sunfish: possession limit 10.

**LONG LAKE near Vergas (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**LOW LAKE (St. Louis)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**LOWER HAY LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.

**MAHONOMEN MINE and connected Alstead and Arco Mines (Crow Wing):** Lake Trout: all less than 20" must be immediately released, possession limit one.

**MANDALL LAKE (Chisago)** Crappie: daily limit five. Walleye: minimum size limit 17".

**MANOR WOODS POND (Country Club Pond) (Olmsted)** See Rochester-Olmsted County Area Lakes.

**MAPLE LAKE (Douglas)** Crappie: minimum size limit 10". Daily limit five.

**MAPLE LAKE (Todd)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**MARION LAKE (Dakota)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MARTIN LAKE (Anoka)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**MARY LAKE (Hubbard)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession. Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MARY LAKE (Todd)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MAZASKA LAKE (Rice)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MAUD LAKE (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit five. Crappie: size limit 10". Daily limit five. Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 12-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**MEDICINE LAKE (Beltrami)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MEDICINE LAKE (Hennepin)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MELISSA LAKE (Becker)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

☀️ **NEW—MIDDLE LAKE (Otter Tail)** Largemouth bass: all from 12-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession. Sunfish: daily limit five.

☀️ **NEW—MILL LAKE (Douglas)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**MILLE LACS** (See Intensive Management Lakes page 37).

**MINK-SOMERS LAKE near Maple Lake (Wright)** Sunfish: daily limit five. Crappie: daily limit five. Walleye: minimum size limit 17". Possession limit three. Largemouth bass: all from 12-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession. Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Possession or use of live minnows is prohibited.

**MINNEWASHTA LAKE (Carver)** Largemouth bass: catch-and-release only.

★ **NEW—MINNEWASKA LAKE (Pope)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**MINNEWAWA LAKE and connected Horseshoe Lake (Aitkin)** Walleye: possession limit three. Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**MINERVA LAKE (Clearwater)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—MINNIE BELLE LAKE (Meeker)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MISSION LAKES, Lower and Upper (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MITCHELL LAKE (Crow Wing)** Northern pike (regulation modified): all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**MOCCASIN LAKE (Cass)** Largemouth bass: catch-and-release only. Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MOODY LAKE (Crow Wing)** All species: catch-and-release only.

★ **NEW—MOON LAKE (Douglas)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MOOSE LAKE near Deer River (Itasca)** Walleye (regulation modified): all from 20-24" must be immediately released. One over 24" allowed in possession.

**MOOSE LAKE (Todd)** Largemouth bass: all 12" and larger must be immediately released. Sunfish: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—MOOSEHEAD LAKE (Carlton)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MOUND LAKE (Todd)** Crappie: possession limit five.

**MOVIL LAKE including Turtle River (Beltrami)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MUD LAKE (Stearns)** Channel catfish and flathead catfish: combined possession limit 10, not more than two may be flathead catfish. Only one over 24" allowed in possession.

**MUKOODA LAKE (St. Louis)** Lake trout: catch-and-release only.

**MULE LAKE (Cass)** Walleye: possession limit three.

**NAMAKAN LAKE (St. Louis)** Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession. Walleye and sauger: possession limit six combined, only four may be walleye.

**NEST LAKE (Kandiyohi)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**NORTH BROWNS LAKE (Stearns)** Channel catfish and flathead catfish: combined possession limit 10, not more than two may be flathead catfish. Only one over 24" allowed in possession.

**NORTH LONG LAKE (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**NORTH STAR LAKE including Little North Star Lake (Itasca)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**NORTH TURTLE LAKE (Otter Tail)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession. Crappie: minimum size limit 10".

**NORTH TWIN LAKE (Beltrami)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**NORWAY LAKE (Otter Tail)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession. Crappie: minimum size limit 10". Daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**OLSON LAKE (Washington)** Largemouth bass: catch-and-release only.

**OSAKIS and Little Osakis lakes (Douglas and Todd)** Sunfish: daily limit 10. Walleye: minimum size limit 15".

**OTTER TAIL LAKE (Otter Tail)** Northern pike: minimum size limit 30". Possession limit one.

**OWASSO LAKE (Ramsey)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—OX YOKE LAKE (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**OZAWINDIB LAKE (Clearwater)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession. Crappie: daily limit five.

**P PARLEY LAKE (Carver)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**PEARL LAKE (Stearns)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**PELICAN LAKE (St. Louis)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**PENNINGTON MINE (Crow Wing)** Lake Trout: all less than 20" must be immediately released, possession limit one.

**PERCH LAKE (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**PICKEREL LAKE (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**PIERZ LAKE (Fish) (Morrison)** Largemouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**PIG LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.

**PIKE BAY LAKE and connected Fox Creek (Cass)** See Cass Chain.

**PIMUSHE LAKE (Beltrami)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**PINE LAKE, BIG (Otter Tail)** See Big Pine Lake (Otter Tail County).

**PLATTE LAKE (Crow Wing)** Sunfish: possession limit 10.

**PLEASANT LAKE (Ramsey)** Closed to fishing.

**PLEASANT LAKE (Stearns)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—POKEGAMA LAKE near Grand Rapids (Itasca)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—POKEGAMA LAKE and connected waters including the Snake River from the Little Walleye landing downstream to the I-35 bridges. (Pine)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**PORTAGE LAKE North of Ten Mile Lake (Cass)** largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**PRAIRIE LAKE (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**PRIOR LAKE, UPPER AND LOWER (Scott)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**QUARRY HILL NATURE CENTER POND (Olmsted)** See Rochester–Olmsted County Area Lakes.

**R RABBIT LAKES, BIG AND EAST BIG (Crow Wing)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**RABOUR LAKE (Chisago)** Crappie: daily limit five. Walleye: minimum size limit 17".

**RACHEL LAKE AND LITTLE RACHEL LAKE (Douglas)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**RAINY LAKE** including the Rainy River above the dam at International Falls, all of Rainy Lake to the dam at Kettle Falls, Black Bay including Gold Portage below the rapids, all of the Rat Root River, and Rat Root Lake (Koochiching and St. Louis) Walleye and sauger: possession limit eight (not more than four can be walleye). All walleye from 18-26" must be immediately released. One walleye over 26" allowed in possession.

**RAT LAKE (Aitkin)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**RED LAKE** (see page 37).

**RED RIVER LAKE (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

★ **NEW—RED ROCK LAKE (Douglas)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**RED WING POTTERY POND (Goodhue)** Trout: Continuous season. Possession limit three. One over 16" allowed in possession.

★ **NEW—RENO LAKE (Pope)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**RICE LAKE and connected Inguadona Lake (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit 10. Crappie: daily limit five.

**RICE LAKE east side of Brainerd (Crow Wing):** See Mississippi River.

**RILEY LAKE (Carver)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—RIPLEY LAKE (Meeker)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**ROCHESTER—OLMSTED COUNTY AREA LAKES (Olmsted) includes:** Bear Creek Reservoir (Chester Woods), Cascade Lake (Cascade Ponds), Foster Arend Lake, Gamehaven Lake (Boy Scout Lake or Willow Reservoir No. 4), Kalmar Reservoir, Quarry Hill Nature Center Pond, Manor Woods Pond (Country Club Pond), Silver Lake, Silver Creek Reservoir, Willow Creek Reservoir. The daily and possession limits for the following species apply to the waters listed above as a whole, that is, only one daily and possession limit may be taken from the group of waters that comprise the Rochester–Olmsted County Area Lakes. Sunfish, crappie, yellow perch: combined possession limit 10, and only five may be crappie. Largemouth or smallmouth bass: possession limit of one. Northern pike: daily and possession limit one applies collectively to a subset of the Rochester–Olmsted County lakes: Cascade Lake, Game Haven Lake, Manor Woods, Silver Lake, Silver Creek Reservoir.

**ROGERS LAKE (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**ROUND LAKE (Crow Wing)** Northern pike: minimum size limit 30". Possession limit one.

★ **NEW—ROUND LAKE (Douglas)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**ROUND LAKE near Harding (Morrison)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**ROUND LAKE near Squaw Lake including the Popple River downstream to State Highway Bridge 46 (Itasca)** Walleye: all from 17-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession.

**RUSH LAKE, EAST AND WEST (Chisago)** Northern pike: all from 26-40" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 40".

**RUSH-HEN LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.

- S SAGAMORE MINE (Crow Wing)** Lake Trout: all less than 20" must be immediately released, possession limit one.
- SAGANAGA LAKE including Gull Lake and the Sea Gull River (Cook)** Walleye: minimum size limit 17". Possession limit three, only one over 20".
- SALLIE LAKE (Becker)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".
- ★ **NEW—SANBORN LAKE (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit five.
- ★ **NEW—SAND LAKE and connected Talac and Sorenson Lakes (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit five.
- ★ **NEW—SAND LAKE including connecting Birds Eye Lake, Little Sand Lake, Portage Lake and Bowstring River upstream to County Road 35 bridge and downstream to the County Road 145 bridge (Itasca)** Walleye: all 17-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession. Sunfish: daily limit five.
- SAND LAKE (Lake)** Sunfish: daily limit five.
- SAND POINT LAKE (St. Louis)** Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession. Walleye and sauger possession limit six combined, only four may be walleye.
- SANDY RIVER LAKE (Aitkin)** See Big Sandy Lake.
- SARAH LAKE (Hennepin)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.
- ★ **NEW—SARAH LAKE (Polk)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.
- SAUK RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES (Stearns)** from Highway 23 downstream to the Cold Spring Dam include connecting lakes Becker, Bolting, Cedar Island, Great Northern, Horseshoe, Knaus, Krays, Schneider and Zumwalde. Channel catfish and flathead catfish: combined possession limit 10, not more than two may be flathead catfish. Only one over 24" allowed in possession. Sunfish: daily limit 10.
- SCHNEIDER LAKE (Stearns)** See Sauk River Chain of Lakes.
- SEA GULL LAKE including Alpine River between Alpine Lake and Sea Gull Lake (Cook)** walleye: minimum size limit 17". Possession limit three, only one over 20".
- SEWELL LAKE (Otter Tail)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.
- ★ **NEW—SHAKOPEE LAKE (Mille Lacs)** Sunfish: daily limit five.
- SHAMINEAU LAKE (Morrison)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".
- ★ **NEW—SHIELDS LAKE (Rice)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.
- SHIELDS LAKE (Washington)** Sunfish: daily limit five.
- SILVER CREEK RESERVOIR (Olmsted)** See Rochester-Olmsted County Area Lakes on.
- SILVER LAKE (Olmsted)** See Rochester-Olmsted County Area Lakes.
- SOUTH FARM LAKE (Lake)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Walleye: all from 17-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession.
- SOUTH LINDSTROM LAKE (Chisago)** Largemouth bass: all 12" and larger must be immediately released.
- SOUTH TWIN LAKE (Beltrami)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.
- SPIDER LAKE (Hubbard)** Crappie: minimum size limit 10".

**SPIDER LAKE (Itasca)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**SPLITHAND LAKE (Itasca) including Moody's Creek upstream to County Road 432.** Walleye: all from 20-24" must be immediately released. One over 24" allowed in possession. Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**ST. OLAF LAKE (Waseca)** Northern pike: minimum size limit 30". Possession limit one.

**STAR LAKE (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**STEIGER LAKE (Carver)** Northern pike and largemouth bass: catch-and-release only.

★ **NEW—STRAND LAKE (St. Louis)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**STUART LAKE (Otter Tail)** Crappie: minimum size limit 10". Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**SUCKER LAKES, Upper, Middle, and Lower (Cass)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—SUGAR LAKE (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**SUGAR LAKE (Wright)** Crappie: daily limit five. Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**SULLIVAN LAKE (Morrison)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**SWAN LAKE including Swan River downstream to dam, upstream to County Road 12, and connected streams. (Itasca)** Walleye (regulation modified): all from 20-24" must be immediately released. One over 24" allowed in possession.

**SYLVAN LAKE (Cass)** Near Pillager. Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**SYLVIA LAKES, East and West (Wright)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**TAMARACK LAKE, North (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**TEN MILE LAKE, North and South (Otter Tail)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**THIRTEEN LAKE (Cass)** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**THOMPSON LAKE (Cook)** Trout: catch-and-release only. Artificial lures and flies with a single hook only. Use and possession of bait prohibited. Closed to winter fishing.

**THREE ISLAND LAKE including Turtle River (Beltrami)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Sunfish: daily limit five.

**THRUSH LAKE (Cook)** Trout: catch-and-release only. Artificial lures and flies with a single hook only. Use and possession of bait prohibited. Closed to winter fishing.

