

MINNESOTA FISHING SEASONS & LIMITS

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FISH COLOR KEY

Largemouth Bass	Smallmouth Bass	Northern Pike	Muskie	Sturgeon	Walleye/Sauger	Perch	Crappie	Sunfish	Gar
Catfish (Flathead, Channel, Bullhead)	Whitefish	Cisco	Burbot	Paddlefish/Eel	Bowfin, Buffalo, Carp, Drum, Redhorse, Smelt, Sucker				
Rock Bass, White Bass, Yellow Bass	Brook Trout	Rainbow Trout	Brown Trout	Stream Trout	Lake Trout	Salmon			

SEASONS: OPEN CATCH & RELEASE CLOSED

MINNESOTA INLAND WATER SEASONS

Fishing opener is the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. Check the MNDNR Regulations for list of waters with experimental and special regulations. Find additional information on Minnesota's fishing regulations from the MNDNR at www.dnr.state.mn.us

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bass, Largemouth (Except NE)	6 combined w/ Smallmouth Bass C&R Season: Mid-MAY (Opener) to Late MAY		← Last Sunday in FEB	LARGEMOUTH		C&R	Late MAY to Last Sunday in FEB → ← C&R: Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Late MAY						
Bass, Largemouth (NE) (N & E of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to I. Falls & Pelican & Ash lakes in St. Louis County)	6 combined w/ Smallmouth Bass		← Last Sunday in FEB	LARGEMOUTH (NE)			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →						
Bass, Smallmouth (Except NE)	6 combined w/ Largemouth Bass C&R Seasons: Mid-MAY (Opener) to Late MAY AND 2nd Monday in SEPT to last Sunday in FEB		← Last Sunday in FEB	SMALLMOUTH		C&R	Late MAY to early SEPT → ← C&R: Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Late MAY				← C&R: 2nd Monday in SEPT to last Sunday in FEB →		
Bass, Smallmouth (NE) (N & E of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to I. Falls & Pelican & Ash lakes in St. Louis County)	6 combined w/ Largemouth Bass		← Last Sunday in FEB	SMALLMOUTH (NE)			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →						
Northern Pike (NE)	2; only 1 over 40" in possession; all from 30-40" must be immediately released		← Last Sunday in FEB	NORTHERN PIKE			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →						
Northern Pike (N-Cen)	10; not more than 2 over 26"; all from 22-26" must be released												
Northern Pike (S)	2; minimum 24"												
Northern Pike (LS)	2		← MAR 1st	NORTHERN PIKE (LS)			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to MARCH 1st →						
Muskie & Hybrid	1 combined; minimum 54"												
Muskie & Hybrid (TC Size Exceptions**)	1 combined; minimum 40"						1st Saturday in JUNE to DEC 1st →				← 1st Saturday in JUNE to DEC 1st		
Sturgeon (Lake & Shovelnose) *Includes LS; See "border waters" section for special regs	Catch-and-Release Season (same every year): 6/16 to 4/14, no tag needed		← C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th →		STURGEON		← C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th →						
Walleye/Sauger (except LS)	6 combined; not more than one walleye over 20"		← Last Sunday in FEB	WALLEYE/SAUGER			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →						
Walleye (LS)	2; minimum 15"		← MAR 1st	WALLEYE (LS)			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to MARCH 1st →						
Catfish, Flathead	2; only 1 over 24" in combination w/ Channel Catfish; 5 total combined w/ Channel Catfish			FLATHEAD CATFISH		APRIL 1st to NOV 30th →				← APRIL 1st to NOV 30th			
Catfish, Channel	Continuous; 5 combined w/ Flathead Catfish (no more than 2 can be Flathead); only 1 catfish over 24"	Continuous CHANNEL CATFISH											
Catfish, Bullhead (Black, Brown, Yellow)	Continuous; 100	Continuous BULLHEAD CATFISH (BLACK, BROWN, YELLOW)											
Crappie (White, Black, & their hybrids)	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous CRAPPIE (WHITE, BLACK, and their HYBRIDS)											
Sunfish	Continuous; 20 combined	Continuous SUNFISH (BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, GREEN, ORANGESPOTTED, NORTHERN, WARMOUTH, and their HYBRIDS)											
Perch	Continuous; 20 daily; 40 in possession	Continuous PERCH											
Rock Bass	Continuous; 30	Continuous ROCK BASS											
White & Yellow Bass	Continuous; 30 combined	Continuous WHITE & YELLOW BASS											
Whitefish & Cisco (Tullibee)	Continuous; 15 for fish over 7" (*see exception for Leech Lake Indian Reservation)	Continuous WHITEFISH & CISCO (TULLIBEE)											
Burbot (Eelpout)	Continuous; 4	Continuous BURBOT (EELPOUT)											
Gar (Longnose, Shortnose)	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous GAR (LONGNOSE, SHORTNOSE)											
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Bowfin, Goldeye, Smelt	Continuous; no limit; special permit needed to keep Bighead & Silver carp	Continuous CARP (COMMON, BIGHEAD, SILVER), SUCKER, BUFFALO, DRUM, BOWFIN (DOGFISH), GOLDEYE, SMELT											
Paddlefish & Eel	No open season	No Open Season PADDLEFISH & AMERICAN EEL											

** MUSKIE SIZE EXCEPTIONS: 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

*** NORTHERN PIKE: See zone map in MNDNR Regulations for details on how possession limits apply across zones. Dark house spearing limits differ, see MNDNR Regulations for details.