★ **NEW—TRELIPE LAKE, LOWER (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—TRELIPE LAKE, UPPER (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**TROUT LAKE near Coleraine (Itasca)** Walleye (regulation modified): all from 20-24" must be immediately released. One over 24" allowed in possession.

**TURNIP LAKE (Cook)** trout: catch-and-release only. Artificial lures and flies with a single hook only. Use and possession of bait prohibited. Closed to winter fishing.

★ **NEW—TURTLE LAKE (Becker)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**TURTLE LAKE (Itasca)** Smallmouth bass (regulation modified): all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**TURTLE LAKE (Ramsey)** Largemouth bass (regulation modified): all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**TURTLE LAKES, Big and Little including Turtle River (Beltrami)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Sunfish: daily limit five.

**TURTLE RIVER LAKE including Turtle River (Beltrami)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Sunfish: daily limit five.

**TWENTYONE LAKE (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: possession limit 10. Northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass: catch-and-release only. Crappie: possession limit five.

**TWO ISLAND LAKE (Cook)** Smallmouth bass: all from 14-20" must be immediately released. One over 20" allowed in possession.

**V VANDUSE (HOBOW) LAKE (Aitkin)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

★ **NEW—VENSTROM LAKE (Otter Tail)** Crappie: minimum size limit 11". Walleye: all from 17-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession. Sunfish: daily limit 10.

★ **NEW—VERMILLION LAKE (Cass)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**VERMILION LAKE (St. Louis)** Walleye: all from 20-26" must be immediately released. Possession limit four, only one over 26".

★ **NEW—VERMONT LAKE (Douglas)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

★ **NEW—VILLARD LAKE (Pope)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**W WABEDO LAKE (Cass)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. Possession limit four, only one over 26".

**WACONIA LAKE (Carver)** Walleye: minimum size limit 16".

**WALL LAKE (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

★ **NEW—WASHINGTON LAKE (Le Sueur)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**WAUKENABO LAKE and connected West Lake (Aitkin)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**WELSH LAKE (Cass)** See Crooked Lake.

**WEST LOST LAKE (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit 10.

**WEST SILENT LAKE (Otter Tail)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**WHISKEY LAKE (Douglas)** Sunfish: daily limit five.

**WHITE IRON LAKE (St. Louis and Lake)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36". Walleye: all from 17-26" must be immediately released. Only one over 26" allowed in possession.

★ **NEW—WHITEFACE RESERVOIR (St. Louis)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**WHITEFISH CHAIN, including connected Cross Lake Reservoir, Lower Hay, Arrowhead, Bertha, Clamshell, Big Trout, Pig, Island-Loon, Rush-Hen, Dagget, and Little Pine lakes. (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

★ **NEW—WILD RICE RESERVOIR (St. Louis)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**WHITEFISH LAKE (Crow Wing)** See Whitefish Chain.

**WILKINSON LAKE (Anoka and Ramsey)** Closed to fishing.

**WILLOW CREEK RESERVOIR (Olmsted)** See Rochester-Olmsted County Area Lakes.

**WINDIGO LAKE (Beltrami)** See Cass Chain

**WINNIBIGOSHISH LAKE and connected waters (Beltrami and Cass, Itasca):** Mississippi River to Knutson Dam, Third River Flowage to Little Dixon Lake, Pigeon River to Pigeon Lake Dam, First River, Egg Lake through Cut Foot Sioux Lake, Raven Flowage to Raven Lake, and Sugar Lake. Walleye: all from 18-23" must be immediately released. One over 23" allowed in possession.

**WOLF LAKE (Beltrami)** See Cass Lake Chain.

**WOMAN LAKE (Cass)** Northern pike: all from 24-36" must be immediately released. Possession limit three, only one over 36".

**Y YAWKEY MINE (Crow Wing)** Lake Trout: all less than 20" must be immediately released, possession limit one.

**Z ZUMWALDE LAKE (Stearns)** See Sauk River Chain of Lakes.

## Streams and Rivers (County)

**A ASH RIVER** See Kabetogama Lake.

**B BAUDETTE RIVER** mouth upstream to State Highway 11 bridge (Lake of the Woods) Northern pike, lake sturgeon, sauger, and walleye: see Lake of the Woods, pages 60-61.

**BEAVER CREEK, East (Houston)** Trout: all from 12-16" must be immediately released on the entire stream (Beaver Creek Valley State Park). See page 25 for special angling seasons within the boundaries of Beaver Creek Valley State Park.

**BELLE CREEK (Goodhue)** Trout: catch-and-release on a 7.3 mile posted section from the confluence with the Cannon River upstream to Highway 19.

**BOWSTRING RIVER** see Sand Lake.

**C CAMP CREEK (Fillmore)** Trout: catch-and-release on a 2.7-mile posted section from 0.8 miles above the confluence with the Root River, South Branch upstream 2.7 miles. Artificial lures and flies only. On the third Saturday in May, statewide regulations apply to the posted section of the stream.

**CANFIELD CREEK (South Branch Creek) (Fillmore)** Trout: all from 12-16" must be immediately released on the entire stream. Artificial lures and flies only. See page 25 for special angling seasons within the boundaries of Canfield Creek in Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.

**D DEVIL TRACK RIVER (Cook)** Fish sanctuary: mile 1.1 to mile 1.6 open to fishing from June 1 - August 31.

**E EAGLE CREEK (Scott)** Trout: catch-and-release only.  
**ECHO RIVER (St. Louis)** See Crane Lake.

**F FIRST RIVER** See Winnibigoshish Lake.

**FORESTVILLE CREEK (North Branch Creek) (Fillmore)** Trout: all from 12-16" must be immediately released on the entire stream. See page 25 for special angling seasons within the boundaries of Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.

**FRENCH RIVER (St. Louis)** Fish sanctuary: all fishing closed from the river's mouth at Lake Superior to the State Highway 61 four-lane expressway, including that portion of old Highway 61 that crosses the French River.

**G GARVIN BROOK (Winona) Trout:** all from 12-16" must be immediately released from the Highway 14 crossing to the source. Artificial lures and flies only.

**GAUTHIER CREEK (Cook) Fish sanctuary:** entire stream open to fishing from June 1 - August 31 only.

**GRIBBEN CREEK (Fillmore) Trout:** all from 12-16" must be immediately released on the entire stream. Artificial lures and flies only.

**H HAY CREEK (Goodhue) Trout:** all from 12-16" must be immediately released on a 4-mile posted section from 325th Street downstream. Artificial lures and flies only.

**HOOPER CREEK mouth upstream to State Highway 172 bridge (Lake of the Woods)**  
Northern pike: see Lake of the Woods, page 61.

**K KADUNCE RIVER (Cook) Fish sanctuary:** mile 0.2 (lower falls) to mile 0.4 open to fishing from June 1 - August 31 only.

**KEDRON CREEK (Fillmore) Trout:** catch-and-release only on the entire stream. Artificial lures and flies only.

**KELLY CREEK mouth upstream to State Highway 172 bridge (Lake of the Woods)**  
Northern pike: see Lake of the Woods, page 61.

**KNIFE RIVER (St. Louis and Lake) Fish sanctuary:** between the signs from the top of the second falls 100 feet downstream, and from State Highway 61 bridge downstream to the sign below the fish trap is permanently closed to fishing.

**L LAWNDALE CREEK (Wilkin) Brook trout:** catch-and-release only for brook trout on a 3.5-mile posted section within Atherton Wildlife Management Area. Artificial lures and flies only. All hooks must be barbless.

**LESTER RIVER (St. Louis) Immediately downstream from the Superior Street bridge to the bottom of the first falls is closed to fishing.**

**LOGAN CREEK (Olmsted) Trout:** all from 12-16" must be immediately released on the entire stream from the confluence with the Whitewater River, North Branch, upstream to the source. Artificial lures and flies only.

**LOON RIVER** See Little Vermilion Lake.

**M MAHOODS CREEK (Fillmore) Trout:** all from 12-16" must be immediately released on the entire stream.

**MILL CREEK (Fillmore and Olmsted) Trout:** special catch-and-release season October 16 - December 31 on posted reach in Chatfield from the confluence with the North Branch Root River upstream to Sprau's tributary.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER (Dakota) From the Hastings dam downstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border (inland waters of Pool 3) walleye:** minimum size limit 15".

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY (Ramsey, Washington, Hennepin, and Dakota) Walleye, sauger, smallmouth bass, and largemouth bass:** catch-and-release with a continuous season in the following stretches: a) Minnesota River downstream from the Mendota Bridge; b) Minnehaha Creek downstream from Minnehaha Falls; and c) Pool 2 of the Mississippi River between the Hastings Dam and the Ford Dam, including all backwater lakes and connecting waters except Crosby, Pickerel, Upper, Little Pigs Eye, and North Star Steel lakes.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER from Blandin Dam downstream to Coon Rapids Dam (Itasca, Aitkin, Crow Wing, Morrison, Benton, Sherburne, Wright, Anoka, and Hennepin)** Muskellunge: catch-and-release only.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER (Sherburne, Stearns and Wright)** Smallmouth bass: all from 12-20" must be immediately released from the confluence of the Crow River upstream to the St. Cloud Dam, including tributaries to the posted boundaries. Possession limit is three, with one over 20".

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER from Brainerd Dam upstream to Highway 6 including Rice, Little Rabbit, and Half Moon Lakes and connected backwaters (Crow Wing)** Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit five.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER** See Winnibigoshish Lake.

**O OTTER TAIL RIVER (Otter Tail, Becker, and Wilkin)** Smallmouth bass: catch-and-release from Wilkin County Road 19 crossing upstream to the Friberg Dam including all impoundments, and from Otter Tail County Highway 51 upstream to the Hubbel Pond Dam including Mud, Rice, and Town lakes.

**P PIGEON RIVER** See Winnibigoshish Lake.

**PRAIRIE RIVER (Aitkin)** See Big Sandy Lake.

**PRAIRIE RIVER from Prairie Lake Dam downstream to Mississippi River (Itasca)** Muskellunge: catch-and-release only.

**R RAINY RIVER** See pages 59-61.

**RAPID RIVER mouth upstream to State Highway 11 bridge (Lake of the Woods)** Northern pike, lake sturgeon, sauger, and walleye: see Lake of the Woods, pages 60-61.

**RAT ROOT RIVER** See Rainy Lake.

**RAVEN FLOWAGE** See Winnibigoshish Lake.

**RED LAKE TRIBUTARIES** See Red Lake (page 37).

**ROOT RIVER, MIDDLE BRANCH (Fillmore)** Trout: catch-and-release on the entire stream.

**ROOT RIVER, SOUTH BRANCH (Fillmore)** Trout: all from 12-16" must be immediately released on a 4.8-mile posted section within Forestville State Park. See page 25 for special angling seasons within the boundaries of Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park. Trout: special catch-and-release season October 16 - December 31 on posted reach in Preston from the River Place West bridge downstream to the U.S. Highway 52 bridge. Trout: special catch-and-release season October 16 - December 31 on posted reach in Lanesboro from the Lanesboro Dam downstream to the confluence with the Root River.

**ROOT RIVER, SOUTH FORK (Fillmore)** Trout: catch-and-release on a 7.7 mile section from County Road 12 upstream to the source. Artificial lures and flies only.

**RUSH CREEK (Fillmore)** Trout: special catch-and-release season October 16 - December 31 on posted reach in Rushford.

**S ST. CROIX RIVER** See pages 66-68.

**ST. LOUIS RIVER (St. Louis)** Fish sanctuary: no fishing allowed at any time from the Fond du Lac Dam downstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable. No fishing allowed from the boundary cable downstream to the Highway 23 bridge from February 28 - May 18. Muskellunge: minimum size limit 50" on only the Minnesota-Wisconsin border waters.

**SANDY RIVER (Aitkin)** See Big Sandy Lake.

**SAUK RIVER (Stearns)** See Sauk River Chain of Lakes.

**SEA GULL RIVER (Cook)** Walleye: see Saganaga Lake.

**SHOTLEY BROOK (from Highway 72 West to Upper Red Lake)** See Red Lake (page 37).

**SILVER CREEK mouth upstream to State Highway 11 bridge (Lake of the Woods)**

Northern pike: see Lake of the Woods, page 61.

**SNAKE RIVER (Pine)** See Cross (page 40) and Pokegama (page 47).

**SPRING VALLEY CREEK (Fillmore)** Trout: all from 12-16" must be immediately released on a 6.8-mile posted section from Deer Creek upstream to Fillmore Township Road 359.

Trout: special catch-and-release season October 16 - December 31 on posted reach in Spring Valley from West Park Street downstream to Minnesota State Highway 16 bridge.

**STONEY BROOK (Cass)** Brook trout: all must be immediately released on the posted section beginning at the mouth at Upper Gull Lake upstream to the road crossing at County Road 29 (Minor's Corner).

**TAMARACK RIVER (from the Beltrami County line west to Upper Red lake)** See Red Lake (page 37).

**THIRD RIVER FLOWAGE** See Winnibigoshish Lake.

**TROUT RUN CREEK (Fillmore and Winona)** Trout: all from 12-16" must be immediately released on the entire stream. Artificial lures and flies only.

**TROUT RUN CREEK (in Whitewater State Park)** See page 25 for special angling seasons within the boundaries of Whitewater State Park.

**TROUT VALLEY CREEK (Winona)** Brook trout: minimum size limit 12". Possession limit one. Artificial lures and flies only.

**VERMILION GORGE** See Crane Lake.

**VERMILLION RIVER** within a 19.5-mile reach from the Highview Avenue bridge in Eureka Township in Farmington to the posted boundary 1.1 miles downstream from the U.S. Highway 52 bridge, including all tributaries to their source (Dakota) Brown trout: catch-and-release only. Rainbow trout: Regular statewide regulations apply. From September 15 - October 15, angling for brown trout and rainbow trout is allowed but catch-and-release only (all trout must be immediately released).

**WABANICA RIVER mouth upstream to State Highway 172 bridge (Lake of the Woods)** Northern pike, lake sturgeon, sauger, and walleye: see Lake of the Woods, pages 60-61.

**WARROAD RIVER mouth upstream to Warroad City Beach (Roseau)** Northern pike, lake sturgeon, sauger, and walleye: see Lake of the Woods, pages 60-61.

**WATSON SAG** See Lac qui Parle Lake.

**WEST INDIAN CREEK (Wabasha)** Trout: all from 12-16" must be immediately released from the upstream Wabasha County Road 4 crossing to the source.

**WEST SAVANNA RIVER (Aitkin)** See Big Sandy Lake.

**WHITEWATER RIVER, MIDDLE BRANCH (Winona and Olmsted)** Trout: catch-and-release on a 9.2-mile posted section from the group camp in Whitewater State Park upstream to the source. Artificial lures and flies only. See page 25 for special angling seasons within the boundaries of Whitewater State Park.

**WHITEWATER RIVER, NORTH BRANCH (Wabasha, Olmsted and Winona)**

Trout: all from 12-16" must be immediately released on a 12.1 mile posted section from Township Road 29 upstream to County Road 4. Artificial lures and flies only.

**WINTER ROAD RIVER mouth upstream to State Highway 172 bridge (Lake of the Woods)** Northern pike, lake sturgeon, sauger, and walleye: see Lake of the Woods, pages 60-61.

**WISEL CREEK (Fillmore)** Trout: all from 12-16" must be immediately released on the entire stream.

**Z ZUMBRO RIVER, NORTH FORK (Goodhue and Wabasha)** Trout: catch-and-release on an 11.9 mile posted section from the Zumbro River, Main Branch upstream to Highway 10.

**ZUMBRO RIVER (Wabasha)** Smallmouth bass: catch-and-release along a 12-mile posted section from Highway 63 at Zumbro Falls upstream to the Zumbro Lake Dam.



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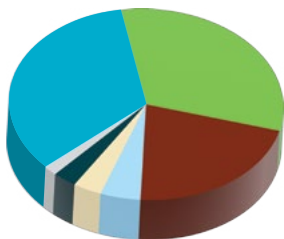


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# BORDER WATERS

This section covers Minnesota's border waters with Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota, as well as the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Manitoba. It does not include the waters of Lake Superior, which are not covered under border water rules. More details can be found on pages 26-28 for Lake Superior. All calendar dates refer to 2022 unless noted otherwise.

## LICENSING

### **What license do I need to fish border waters?**

- Minnesota residents must have a Minnesota license.
- Residents of a state bordering that water must have their state's license.
- Other nonresidents may purchase a Minnesota or the bordering state's nonresident license.

### **Can I fish anywhere on the border waters with a Minnesota license?**

- In Canadian border waters, Minnesota residents or nonresidents fishing with a Minnesota nonresident license, may only fish the Minnesota portion of the Canadian border waters. To fish the Canadian portion, you must have a Canadian license and may need a Remote Access Border Crossing Permit.
- In other border waters, Minnesota residents or nonresidents fishing with a Minnesota license, may fish throughout the defined waters bordering the two states.

### **What if I don't see a particular regulation listed in this section?**

Unless otherwise noted, all general regulations relating to angling methods, licensing, season, limits, fish possession and transportation apply to border waters (pages 29-36). Also, all fish must be within length limits regardless of where caught (more details can be found on page 32-33). Please check the Experimental and Special Regulations section (pages 38-55) for different regulations that may apply.

### **If fishing regulations differ between the border states, what regulations do I follow?**

You must obey the regulations of the state in which you are fishing. More permissive regulations are limited to that state's waters.

### **Can I launch my boat or transport my catch back home from the adjacent state's boat launch?**

Yes, you can both launch your boat and transport your catch by the most direct route back to the state that you are licensed.

### **Do bowfishing regulations allowed for inland waters apply to border waters?**

The bowfishing regulations covered on page 69 are only allowed on Minnesota's portion of the border waters. If the bordering state's bowfishing regulations are the same, bowfishers may take legal fish shore to shore under a Minnesota license.

## LAKE STURGEON TAGS

Lake sturgeon tags and mail-in registration cards are required for anyone who wishes to harvest and possess a lake sturgeon. However, a tag is not required to catch and release lake sturgeon.

The following requirements apply:

- An angler may take and possess only one lake sturgeon per calendar year.
- Lake sturgeon may not be possessed or transported without a tag.
- Validate and attach the tag immediately upon reducing the fish to possession.
- Tag must be attached to the narrow portion of the body in front of the tail fin.
- Tags must be attached so that they cannot be easily removed.
- Tags are not transferable and no duplicate tags will be issued.
- Registration cards must be completed and mailed within 48 hours after harvesting a fish. Send to: Regional Fisheries, 2115 Birchmont Beach Road NE, Bemidji, MN 56601.
- Lake sturgeon must be transported intact (gills and internal organs may be removed).
- Members of a fishing party may not take sturgeon for other anglers' limits; **party fishing is not allowed for sturgeon.**

## CANADA-MINNESOTA

The seasons and regulations listed below apply to the Minnesota portions of the following waters. Daily and possession limits are the same unless otherwise noted.

**Cook County:** Clove Lake, Devils Elbow Lake, North Fowl Lake, South Fowl Lake, Gneiss (Round) Lake, Granite Lake, Granite River, Gunflint Lake, Little Gunflint Lake, Lily Lake (Fan, Vaseux), Magnetic Lake, Marabaeuf Lake, Moose Lake, Mountain Lake, North Lake, Little North Lake, Pigeon River, Pine River, Rat Lake, Rose Lake, Rove Lake, Saganaga Lake, South Lake, and Watap Lake.

**Koochiching and Lake of the Woods counties:** Rainy River.

**Koochiching and St. Louis counties:** Rainy Lake (including Black Bay).

**Lake County:** Basswood Lake (except Jackfish, Pipestone, Hoist, and Back Bays, which are considered inland waters), Basswood River, Birch Lake, Carp Lake, Cypress Lake, Knife Lake (except South Arm), Little Knife Lake, Knife River, Melon Lake, Seed Lake, Sucker Lake, and Swamp Lake.

**Lake and St. Louis counties:** Crooked Lake.

**Lake of the Woods and Roseau counties:** Lake of the Woods.

**St. Louis County:** Bottle Lake, Iron Lake, Lac La Croix, Loon Lake, Loon River to Loon River Falls, Namakan Lake, Sand Point Lake, and Little Vermilion Lake.

## Canada-Minnesota Regulations

- One line per angler is allowed, except two lines may be used when ice fishing.
- Parts of Saganaga, Little Gunflint, and Little North lakes are closed to fishing in May. For current dates, call Grand Marais Area Office: 218-387-6021.
- While in Minnesota, anglers may not possess more than a Minnesota limit of fish from Canada-Minnesota border waters. Fish from Canadian inland waters may

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be possessed in Minnesota in excess of the Minnesota limit only if the angler has proof—such as lodging receipts or verification through U.S. Customs—that the fish were taken from inland Canadian waters.

- A person cannot possess or use a gaff while fishing on the Rainy River.
- Sauger without head and tail intact will be counted as walleye.
- Bowfishing (Minnesota's portion of the waters only) see page 69.
- Dark houses, fish houses and shelters, see pages 71-74.
- Dark house spearing season November 15, 2021 - February 27, 2022. Canada–Minnesota border water possession limits apply.

## Canada–Minnesota Seasons and Limits

| SPECIES   | OPEN SEASON  | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Walleye and sauger</b>                             | May 15, 2021 - April 14, 2022<br>May 14, 2022 - April 14, 2023 | 6 combined total (not more than 1 over 20" in possession).  |
| EXCEPTIONS: Lake of the Woods                         | March 1 - April 14 2022<br>May 14, 2022 - April 14, 2023       | 6 (not more than 4 can be walleye; only 1 walleye over 28"; walleye 19½" through 28" must be immediately released).     |
| Four Mile Bay (Southeast bay of Lake of the Woods)    | March 1 - April 14 each year                                   | Catch-and-release only.   |
|   | May 14, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023                                   | 6 (not more than 4 can be walleye; only 1 walleye over 28"; walleye 19½" through 28" must be immediately released).     |
| Namakan, Sand Point and Little Vermilion              | May 15, 2021 - April 14, 2022<br>May 14, 2022 - April 14, 2023 | 6 (not more than 4 can be walleye; walleye from 18" through 26" must be immediately released; only 1 walleye over 26"). |
| Rainy Lake  | May 15, 2021 - April 14, 2022<br>May 14, 2022 - April 14, 2023 | 8 (not more than 4 can be walleye; walleye from 18" to 26" must be immediately released; only 1 walleye over 26").      |
| Rainy River (Mouth to the dam at International Falls) | March 1 - April 14 each year                                   | Catch-and-release only.   |
|   | May 14, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023                                   | 6 (not more than 4 can be walleye; only 1 walleye over 28"; walleye 19½" through 28" must be immediately released).     |
| Saganaga Lake   | May 14, 2022 - April 14, 2023                                  | 3 (17" minimum size limit. Only 1 walleye over 20").  |

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Canada–Minnesota Seasons and Limits *continued*

| SPECIES   | OPEN SEASON   | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Northern pike</b>  | Continuous  | 3 (only 1 over 30" in possession).  |
| EXCEPTION: Lake of the Woods and Rainy River to the dam at International Falls  | Continuous  | 3 (All from 30" through 40" must be immediately released. Only 1 over 40" allowed in possession.)               |
| EXCEPTION: Basswood Lake (includes Jackfish, Pipestone, Hoist, and Back bays)   | May 14, 2022 - Feb. 26, 2023                          | 3 (All northern pike from 24" through 36" must be immediately released. Only 1 over 36" allowed in possession.) |
| <b>Muskellunge</b>  | June 18 - Nov. 30                                     | 1 (minimum size 50").   |
| <b>Largemouth and smallmouth bass</b>   | Continuous  | 6 combined total  |
| <b>Lake sturgeon</b><br>Immediately validate and attach your sturgeon tag. Register your sturgeon within 48 hours. (See page 59.) | April 24 - May 7                                      | 1 per calendar year (fish must be 45-50" inclusive, or over 75").   |
|   | May 8 - 15  | Catch-and-release only.<br>No tag needed.   |
|   | Closed: May 16 - June 30                              | Closed  |
|   | July 1 - Sept. 30                                     | 1 per calendar year (fish must be 45-50" inclusive, or over 75").   |
|   | Oct. 1, 2022 - April 23, 2023                         | Catch-and-release only.<br>No tag needed.   |
| <b>Crappie</b>  | Continuous  | 10  |
| <b>Lake trout (SUMMER)</b>  | May 14 - Sept. 30                                     | 2   |
| <b>Lake trout (WINTER)</b><br>Lakes outside or partly outside the BWCAW.  | <b>2022 Season:</b><br>Jan. 15 - March 31             | 2   |
|   | <b>2023 Season:</b><br>Jan. 14 - March 31             |   |
| Lakes entirely within the BWCAW.  | <b>2022 Season:</b><br>Jan. 1 - March 31              | 2   |
|   | <b>2023 Season:</b><br>Dec. 31, 2022 - March 31, 2023 |   |
| <b>Stream trout</b>   | May 7 - Sept. 30                                      | 5 (not more than 3 over 16").   |
| <b>All other species</b>  | Continuous  | Inland limits apply.  |

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

The seasons and regulations listed below apply to the following waters:

- Jackson County: Little Spirit Lake.
- Jackson and Nobles counties: Iowa Lake.
- Martin County: Okamanpeedan (Tuttle), Iowa, and Swag lakes.

Daily and possession limits are the same. All species not listed are covered by the inland regulations of the state where taken.

### Iowa-Minnesota Regulations

- Anglers may use up to two lines with two hooks per line.
- Setlines, trotlines, or unattended lines are unlawful.
- Spearing may be used anytime to take carp, buffalo, sheepshead, bowfin, gar, or quillback.
- Spearing game fish is unlawful.
- Bowfishing regulations, page 71.
- Dark house, fish house, and shelters pages 71-75.

### Iowa-Minnesota Seasons and Limits

| SPECIES   | OPEN SEASON  | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE) |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Walleye</b>  | Continuous   | 3                       |
| <b>Northern pike</b>  | Continuous   | 3                       |
| <b>Largemouth and smallmouth bass</b>   | Continuous   | 3 combined total        |
| <b>Muskellunge</b>  | May 21 - Nov. 30   | 1 (minimum size 40")    |
| <b>Catfish</b> (channel and flathead)   | Channel catfish:<br>continuous<br><br>Flathead catfish:<br>April 1 - Nov. 30 | 8 combined total        |
| <b>Sunfish</b> (bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed, green, orangespotted, longear, warmouth, and their hybrids) | Continuous   | 25 combined total       |
| <b>Perch</b>  | Continuous   | 25                      |
| <b>White bass and yellow bass</b>   | Continuous   | No limit                |
| <b>Bullhead</b>   | Continuous   | No limit                |
| <b>Carp, sucker, redhorse, sheepshead, buffalo, burbot, bowfin, gar, and quillback</b>                      | Continuous   | No limit                |

# NORTH DAKOTA-MINNESOTA

Seasons and regulations apply to the Bois de Sioux River and the Red River of the North. Daily and possession limits are the same. All species not listed are covered by the inland regulations of the state where taken.

## North Dakota–Minnesota Regulations

- Two lines are permitted, and two hooks are permitted on each line.
- Dark house spearing is legal; however, catfish may not be speared at any time. Other rules can be found on pages 71-75.
- It is unlawful to possess a spear or bow and arrow on or adjacent to any water body where the spearing and archery season is closed.
- Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redborse, bowfin, and gar may be taken by spearing or archery between sunrise and sunset from May 1 through December 31. The bowfishing regulations on page 69 are allowed only on Minnesota’s portion of the border waters when they differ from those of the border state. If the bowfishing regulations are the same, then they may be exercised from shore to shore.
- Once you possess a fish caught by angling, you cannot replace it with another fish. However, at the end of your fishing day you may release live fish before leaving the water.
- Dark house, fish house, and shelters pages 71-75.
- Check North Dakota regulations regarding fishing from North Dakota’s shore.

## North Dakota–Minnesota Seasons and Limits

| SPECIES   | OPEN SEASON                    | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE) |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Walleye and sauger  | Continuous                     | 3 combined total        |
| Northern pike   | Continuous                     | 3                       |
| Sunfish (bluegill, pumpkinseed, green, orangespotted, longear, warmouth, and their hybrids) | Continuous                     | 30                      |
| Perch   | Continuous                     | 50                      |
| Crappie   | Continuous                     | 30                      |
| Largemouth and smallmouth bass  | Continuous                     | 3 combined total        |
| Lake sturgeon   | March 1 - April 14             | Catch-and-release only  |
|   | April 15 - June 15             | Closed                  |
|   | June 16, 2022 - April 14, 2023 | Catch-and-release only  |
| Muskellunge   | Continuous                     | 1 (minimum size 50")    |
| Rock bass   | Continuous                     | 20                      |
| Bullhead  | Continuous                     | 100                     |
| Catfish   | Continuous                     | 5 (only 1 over 24")     |
| Carp, sucker, redborse, sheepshead, buffalo, burbot, bowfin, gar and white bass             | Continuous                     | No limit                |

# SOUTH DAKOTA-MINNESOTA

The seasons and regulations listed below apply to the following waters:

- Big Stone County: Big Stone Lake.
- Lincoln County: Hendricks Lake.
- Traverse County: Lake Traverse, Mud Lake, Bois de Sioux River to North Dakota border, and Mustinka River from the mouth to the Minnesota State Highway 117 bridge.

Daily and possession limits are the same unless otherwise noted. All species not listed are covered by the inland regulations of the state where taken.

## South Dakota–Minnesota Regulations

- Anglers may use two lines with up to three hooks per line.
- Setlines, trotlines, or unattended lines are unlawful.
- Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, and gar may be taken by spearing from sunrise to sunset from May 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023.
- The bowfishing regulations on page 69 are allowed only on Minnesota’s portion of the border waters when they differ from those of South Dakota. If the bowfishing regulations are the same, then they may be exercised from shore to shore.
- It is unlawful to possess a spear, spring gaff, or bow and arrow on or adjacent to any body of water where the spearing and archery season is closed.
- Spearing game fish is unlawful except northern pike and catfish may be speared from a dark house.
- Northern pike limit for dark house spearing is three. Other rules can be found on pages 71-75.
- Catfish may not be taken by spearing anytime on the Bois De Sioux River from White Rock Dam to the North Dakota border.
- Dark house, fish house and shelters (pages 71-75).
- Culling is not allowed on the Bois de Sioux River from the White Rock Dam to the North Dakota border. However, at the end of your fishing day you may release live fish before leaving the water.

## South Dakota–Minnesota Seasons and Limits

| SPECIES                        | OPEN SEASON                   | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)                       |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Walleye and sauger             | Continuous                    | 4 combined total<br>(only 1 walleye over 20") |
| Northern pike angling          | Continuous                    | 6   |
| Northern pike spearing         | Nov. 15, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023 | 3   |
| Largemouth and smallmouth bass | Continuous                    | 6 combined total                              |
| Crappie                        | Continuous                    | 10  |

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South Dakota–Minnesota Seasons and Limits *continued*

| SPECIES  | OPEN SEASON  | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Sunfish</b> (bluegill, pumpkinseed, green, orangespotted, longear, warmouth, and their hybrids) | Continuous   | 10 combined total   |
| <b>Rock bass</b>   | Continuous   | 20  |
| <b>Bullhead</b>  | Continuous   | 100   |
| <b>Perch</b>   | Continuous   | 15 daily and 30 in possession   |
| <b>Catfish</b> (channel and flathead)  | Channel catfish: continuous<br>Flathead catfish: April 1 - Nov. 30 | 5 combined total. No more than 2 can be flathead (only 1 catfish over 24"). |
| <b>Lake sturgeon</b>   | April 15 - June 15   | Closed  |
|  | June 16, 2022 - April 14, 2023                                     | Catch-and-release only  |
| <b>Carp, sucker, redhorse, sheepshead, buffalo, burbot, bowfin, gar, and white bass</b>            | Continuous   | No limit  |



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## WISCONSIN-MINNESOTA

The seasons and regulations listed below apply to the following waters:

Mississippi River (downstream of the Highway 10 bridge in Prescott, Wisconsin and all waters between the Burlington Northern [Wisconsin] and Canadian Pacific [Minnesota] railroad tracks). Lake Pepin, St. Croix River, Lake St. Croix and St. Louis River Estuary.

Daily and possession limits are the same. All species not listed are covered by the inland regulations of the state where a fish is taken. Anglers may fish shore to shore with either a Minnesota or Wisconsin fishing license.

### Wisconsin-Minnesota Regulations

- Two lines with a single lure or bait on each are permitted. If fishing with one line, you may use two baits.
- Fish hooked in any part of the body, except the mouth, must be returned to the water immediately.
- Anglers must be within 400 feet of their tip-ups.
- Rough fish may be taken by spearing and dip-netting between sunrise and sunset from April 30, 2022, through March 1, 2023. Dip net hoops cannot exceed 24 inches in diameter.
- Spearing game fish is prohibited. It is unlawful to have a spear on or adjacent to any body of water where the spearing season is closed.
- Dark house, fish house, and shelters (more details can be found on pages 71-75).
- The bowfishing regulations on page 69 are allowed only on Minnesota's portion of the border waters when they differ from those of Wisconsin. If the bowfishing regulations are the same, then they may be exercised from shore to shore.
- Fish sanctuaries, no fishing allowed:
  - › Mississippi River: no fishing allowed within 300 feet below Lock and Dam 3 (near Red Wing) and Lock and Dam 4 (Alma, Wisconsin) from March 1 - April 30.
  - › St. Croix River: no fishing from Taylors Falls (St. Croix Falls) dam to 50 feet downstream from the pier in center of river.
  - › St. Louis River Estuary: no fishing allowed at any time from the Fond du Lac Dam downstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable. No fishing allowed from the boundary cable downstream to the Highway 23 bridge from February 28 - May 18.

### Wisconsin-Minnesota Seasons and Limits

| SPECIES  | OPEN SEASON                       | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)  |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Walleye and sauger</b><br>St. Louis River Estuary                                 | May 14, 2022 -<br>March 1, 2023   | 2 combined total (15" minimum size for walleye)                                    |
| St. Croix River  | April 30, 2022 -<br>March 1, 2023 | 6 combined total (15" minimum size for walleye)                                    |
| Mississippi River, border water portion of Pool 3 and Pools 4-8 including Lake Pepin | Continuous                        | 4 combined total (15" minimum size for walleye, only 1 walleye or sauger over 20") |

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Wisconsin–Minnesota Seasons and Limits *continued*

| SPECIES  | OPEN SEASON  | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Walleye and sauger</b> <i>continued</i><br>Mississippi River downstream of Lock and Dam 8 | Continuous   | 6 combined total (15" minimum size for walleye, all walleye from 20-27" must be immediately released, only 1 walleye over 27") |
| <b>Largemouth and smallmouth bass</b><br>St. Louis River Estuary                             | May 28, 2022 - March 1, 2023                                       | 5 combined total (14" minimum size)  |
| St. Croix River upstream of Taylors Falls Dam  | May 28 - Sept. 11  | 5 (14" minimum size)   |
|  | Sept. 12, 2022 - March 1, 2023                                     | Catch-and-release only   |
| St. Croix River downstream of Taylors Falls Dam to U.S. Hwy. 10 Bridge                       | May 28, 2022 - March 1, 2023                                       | 5 (14" minimum size)   |
| Mississippi River and Lake Pepin   | Continuous   | 5 (14" minimum size)   |
| <b>Northern pike</b><br>St. Louis River Estuary  | May 14, 2022 - March 1, 2023                                       | 2  |
| St. Croix River  | April 30, 2022 - March 1, 2023                                     | 5  |
| Mississippi River and Lake Pepin   | Continuous   | 3 (only 1 over 30")  |
| <b>Muskellunge</b>   | May 28 - Nov. 30   | 1 (50" minimum size)   |
| <b>Perch</b><br>Mississippi River and Lake Pepin   | Continuous   | 15   |
| St. Louis River Estuary and St. Croix  |  | 25   |
| <b>Catfish</b> (channel and flathead)<br>Mississippi River and Lake Pepin                    | Channel catfish: continuous<br>Flathead catfish: April 1 - Nov. 30 | 10 combined total (only 1 catfish over 30")  |
| St. Louis River Estuary and St. Croix  |  | 10 combined total  |
| <b>Bullhead</b>  | Continuous   | No limit   |
| <b>Rough fish</b>  | Continuous   | No limit   |
| <b>White bass and yellow bass</b><br>Mississippi River and Lake Pepin                        | Continuous   | 10 combined total  |
| St. Louis River Estuary and St. Croix  |  | 25 combined total  |

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Wisconsin–Minnesota Seasons and Limits *continued*

| SPECIES  | OPEN SEASON                    | POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)  |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Crappie</b>   |                                |  |
| Mississippi River and Lake Pepin   | Continuous                     | 15   |
| St. Louis River Estuary and St. Croix  |                                | 25   |
| <b>Rock bass</b>   | Continuous                     | 25   |
| <b>Sunfish</b> (bluegill, pumpkinseed, green, orangespotted, longear, warmouth, and their hybrids) | Continuous                     |  |
| Mississippi River and Lake Pepin   |                                | 15   |
| St. Louis River Estuary and St. Croix  |                                | 25   |
| <b>Paddlefish</b>  | No open season                 |  |
| <b>Lake sturgeon</b>   | March 1 - April 14             | Catch-and-release only; no tag needed.   |
| St. Louis River Estuary and the Mississippi River below the Red Wing dam and Lake Pepin            | June 16, 2022 - April 14, 2023 |  |
| Mississippi River above the Red Wing dam to the mouth of the St. Croix River                       | June 16, 2022 - March 1, 2023  | Catch-and-release only; no tag needed.   |
| St. Croix River above Taylors Falls  | June 16, 2022 - March 1, 2023  | Catch-and-release only; no tag needed.   |
| St. Croix River below Taylors Falls to mouth including Lake St. Croix                              | June 16 - Sept. 3              | Catch-and-release only; no tag needed.   |
|  | Sept. 3 - 30                   | 1 per calendar year (60" minimum size). A sturgeon tag is needed to harvest a lake sturgeon. Details on page 59. |
|  | Oct. 1, 2022 - March 1, 2023   | Catch-and-release only; no tag needed.   |
| <b>Shovelnose sturgeon</b>   | June 16, 2022 - March 1, 2023  | Catch-and-release only   |
| St. Croix River including Lake St. Croix and Mississippi River above Red Wing dam                  |                                |  |
| Mississippi River below Red Wing dam   | Continuous                     | 3  |

# BOWFISHING, SPEARING, HARPOONING, AND DIP NETTING

## BOWFISHING

### Seasons and Limits

| SPECIES  | SEASONS (DAY AND NIGHT)  | POSSESSION LIMIT |
|--|--|------------------|
| <b>Bullhead</b>                                    | 2022 Early Season: Feb. 28 - April 29, 2022<br>Regular Statewide: April 30, 2022 - Feb. 26, 2023   | 100              |
| <b>Sucker and redhorse</b>                         | 2023 Early Season: Feb. 27 - April 28, 2023<br>(Early Seasons are south of Hwy 210, only on lakes and on Minnesota, Mississippi, or St. Croix rivers. You must bowfish from a boat during the early season.) | 50 each          |
| <b>Carp, buffalo, freshwater drum, bowfin, gar</b> |  | No limit         |

### Can I fish with a bow and arrow?

You can bowfish for rough fish over open water or through the ice in a fish house or shelter, day or night, with or without lights, during the open season.

- You need a fishing license if you're 16 or older unless you qualify for an angling license exclusion.
- Arrows must have a barb and be attached to the bow with a tethered line.
- To possess a bow, you need to follow local ordinances. You can use a bow while taking rough fish from a watercraft with or without a motor.
- From sunset to sunrise you cannot discharge a bow within 300 feet of a campsite or within 150 feet of an occupied structure.
- You cannot make more than 65 decibels of noise on the "A" scale measured at a distance of 50 feet from the boat.
- If you shoot a fish you have to try to retrieve the fish and your arrow.
- You can't shoot a fish and throw it back in the water, leave it on any bank of any waterway or any access site or otherwise illegally dispose of the fish.
- You can't bowfish in designated trout lakes and streams.
- You can't bowfish in posted spawning areas.

### Can I fish with a crossbow?

You cannot unless:

- You are age 60 or older; or
- You are disabled and have a valid crossbow permit. Permit applications are available from the DNR website.

### What species may I take when bowfishing?

You may only bowfish for rough fish, which include carp, buffalo, sucker, redhorse, freshwater drum, bowfin, gar, goldeye and bullhead.

### If I take fish by bowfishing can I also take fish by spearing, harpooning, dip netting or seining?

Yes, but you cannot exceed the daily limit for each species taken with any combination of bowfishing, spearing, harpooning, dip netting or seining equipment to reach the limit.

***Bowfishing, Spearing, Harpooning, and Dip Netting***

# SPEARING, HARPOONING AND DIP NETS

## Seasons and Limits

| SPECIES                                     | SEASONS (FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET)         | SEASONS (FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET)                           | POSSESSION LIMIT |
|---|--|--|------------------|
| Sucker                                      | Spearing: April 30, 2022 - Feb. 26, 2023 | Harpooning, dip net and seine: May 1, 2022 - Feb. 19, 2023 | 50               |
| Bullhead                                    | Spearing: April 30, 2022 - Feb. 19, 2023 |  | 100              |
| Redhorse                                    |  |  | 50               |
| Carp, buffalo, freshwater drum, bowfin, gar |  |  | No limit         |

### Can I spear, harpoon or dip net for rough fish?

You can harpoon or dip net for rough fish from most inland waters (exceptions below), from sunrise to sunset provided:

- You have a fishing license if you're 16 or older unless you qualify for an angling license exclusion.
- Speared or dead rough fish are not returned to the water or left on the banks or ice of any water.

### What equipment can I use for rough fish?

- You can only use spears, underwater harpoons, dip nets, seines used for taking smelt, traps used for taking minnows for bait or angling equipment and nets associated with angling.
- You can use any spear.
- You can use an underwater harpoon or spear that is discharged by a rubber-powered gun, spring gun or air gun and attached with a tethered line not more than 20 feet long and discharged only when the equipment and the operator are entirely under water.
- Harpoons may not be carried in a cocked position while out of the water.
- The hoops on hand-held dip nets cannot exceed 24 inches in diameter.
- During a closed season, you cannot possess spears, traps, dip nets, seines or harpoons on or near any waters.

### Where can I spear, harpoon or dip net for fish?

- All inland waters except Baby Lake (Cass County) and where taking fish is prohibited.
- You cannot harpoon within 1,000 feet of swimming beach.
- You can't spear, harpoon or dip net in a designated trout stream or trout lake.

### Can I sell or buy rough fish?

Yes. All rough fish can be bought or sold.

### Can I take a limit of fish for each method?

No. You cannot exceed the daily limit for each species taken with any combination of spearing, harpooning, dip netting or seining equipment to reach the limit. Fish taken by bowfishing also are included in this limit.

# DARK HOUSE SPEARING, ICE ANGLING AND ICE SHELTERS

## DARK HOUSE SPEARING

### Seasons and Limits

| SPECIES  | SPEARING SEASON   | ZONES AND POSSESSION LIMIT (SIZE)   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Northern pike</b><br>Angling limits differ, see page 21.                | From sunrise to sunset Nov. 15, 2022 - Feb. 26, 2023 except where prohibited. | See Zone Map on page 23. For Canadian or state border waters, or lakes with special northern pike regulations, refer to those sections.<br><br>Northeast Zone: 2 (not more than 1 northern pike over 26")<br><br>North-central Zone: 10 (either 2 northern pike over 26" and none from 22 to 26" or 1 from 22 to 26" and 1 over 26")<br><br>Southern Zone: 2 (minimum size 24") |
| <b>Catfish</b>   |   | 5 (only 1 over 24") (not more than 2 flathead); flathead catfish can only be speared from Nov. 15 - Nov. 30.  |
| <b>Whitefish and rough fish</b><br>For other species see table on page 22. |   | No limit  |

### What is a dark house?

Any structure that is darkened to view fish under the ice. Holes in the ice are cut inside these structures so fish can be speared. Please mark your holes upon leaving.

### Do I need a license to spear from a dark house?

Residents age 18 through 89 and nonresidents age 18 and older need a spearing license and an angling license. Youth age 16 and 17 need an angling license but do not need a spearing license.

### When can I spear fish from a dark house?

From sunrise to sunset, November 15 to the last Sunday in February. Check border waters regulations for each state or province if on border waters.

### What methods can I use while spearing in a dark house?

- You can use spears.
- You also may take fish by angling or with a tip-up if you use only one line. All fish you catch must be immediately released or placed on the ice and not dangled in the water.
- You cannot use artificial lights to see fish or attract fish when spearing.
- You can use lighted decoy fish but any battery in the lighted decoy must not contain mercury.

### What species of fish can I spear from a dark house?

Northern pike, catfish, whitefish and rough fish.

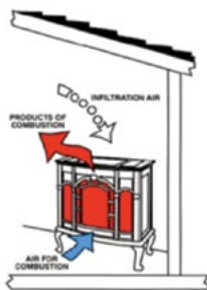
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# HEAT YOUR FISH HOUSE - SAFELY!

*The following types of heaters are recommended for heating fish houses:*

## **Vent Free Heater with Oxygen Depletion Sensor (ODS)**

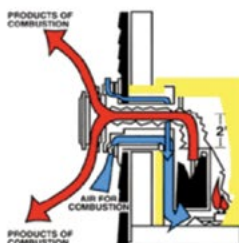
This heater usually uses infrared technology for the heating element. The ODS will shut off the heating unit if oxygen levels get low.



**Vent-Free**

## **Direct Vent Heater - Direct Vent (DV)**

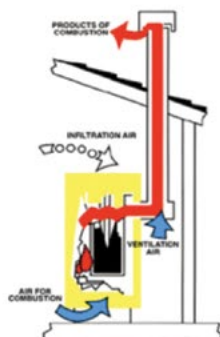
This heater has a sealed combustion chamber and vents all combustion products through the sidewall and uses combustion air from outside the fish house.



**Direct Vent**

## **Conventional Vent Space Heater**

This heater has a vent that goes up through the roof of a fish house and requires fresh air for combustion to be brought in from the outside.



**Conventional Vent**





Thousands of Minnesotans take to the ice for recreational fishing every year. However, annually sportsmen are needlessly injured or killed by improper use of heaters in fish houses. These injuries and deaths are often caused by carbon monoxide from unvented or poorly vented propane heaters. Used correctly, propane is a safe and effective fuel for home and recreational use.

## QUICK TIPS FOR FISH HOUSE SAFETY



- NEVER USE -sunflower type heaters. They are **not recommended** for use in fish houses. Most are approved for outdoor use only and have no safety systems to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. **Use outdoors only!**
- **Only use heaters that are listed as or approved for use in your fish house.**
- **Follow manufacturers' installation recommendations.**
- **Check all gas connections for leaks.**
- **Keep propane cylinders OUTSIDE.**



## HAPPY FISHING!

A message from the Minnesota Propane Association  
[www.mnpropane.org](http://www.mnpropane.org)



### **If more than one person is spearing in a dark house, how many fish can you spear?**

Party fishing does not apply to spearing. Each person can only spear their own fish.

### **Where can I spear fish in a dark house?**

Most inland waters. Only Baby Lake (Cass County) is closed to dark house spearing.

For border waters, more details can be found on pages 58-68.

## **ICE ANGLING**

### **How many lines can I use through the ice?**

Two, except on designated trout lakes and streams you can only use one line.

### **How far away can I go from my lines?**

You must remain within sight of your line. If you're using a tip-up (a device with spooled line and a flag that pops up to indicate when a fish bites) you need to be within 200 feet.

### **Does ice fishing have any other regulations that differ from open water fishing besides the number of lines I can use?**

No, anglers must follow all general and special regulations.

## **ICE SHELTERS**

### **What is a shelter?**

A fish house, dark house, or other structure that is set on the ice to provide shelter.

### **What is a portable shelter?**

A portable shelter is one that collapses, folds, or is disassembled for transportation.

Portable shelters do not include trailer/campers with or without slide-outs.

### **Do I need a license for my fish house or dark house?**

- All shelters, except portable shelters, placed on the ice in inland and Canadian border waters need a shelter license.
- However, portable shelters in inland and Canadian border waters need a license if a person leaves the portable shelter unattended any time between midnight and one hour before sunrise, or is not within 200 feet of the portable shelter.
- The fish house license tag must be readily visible from the exterior of the shelter.
- A shelter license is not required on the border waters between Minnesota or Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
- A shelter license is valid from March 1 through April 30 of the following year.

### **Do I need any kind of identification on my shelter?**

All shelters need identification, except portable shelters that are occupied. Occupying a shelter means staying within 200 feet of it. Identification means:

- One of the following: owner's name and address; owner's driver's license number; or owner's Minnesota DNR identification number.
- Identification must be readily visible from the exterior of the shelter with characters at least 2 inches high.

### **Where can I place my shelter?**

- Anywhere on Minnesota waters. Shelters must be no closer than 10 feet apart.
- In the BWCAW you can use a shelter but must remove it from the ice each night and each time you leave the BWCAW.

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### **Are there any regulations about shelters I must comply with?**

Any shelters on the ice overnight, must have at least 2 square inches of reflective material on each side.

### **Are there different shelter regulations for border waters for adjacent states?**

If you are on border waters between Minnesota and Wisconsin, Iowa or North and South Dakota, the regulations for the state that issues your fishing license apply for your shelter.

### **Does the trailer I use to haul my fish house, fishing equipment or fish house on wheels need to be registered?**

Yes. See your local deputy registrar for trailer registration.

### **Can I use a fish shelter after the removal date?**

Yes. After removal dates, shelters may remain on the ice between midnight and one hour before sunrise only when occupied or attended.

### **What happens if I don't remove my shelter before the deadline?**

The owners of the shelter will be prosecuted, and the structure and contents may be confiscated or destroyed by a conservation officer.

### **Can I leave my shelter on a public access site after I take it off the ice?**

No.

### **What happens if I don't remove fish house blocking materials placed under a fish house to keep it from freezing to the ice surface or trash that was generated during ice fishing activities?**

- Anglers are required to remove all litter or trash generated during ice fishing activities.
- Anglers can be issued a citation for littering or a civil citation for a solid waste violation or products left on the ice due to ice fishing activities.

## **Shelter Removal Dates**

All shelters must be off the ice no later than midnight for each of the dates given in the following categories below.

### **Inland Waters**

Dates of removal are determined by an east-west line formed by U.S. Highway 10, east along Highway 34 to Minnesota Highway 200, east along Highway 200 to U.S. Highway 2, and east along Highway 2 to the Minnesota–Wisconsin border.

### **Border Waters**

- Minnesota–Iowa, February 20
- Minnesota–Wisconsin, March 1
- Minnesota–North and South Dakota, March 5
- Minnesota–Canada, March 31

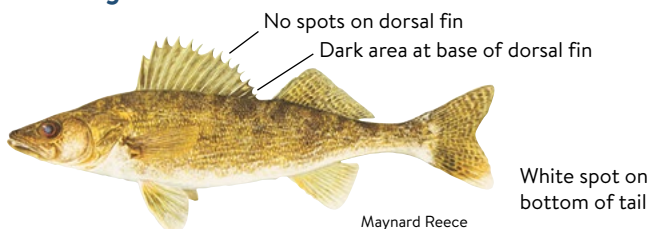


# ILLUSTRATED FISH OF MINNESOTA

Knowing what fish species you are catching is not only fun, but in many cases it's required by law. It is particularly important to know how to distinguish walleye from sauger (saugeye), to know the difference between northern pike and muskellunge, and to be able to tell what species of trout or salmon you catch.

## Walleye and Sauger

### Walleye



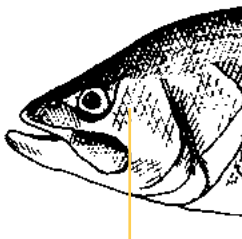
### Sauger



Walleye and sauger hybrid fillets are counted as part of a walleye possession limit during transportation.

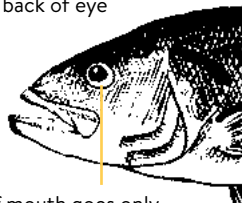
## Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass

### Largemouth



Back of mouth goes way beyond back of eye

### Smallmouth



Back of mouth goes only to middle of eye

# Northern Pike and Muskellunge

## Muskellunge

### Clear



Paired fins having more pointed tips

Tail with pointed tips

Six or more pores on each side under jaw

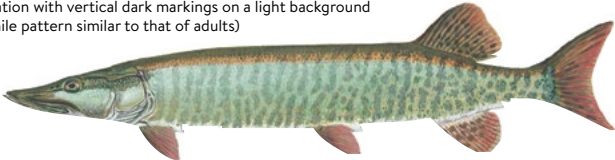


### Spotted



### Barred

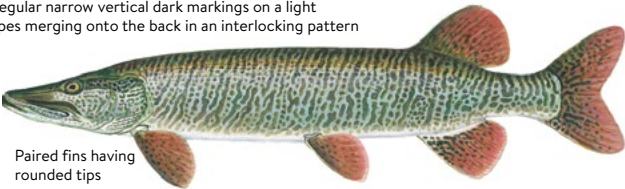
Coloration with vertical dark markings on a light background (Juvenile pattern similar to that of adults)



## Tiger (hybrid) Muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy* X *Esox lucius*)

Coloration having irregular narrow vertical dark markings on a light background with stripes merging onto the back in an interlocking pattern

Tail with rounded tips



Paired fins having rounded tips

## Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*)

Tail with more rounded tips

Coloration with pattern of horizontal rows of light round to oval spots on a dark background

Five or fewer pores on each side under jaw



Paired fins having more rounded tips



(Juvenile pattern has white, oblique bars which extend from the white belly)

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## Catfish

### Flathead Catfish



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### Channel Catfish



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# Trout and Salmon

## Brown Trout

Large dark spots and red dots on brown body



Duane Raver, USFWS

Square tail

## Brook Trout

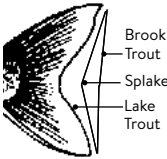
White leading edge on lower fins



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Light, wormlike markings on dark upper body

To tell a brook trout from a splake from a lake trout, look at the tail. A splake is a cross between a brook trout and a lake trout.



## Lake Trout

White spots on grayish body



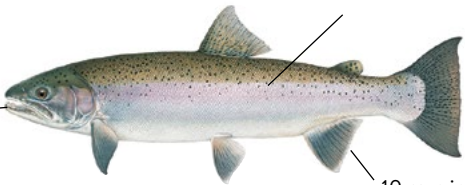
White leading edge on lower fins

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Forked tail

## Steelhead (Rainbow Trout)

Inside mouth is white



Usually a pink stripe on silvery body

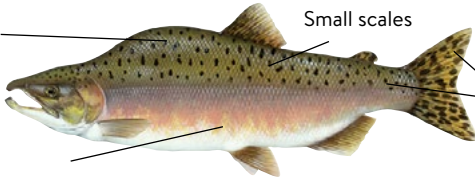
Small spots throughout tail

10 rays in anal fin

Joseph Tomelleri

## Pink Salmon

Spawning male has hump on back.



Small scales

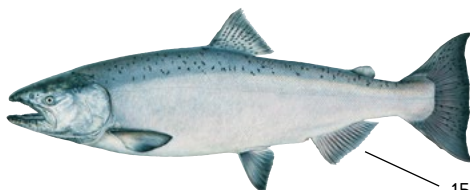
Some eye-sized spots in tail and on back

Green and white blotches on spawning fish

Tim Knepp, USFWS

## Chinook Salmon

Inside mouth  
is dark



Spots  
throughout  
tail

15-17 rays in anal fin

Joseph Tomelleri

## Coho Salmon

Inside mouth  
is gray



Spots in top half  
of tail only

13-15 rays in anal fin

Tim Knepp, USFWS

## Rainbow Trout

Pinkish stripe  
on silvery body



Small black dots  
throughout the body  
that extend into tail

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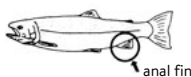
## Rainbow Trout and Salmon Identification Guide

Rainbow trout:  
white mouth

Coho salmon and  
Chinook salmon:  
grayish to black mouth



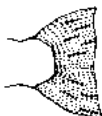
The shape of the anal fin is another way to identify these species. This can easily be seen by depressing the front edge of the anal fin to its base.



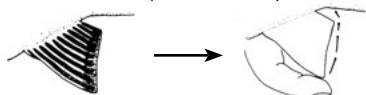
Rainbow trout: tail has  
many small spots in  
distinct rows.

Coho salmon: tail has  
some large spots mostly  
on the upper half.

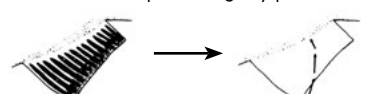
Chinook salmon: Tail has  
large spots throughout,  
especially in the silver  
area at the base of  
the tail.



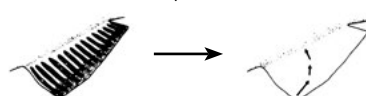
Rainbow trout: tip falls to or beyond end of base



Coho salmon: tip falls slightly past middle

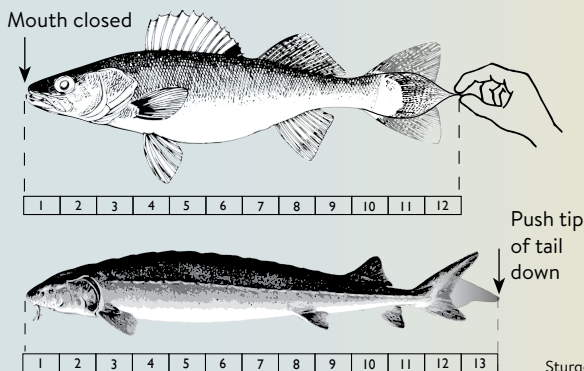


Chinook salmon: tip falls short of middle



## How to Measure the Total Length of a Fish

To determine the legal length of a fish, lay it flat on its side, pinch or squeeze the tail to maximize length, and measure from the nose or jaw, whichever is longer, to the farthest part of the tail when fully extended.



Sturgeon image by Maynard Reece

## Weigh Your Fish With a Ruler

Fish are sometimes injured when weighed. With this chart, you can quickly determine the approximate weight of your fish using a ruler or tape measure.

| Crappie length (inches) | Crappie weight (lbs.) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8                       | 0.3                   |
| 9                       | 0.4                   |
| 10                      | 0.6                   |
| 11                      | 0.8                   |
| 12                      | 1.1                   |
| 13                      | 1.4                   |
| 14                      | 1.8                   |
| 15                      | 2.2                   |
| 16                      | 2.7                   |
| 17                      | 3.3                   |

| Sunfish length (inches) | Sunfish weight (lbs.) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6                       | 0.2                   |
| 7                       | 0.3                   |
| 8                       | 0.4                   |
| 9                       | 0.6                   |
| 10                      | 0.9                   |
| 11                      | 1.1                   |
| 12                      | 1.5                   |
| 13                      | 1.9                   |
| 14                      | 2.4                   |

| Trout length (inches) | Trout weight (lbs.) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 8                     | 0.2                 |
| 9                     | 0.3                 |
| 10                    | 0.4                 |
| 11                    | 0.6                 |
| 12                    | 0.8                 |
| 13                    | 0.9                 |
| 14                    | 1.1                 |
| 15                    | 1.4                 |
| 16                    | 1.6                 |
| 17                    | 1.8                 |
| 18                    | 2.3                 |

| Muskie length (inches) | Muskie weight (lbs.) |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 48                     | 29                   |
| 49                     | 32                   |
| 50                     | 34                   |
| 51                     | 36                   |
| 52                     | 39                   |
| 53                     | 41                   |
| 54                     | 44                   |
| 55                     | 47                   |
| 56                     | 50                   |

| Bass length (inches) | Bass weight (lbs.) |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 12                   | 1.0                |
| 13                   | 1.3                |
| 14                   | 1.7                |
| 15                   | 2.1                |
| 16                   | 2.5                |
| 17                   | 3.0                |
| 18                   | 3.6                |
| 19                   | 4.2                |
| 20                   | 5.0                |
| 21                   | 5.7                |
| 22                   | 6.6                |
| 23                   | 7.6                |

| Walleye length (inches) | Walleye weight (lbs.) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 14                      | 0.9                   |
| 15                      | 1.1                   |
| 16                      | 1.3                   |
| 17                      | 1.6                   |
| 18                      | 2                     |
| 19                      | 2.3                   |
| 20                      | 2.7                   |
| 21                      | 3.2                   |
| 22                      | 3.6                   |
| 23                      | 4.2                   |
| 24                      | 4.8                   |
| 25                      | 5.4                   |
| 26                      | 6.2                   |
| 27                      | 6.9                   |
| 28                      | 7.9                   |

| Northern length (inches) | Northern weight (lbs.) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 18                       | 1.2                    |
| 19                       | 1.4                    |
| 20                       | 1.6                    |
| 21                       | 1.9                    |
| 22                       | 2.2                    |
| 23                       | 2.5                    |
| 24                       | 2.9                    |
| 25                       | 3.3                    |
| 26                       | 3.8                    |
| 27                       | 4.2                    |
| 28                       | 4.7                    |
| 29                       | 5.3                    |
| 30                       | 5.8                    |
| 31                       | 6.5                    |
| 32                       | 7.1                    |
| 33                       | 7.9                    |
| 34                       | 8.7                    |
| 35                       | 9.3                    |
| 36                       | 10.4                   |
| 37                       | 11.5                   |
| 38                       | 12.2                   |
| 39                       | 13.2                   |
| 40                       | 16                     |

These figures are rough estimates only. Actual weights vary slightly by lake and stream.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Boat and Water Safety

Everyone on your boat needs to have an accessible, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life vest of the proper size and type. In addition, if the boat is 16 feet or longer, there must also be an approved throwable device such as a boater's seat cushion or ring buoy.

Children under the age of ten must wear a life jacket on board any boat underway. Underway means not attached to a permanent mooring or tied to a dock. There are exceptions to the law for: children who are below the top deck, or in an enclosed cabin, or on a boat operated by a licensed captain, or on a boat that is anchored for the purpose of swimming or diving.

It's always a good idea to wear your life jacket. Most fatal boating mishaps occur when boats capsize or people fall overboard, especially on small boats. These types of accidents can happen even on calm waters, while traveling at slow speed or stopped.

For a complete summary of the boating regulations and safety information, contact the DNR Information Center for a copy of the Minnesota Boating Guide, or find it online. For rules pertaining to the use of motorboats within Wildlife Management Areas, refer to the Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook or call the DNR.



**THAT'S  
a LIFE  
JACKET?**



**You  
BETCHA!**

**9 out of 10 boating deaths  
could be prevented  
by wearing a life jacket.**

## Aquatic Management Areas

The DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife acquires land along lakes and streams to protect critical fish habitat and to provide fishing opportunities. These areas, known as Aquatic Management Areas (AMAs), have specific use types (easement, restricted use and general use) and are posted with signs that indicate allowable and unauthorized uses for each use type. As a reminder it is always unlawful to leave any personal equipment, such as tree stands, unattended on AMAs. For more information on AMAs please go to the AMA Finder at: [mndnr.gov/amas](http://mndnr.gov/amas).

## Catch-and-Release

Catch-and-release fishing offers anglers a way to enjoy their sport with less harm to the resource.

- Do not plan to release fish that have been on a stringer or in a livewell.
- Play and land the fish quickly.
- Don't angle for fish in very deep water, unless you plan to keep what you catch. Fizzing of fish, or the act of inserting a needle into a fish intended to deflate the gas bladder, caught from deep water can do more harm than good and is not legal.
- Handle the fish gently and keep it in the water as much as possible.
- Do not hold the fish by the eye sockets or gills, but rather by the lower lip or under the gill plate and also support the belly of the fish.
- Wet your hands before touching a fish to prevent removing its protective coating.
- If a hook is deeply embedded, cut the line so that at least 1 inch hangs out of the mouth. This helps the hook to lay flush when the fish takes in food.
- Circle hooks may help in reducing deeply hooked fish. They are made to hook fish in the mouth.
- A fish that can be legally kept should not be released if it is bleeding heavily, which indicates its chance of survival is poor.
- You cannot target a species during its closed season, even if you plan to release it.

## Managing Minnesota's Fisheries

The DNR Fish and Wildlife Division is responsible for managing the state's diverse fisheries resources (4,500 fishable lakes and 16,000 miles of fishable streams). Each year, roughly 2 million people fish in Minnesota, and sport fishing generates approximately \$2.4 billion in direct expenditures, making angling one of the state's largest industries.

Much of Minnesota's fisheries program is reimbursed by the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program (federal excise tax), administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

## Master Angler Program

The Fishing Hall of Fame of Minnesota in partnership with DNR recognizes anglers who catch large fish of various species. Categories include adult, youth, and catch-and-release.

For more information on becoming a Master Angler, visit the DNR website or [fishinghalloffamemn.com](http://fishinghalloffamemn.com)

## Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program

Habitat Money Available. Funding for projects to restore, enhance, and protect Minnesota's fish, game, and wildlife habitat. See [mndnr.gov/cpl](http://mndnr.gov/cpl) for details.

# STATE RECORD FISH PROGRAM

## Catch-and-Release Length

### Why a record length program?

To track and record angler catches based on the measured total length of a fish rather than the certified weight, allowing anglers to preserve large fish by immediately releasing them.

### What fish are eligible?

Muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, and flathead catfish. These fish are large, typically targeted as trophies and commonly caught and released by anglers. Records are updated at the end of each calendar year. As of January 2022, the catch-and-release records are: muskellunge, 57¼", Lake Vermilion (St. Louis County); lake sturgeon, 78", St. Croix River (Washington County); flathead catfish, 53", St. Croix River (Washington County); northern pike, 46¼", Basswood Lake (Lake County).

### How do I submit an application?

Complete rules and an application are available on the DNR website at [mndnr.gov/recordfish](http://mndnr.gov/recordfish). Each application must include a photo of the fish being measured next to a ruler and be witnessed by someone willing to vouch for the catch.

## Certified Weight

If you catch and keep a fish that you think could be a record weight, follow these steps:

- Take the fish to a DNR fisheries office for positive identification and a state record fish application.
- Weigh the fish on a state-certified scale (found at most bait shops and butcher shops), witnessed by two observers.
- Complete the application and send it along with a clear, full-length photo of your fish to the address listed on the form.
- DNR does not keep line class records.

The following is a complete list of Minnesota's state record certified weight fish and the county where they were caught. Weights given are in pounds and ounces (example: 55-5 is 55 pounds, 5 ounces). No additional species or hybrids are being considered for certified weight state record fish.

**Bass, Largemouth:** 8-15, Auburn Lake (Carver).

**Bass, Rock:** 2-0, Osakis Lake (Todd); and 2-0, Lake Winnibigoshish (Cass).

**Bass, Smallmouth:** 8-0, West Battle Lake (Otter Tail).

**Bass, White:** 4-8, Vadnais Lake (Ramsey).

**Bowfin:** 12-9, Mississippi River (Wabasha).

**Buffalo, Bigmouth:** 41-11, Mississippi River (Goodhue).

**Buffalo, Black:** 20-0, Minnesota River (Nicollet).

**Buffalo, Smallmouth:** 20-0, Big Sandy (Aitkin).

**Bullhead, Black:** 3-13, Reno Lake (Pope).

**Bullhead, Brown:** 7-1, Shallow Lake (Itasca).

**Bullhead, Yellow:** 3-10, Osakis Lake (Todd).

**Burbot:** 19-10, Lake of the Woods (Lake of the Woods).

**Carp, Common:** 55-5, Clearwater Lake (Wright).

**Carp sucker, Quillback:** 7-4, Upper Red Lake (Beltrami).

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**Carp sucker, River:** 4-6, Minnesota River (Carver).

**Catfish, Channel:** 38-0, Mississippi River (Hennepin).

**Catfish, Flathead:** 70-0, St. Croix River (Washington).

**Cisco (Tullibee):** 5-13, Sybil Lake (Otter Tail).

**Crappie, Black:** 5-0, Vermillion River (Dakota).

**Crappie, White:** 3-15, Lake Constance (Wright).

**Drum, Freshwater (Sheepshead):** 35-3, Mississippi River (Winona).

**Eel, American:** 6-9, St. Croix River (Washington).

**Gar, Longnose:** 16-12, St. Croix River (Washington).

**Gar, Shortnose:** 5-4, Minnesota River (Renville).

**Goldeye:** 3-5, Minnesota River (Blue Earth).

**Hogsucker, Northern:** 1-15, Sunrise River (Chisago).

**Mooneye:** 1-15, Minnesota River (Redwood).

**Muskellunge:** 55-14, Mille Lacs Lake (Mille Lacs).

**Muskellunge, Tiger:** 34-12, Lake Elmo (Washington).

**Perch, Yellow:** 3-4, Lake Plantagenet (Hubbard).

**Pike, Northern:** 45-12, Basswood Lake (Lake).

**Redhorse, Golden:** 4-8, Otter Tail River (Otter Tail).

**Redhorse, Greater:** 12-11, Sauk River (Stearns).

**Redhorse, River:** 12-10, Kettle River (Pine).

**Redhorse, Shorthead:** 7-15, Rum River (Anoka).

**Redhorse, Silver:** 10-6, Rainy River (Lake of the Woods).

**Salmon, Atlantic:** 12-13, Baptism River (Lake).

**Salmon, Chinook:** 33-4, Poplar River (Cook); and 33-4, Lake Superior (St. Louis).

**Salmon, Coho:** 10-6, Lake Superior (Lake).

**Salmon, Kokanee:** 2-15, Caribou Lake (Itasca).

**Salmon, Pink:** 4-8, Cascade River (Cook).

**Sauger:** 6-2, Mississippi River (Goodhue).

**Saugeye** (Walleye-Sauger Hybrid): 9-13, Mississippi River (Goodhue).

**Sturgeon, Lake:** 94-4, Kettle River (Pine).

**Sturgeon Shovelnose:** 6-7, Mississippi River (Goodhue).

**Sucker, Blue:** 14-3, Mississippi River (Wabasha).

**Sucker, Longnose:** 3-10, Brule River (Cook).

**Sucker, White:** 9-1, Big Fish Lake (Stearns).

**Sunfish, Bluegill:** 2-13, Alice Lake (Hubbard).

**Sunfish, Green:** 1-4, North Arbor Lake (Hennepin).

**Sunfish, Green-Bluegill Hybrid:** 1-12, Zumbro River (Olmsted).

**Sunfish, Pumpkinseed:** 1-5, Leech Lake (Cass).

**Trout, Brook:** 6-5, Pigeon River (Cook).

**Trout, Brown:** 16-12, Lake Superior (St. Louis).

**Trout, Lake:** 43-8, Lake Superior (Cook).

**Trout, Rainbow (Steelhead):** 16-6, Devil Track River (Cook).

**Trout, Splake:** 13-5, Larson Lake (Itasca).

**Trout, Tiger:** 2-9, Mill Creek (Olmsted).

**Walleye:** 17-8, Seagull River (Cook).

**Warmouth:** 0-9, Bartlet Lake (Winona).

**Whitefish, Lake:** 13-9, Lake of the Woods (Roseau).

**Whitefish, Menominee:** 2-7, Lake Superior (Cook).

# CONTACT INFORMATION

## Conservation Officer

Call the DNR Information Center to connect with a Conservation Officer: 888-MINNDNR (888-646-6367). If you witness a violation in progress or need to contact a Conservation Officer immediately, call the Turn in Poachers 24-hour hotline: 800-652-9093.



### Licenses

DNR License Center  
500 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4026  
Watercraft registration: 800-285-2000  
Phone license sales: 888-665-4236  
Internet sales: [mndnr.gov](http://mndnr.gov)

### DNR general information

888-646-6367 or 651-296-6157  
[info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us)

### Information on and reporting harmful invasive species

651-259-5100 or 888-646-6367

### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

612-713-5360

### Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness

Permits and reservations are not under DNR jurisdiction. This is a national forest wilderness area.

For information, contact:

Superior National Forest 8901  
Grand Avenue Place Duluth, MN 55808  
Information: 218-626-4300  
Reservations: 877-444-6777  
[recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov)

### Voyageurs National Park

218-283-6600

### Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge

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218-308-2339  
  
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218-846-8290  
  
Fergus Falls Area  
218-671-7930  
  
Glenwood Area  
320-634-7321  
  
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218-552-2310  
  
Walker Area  
218-552-2330

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218-429-3010  
  
Brainerd Area  
218-203-4302  
  
Duluth and Lake Superior Area  
218-302-3264  
  
Finland Area  
218-353-8840  
  
Grand Marais Area  
218-387-6021  
  
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218-328-8836  
  
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218-598-8190  
  
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320-384-7721  
  
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651-299-4010  
  
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507-467-2442  
  
Little Falls Area  
320-232-1064  
  
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651-259-5831  
  
Metro West Area  
952-236-5170  
  
Sauk Rapids Area  
320-223-7878

### South Region

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Hutchinson Area  
320-753-0339  
  
Ortonville Area  
320-839-2656  
  
Spicer Area  
320-796-2161  
  
Waterville Area  
507-497-1820  
  
Windom Area  
507-832-6020

# SUNRISE/SUNSET TABLE

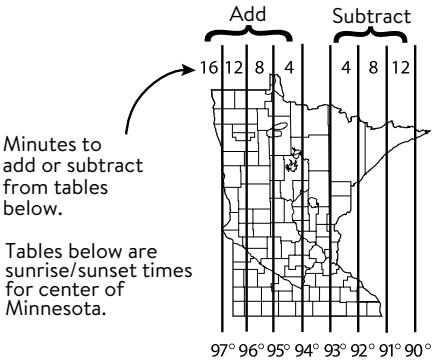
The following table is provided primarily for trout and salmon anglers who need to know the sunrise and sunset times on the waters they fish. Times shown are approximations of sunrise and sunset and vary by where you are located. Times shown are Central Daylight Saving Time beginning March 13, 2022 through November 6, 2023. Central Standard Time for all other dates.

## Sunrise/Sunset Table—March 2022 though August 2022

| DATE | MAR.<br>SUN-<br>RISE | MAR.<br>SUN-<br>SET | APR.<br>SUN-<br>RISE | APR.<br>SUN-<br>SET | MAY<br>SUN-<br>RISE | MAY<br>SUN-<br>SET | JUNE<br>SUN-<br>RISE | JUNE<br>SUN-<br>SET | JULY<br>SUN-<br>RISE | JULY<br>SUN-<br>SET | AUG.<br>SUN-<br>RISE | AUG.<br>SUN-<br>SET |
|------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1    | 6:47                 | 6:00                | 6:55                 | 7:41                | 6:03                | 8:18               | 5:30                 | 8:52                | 5:30                 | 9:04                | 5:58                 | 8:40                |
| 2    | 6:46                 | 6:02                | 6:53                 | 7:42                | 6:02                | 8:20               | 5:29                 | 8:53                | 5:31                 | 9:03                | 5:59                 | 8:39                |
| 3    | 6:45                 | 6:03                | 6:51                 | 7:43                | 6:00                | 8:21               | 5:29                 | 8:54                | 5:31                 | 9:03                | 6:00                 | 8:38                |
| 4    | 6:42                 | 6:04                | 6:49                 | 7:44                | 5:59                | 8:22               | 5:28                 | 8:55                | 5:32                 | 9:03                | 6:01                 | 8:36                |
| 5    | 6:40                 | 6:06                | 6:47                 | 7:46                | 5:57                | 8:23               | 5:28                 | 8:56                | 5:32                 | 9:02                | 6:03                 | 8:35                |
| 6    | 6:38                 | 6:07                | 6:45                 | 7:47                | 5:56                | 8:24               | 5:28                 | 8:56                | 5:33                 | 9:02                | 6:04                 | 8:34                |
| 7    | 6:37                 | 6:08                | 6:43                 | 7:48                | 5:55                | 8:26               | 5:27                 | 8:57                | 5:34                 | 9:02                | 6:05                 | 8:32                |
| 8    | 6:35                 | 6:10                | 6:42                 | 7:49                | 5:53                | 8:27               | 5:27                 | 8:58                | 5:35                 | 9:01                | 6:06                 | 8:31                |
| 9    | 6:33                 | 6:12                | 6:40                 | 7:51                | 5:52                | 8:28               | 5:27                 | 8:58                | 5:35                 | 9:01                | 6:07                 | 8:29                |
| 10   | 6:31                 | 6:13                | 6:38                 | 7:52                | 5:51                | 8:29               | 5:26                 | 8:59                | 5:36                 | 9:00                | 6:08                 | 8:28                |
| 11   | 6:29                 | 6:14                | 6:36                 | 7:53                | 5:49                | 8:30               | 5:26                 | 8:59                | 5:37                 | 9:00                | 6:10                 | 8:26                |
| 12   | 6:27                 | 6:15                | 6:34                 | 7:54                | 5:48                | 8:32               | 5:26                 | 9:00                | 5:38                 | 8:59                | 6:11                 | 8:25                |
| 13   | 7:28                 | 6:14                | 6:33                 | 7:56                | 5:47                | 8:33               | 5:26                 | 9:01                | 5:39                 | 8:59                | 6:12                 | 8:23                |
| 14   | 7:27                 | 7:18                | 6:31                 | 7:57                | 5:46                | 8:34               | 5:26                 | 9:01                | 5:39                 | 8:58                | 6:13                 | 8:22                |
| 15   | 7:25                 | 7:19                | 6:29                 | 7:58                | 5:45                | 8:35               | 5:26                 | 9:01                | 5:40                 | 8:57                | 6:14                 | 8:20                |
| 16   | 7:24                 | 7:20                | 6:27                 | 7:59                | 5:43                | 8:36               | 5:26                 | 9:02                | 5:41                 | 8:56                | 6:16                 | 8:18                |
| 17   | 7:23                 | 7:21                | 6:26                 | 8:01                | 5:42                | 8:37               | 5:26                 | 9:02                | 5:42                 | 8:56                | 6:17                 | 8:17                |
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| 24   | 7:10                 | 7:30                | 6:14                 | 8:10                | 5:36                | 8:45               | 5:27                 | 9:04                | 5:49                 | 8:49                | 6:25                 | 8:05                |
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| 31   | 6:56                 | 7:39                |                      |                     | 5:30                | 8:52               |                      |                     | 5:57                 | 8:41                | 6:33                 | 7:53                |

The times in the table below are for the longitudinal line running north and south through Minneapolis/St. Paul.

To find the sunrise or sunset hours on the water you fish, go to [mndnr.gov/sunrise-sunset/](http://mndnr.gov/sunrise-sunset/)



### Sunrise/Sunset Table—September 2022 though February 2023

| DATE | SEPT.<br>SUN-RISE | SEPT.<br>SUN-SET | OCT.<br>SUN-RISE | OCT.<br>SUN-SET | NOV.<br>SUN-RISE | NOV.<br>SUN-SET | DEC.<br>SUN-RISE | DEC.<br>SUN-SET | JAN.<br>SUN-RISE | JAN.<br>SUN-SET | FEB.<br>SUN-RISE | FEB.<br>SUN-SET |
|------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1    | 6:35              | 7:51             | 7:11             | 6:54            | 7:52             | 6:01            | 7:31             | 4:33            | 7:52             | 4:42            | 7:33             | 5:21            |
| 2    | 6:36              | 7:49             | 7:12             | 6:52            | 7:53             | 5:59            | 7:32             | 4:33            | 7:52             | 4:43            | 7:32             | 5:22            |
| 3    | 6:37              | 7:47             | 7:13             | 6:51            | 7:55             | 5:58            | 7:33             | 4:33            | 7:52             | 4:44            | 7:31             | 5:24            |
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| 17   | 6:54              | 7:21             | 7:31             | 6:25            | 7:13             | 4:43            | 7:46             | 4:33            | 7:47             | 5:00            | 7:12             | 5:44            |
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| 29   | 7:08              | 6:58             | 7:46             | 6:07            | 7:28             | 4:34            | 7:51             | 4:39            | 7:37             | 5:17            |                  |                 |
| 30   | 7:09              | 6:56             | 7:48             | 6:05            | 7:30             | 4:34            | 7:51             | 4:40            | 7:36             | 5:18            |                  |                 |
| 31   |                   |                  | 7:50             | 6:03            |                  |                 | 7:51             | 4:41            | 7:35             | 5:19            |                  |                 |

# HEALTH ADVISORY AND FISH EATING GUIDELINES

Most fish are healthy to eat and are a great source of protein, healthy fats (Omega-3s), and important vitamins, but any fish (store-bought or sport-caught) could have contaminants such as mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) that can harm human health—especially children and fetuses. The Minnesota Department of Health lets people know how often fish can be safely eaten.

The guidelines on the following page are based on contaminants measured in fish from lakes across the state. For more information, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4911, toll-free at 800-657-3908 or visit [health.state.mn.us/fish](https://health.state.mn.us/fish)

## Tips for safe fish eating

- For consumption advice on individual waters that have been tested visit [mndnr.gov/lakefind](https://mndnr.gov/lakefind).
- Older and larger predator fish (walleyes, northern pike, lake trout) contain more mercury—eat smaller predators.
- Eat more panfish (sunfish, crappies) and less fish that eat other fish (walleyes, northern pike, lake trout).
- PCBs accumulate the most in fatty fishes such as carp, catfish, and lake trout.

## Consejos para el consumo saludable de pescado

- Los peces depredadores mayores y más grandes (Lucioperca, Lucio Norteño, Trucha de Lago) contienen más mercurio, comen depredadores más pequeños.
- Coma más peces como Pomosios y Pez Sol y menos pescados que comen otros peces como Lucioperca, Lucio Norteño y Trucha de Lago.
- Remueva la piel y la grasa, especialmente la grasa alrededor de la barriga. También coma menos pescados que tienen más grasa como Bagre, Carpa y Trucha de lago.

## Tej yam qhia noj ntse kom txhob muaj teeb meem

- Cov ntse loj xws li (walleyes, northern pike, lake trout) nws muaj cov kua hlau ntaw nyob rau hauv nws lub cev, yog li nej yuav tsum noj cov ntse me.
- Noj cov ntse pluav xws lis (xafiv = sunfish, kabpib = crappies) thiab yog cov ntse uas tom lwm yam ntse no ces noj kom tsawg xws lis (vaulais = walleyes, novtaw phajj = northern pike, lej rhauj = lake trout).
- Yim cov tawv thiab roj, qhov tseem ceeb tshaj yog cov roj tawm npluag plab. Tsis tag lis xwb yuav tsum noj cov ntse rog kom tsawg lis tsawg tau xws lis pamnais, ntse tuajkub, thiab (lej rhauj = lake trout).

## Vài lời nên chú ý khi ăn cá để được an toàn

- Cá lớn và trưởng thành chứa nhiều chất ô nhiễm (mercury). Thì dụ như cá walleye, cá hồi, cá trê.
- Nên ăn loại nhỏ cỡ như cá rô (sunfish), cá hồi (lake trout).
- Không nên ăn da và mỡ cá, nhất là phần mỡ ở bụng cá. Mặt khác, nên ăn ít những loại cá có nhiều mỡ như cá chép, cá trê hoặc cá bông lau, và cá hồi.

# STATEWIDE CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES FOR FISH CAUGHT IN MINNESOTA

For consumption advice on individual waters that have been tested visit [mndnr.gov/lakefind](http://mndnr.gov/lakefind)

## Children and Women of Child-bearing Age:



- Sunfish
- Crappie
- Perch
- Bullhead
- Stream trout
- Cisco
- Whitefish

One meal per week  
Una comida por semana  
Ib as thiv, ib pluag  
Một tuần ăn một lần



- Walleye
- Northern pike
- Catfish
- Lake trout
- All sizes of other species

One meal per month  
Una comida por mes  
Ib hli, ib pluag  
Một tuần ăn một lần



- Muskellunge

Do not eat  
No comer  
Tsis txhob noj hlos lis  
Không nên ăn

## Other Adults:



- Sunfish
- Crappie
- Perch
- Bullhead
- Stream trout
- Cisco
- Whitefish

Check [health.state.mn.us/fish](http://health.state.mn.us/fish) for current guidance

Consulte [health.state.mn.us/fish](http://health.state.mn.us/fish) para obtener información actualizada

Saib [health.state.mn.us/fish](http://health.state.mn.us/fish) rau cov lus qhia tam sim no

Tham khảo [health.state.mn.us/fish](http://health.state.mn.us/fish) để biết thêm thông tin



- All sizes of other species

One meal per week  
Una comida por semana  
Ib as thiv, ib pluag  
Một tuần ăn một lần



# Natural Shorelines = Healthy Habitats = Plentiful Wildlife and Great Fishing!

To learn more about  
establishing natural  
shorelines visit:  
[mndnr.gov/shorelines](http://mndnr.gov/shorelines)



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## Aquatic Plant Permit Requirements

Water plants such as bulrushes are essential for healthy lake ecosystems. They reduce wave erosion, provide fish and wildlife habitat, and purify water. Because lake plants can interfere with swimming and boating by lakeshore owners—but are also vital to lake health—the DNR allows removal under the following conditions.

### **DNR permit is NOT required to cut or pull submersed (underwater) plants as long as:**

- The area does not extend along more than 50 feet of your shoreline or one-half the length of your frontage, whichever is less;
- The total area is less than 2,500 square feet (except for boat channels); and
- The plants are immediately and permanently disposed of on high ground where they can't re-enter the water.

### **DNR permit IS required to:**

- Remove emergent plants (such as bulrushes, cattails, and wild rice).
- Use herbicides or algicides in Minnesota lakes.
- Install or use an automated device such as the Crary WeedRoller®
- Remove water lilies (other than in a narrow channel extending to open water).
- Remove plants in an area larger than 2,500 square feet or wider than 50 feet.

A person who illegally destroys plants can be cited and made to pay for the restoration of those plants.

For more information, call your regional DNR office (page 85) or visit our website at [mndnr.gov/apm/aquatic-plant-management-permits.html](http://mndnr.gov/apm/aquatic-plant-management-permits.html)



# WAIT 21 DAYS

**You can protect Minnesota waters from aquatic invasive species by leaving docks and lifts out of the water for at least 21 days before placing in another waterbody.**

- ✓ **Clean** all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, docks, lifts, and other water-related equipment.
- ✓ **Drain** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, motor) and drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving any water access or shoreland property.
- ✓ **Dispose** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches and worms, in the trash.

[mndnr.gov/ais](http://mndnr.gov/ais)

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# UPDATES TO PRINTED REGULATIONS:

March 17, 2022

- **Page 39 addition:** BIG PINE LAKE (Otter Tail) Sunfish: daily limit 10. Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession.
- **Page 39 change:** BOY LAKE and connected Swift Lake (Cass County) Crappie: daily limit five. Sunfish: daily limit 10.
- **Page 44 addition:** LITTLE PINE LAKE (Otter Tail) Walleye: all from 18-26" must be immediately released. One over 26" allowed in possession.
- **Page 47 change:** PINE LAKE, BIG (Otter Tail) See Big Pine Lake (Otter Tail County).
- **Page 50 change:** Splithand Lake (Itasca) Crappie: daily limit five.