MINNESOTA TROUT & SALMON SEASONS

Fishing opener is the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Fishing hours for stream trout on inland waters are from one hour before sunrise to 11 p.m. Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. Only one line is allowed winter or summer when fishing on designated stream trout lakes and designated trout streams. View [designated trout lakes](#) on the MNDNR website.

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
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INLAND LAKES – TROUT (BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, SPLAKE, TIGER, LAKE)

* WINTER SEASON LAKE EXCEPTIONS – CLOSED FOR WINTER SEASON: Little Andrus (Snowshoe), Cass County; Allen and Pleasant, Crow Wing County; Bad Medicine, Becker County

Stream Trout (Outside or partly outside the BWCAW) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 3 over 16"	STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT) - Lakes outside or partly outside the BWCAW											
		Mid-JAN →			← MAR 31st			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to OCT 31st →			← OCT 31st		
Stream Trout (Entirely within the BWCAW) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 3 over 16"	STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT) - Lakes entirely within the BWCAW											
		END DEC/EARLY JAN →			← MAR 31st			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to OCT 31st →			← OCT 31st		
Lake Trout (Outside or partly outside the BWCAW)	2	LAKE TROUT - Lakes outside or partly outside the BWCAW											
		Mid-JAN →			← MAR 31st			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to SEPT 30th →			← SEPT 30th		
Lake Trout (Entirely within the BWCAW)	2	LAKE TROUT - Lakes entirely within the BWCAW											
		END DEC/EARLY JAN →			← MAR 31st			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to SEPT 30th →			← SEPT 30th		

STREAMS – TROUT (BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, SPLAKE, TIGER)

* SE includes Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Winona, Wabasha, Goodhue counties

Stream Trout (Except SE) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; only 1 over 16"	STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)											
		Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th →			← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th								
Stream Trout (SE*) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 1 over 16" Catch-and-Release Seasons: 1/1 – Mid-APRIL AND 9/15 to 10/15	TROUT (SE) (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)											
		← C&R: JAN 1st to Mid-APRIL →			Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th →			← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th			C&R: SEPT 15 to OCT 15		

STREAMS – SE EXCEPTIONS – TROUT (BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, SPLAKE, TIGER)

* Within these Southeast State Parks: Beaver Creek Valley (East Beaver Creek); Forestville (Forestville Creek, Canfield Creek, South Branch Root River) & Whitewater (Middle Branch Whitewater River, Trout Run Creek).

Also, within city boundaries of Chatfield, Lanesboro, Preston, Rushford, and Spring Valley.

Stream Trout (SE Exceptions*) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined (only 1 over 16"); see special regulations for these streams in MNDNR Regs Catch-and-Release Seasons: 9/15 – Mid-APRIL	STREAMS – SE EXCEPTIONS – TROUT (BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, SPLAKE, TIGER)											
		← C&R: SEPT 15 to Mid-APRIL →			Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th →			← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th			← C&R: SEPT 15 to Mid-APRIL →		

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
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LAKE SUPERIOR AND ITS TRIBUTARIES BELOW POSTED BOUNDARY

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

Brook Trout & Splake	1 (combined brook, splake, brown, and rainbow is 5); minimum size 20"	BROOK TROUT & SPLAKE												
		Mid-APRIL to 1st Monday in SEPT →			← 1st Monday in SEPT									
Brown Trout	Continuous; 5 (combined brook, splake, brown, and rainbow is 5); minimum size 10" - only 1 over 16"	Continuous BROWN TROUT												
Rainbow Trout (clipped)	Continuous; 3 (combined brook, splake, brown, and rainbow is 5); Minimum 16"	Continuous RAINBOW TROUT (CLIPPED)												
Rainbow Trout (un-clipped)	Continuous; Catch-and-Release only	Continuous RAINBOW TROUT (UN-CLIPPED) (C&R ONLY)												
Lake Trout	3	LAKE TROUT										← DEC 1st to End of SEPT/Early OCT		DEC 1st →
Salmon (Chinook, Coho, Pink, Atlantic)	Continuous; 5 combined w/ other salmon; only 1 can be Atlantic; minimum 10"	Continuous SALMON (CHINOOK, COHO, PINK, ATLANTIC)												

LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBUTARIES ABOVE POSTED BOUNDARY

Brook Trout	5 combined w/ Brown; not more than 1 over 16"	BROOK TROUT											
		Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th →			← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th								
Brown Trout	5 combined w/ Brook; not more than 1 over 16"	BROWN TROUT											
		Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th →			← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th								
Rainbow Trout	Catch-and-Release only	RAINBOW TROUT											
		Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th →			C&R ONLY			← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th					

MINNESOTA **BORDER WATER** SEASONS

Canada, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota (See related border waters list at the end of this section). Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. *Location specific

CANADA – MINNESOTA

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC						
Bass, Largemouth	6 combined w/ Smallmouth	Continuous LARGEMOUTH BASS																	
Bass, Smallmouth	6 combined w/ Largemouth	Continuous SMALLMOUTH BASS																	
Northern Pike	Continuous; 3; only 1 over 30"	Continuous NORTHERN PIKE*																	
Northern Pike (Lake of Woods & Rainy River to the dam at I. Falls and all tribs. from the mouth to the upstream boundary)	Continuous; 3; all from 30-40" must be immediately released; only 1 over 40" allowed in possession																		
Northern Pike (Basswood Lake (includes Jackfish, Pipestone, Hoist, and Back bays))	Continuous; 2; all pike from 30-40" must be immediately released; only 1 over 40" allowed in possession																		
Muskie	1; minimum 50"	MUSKIE						Mid-JUNE to NOV 30th →			← Mid-JUNE to NOV 30th								
Lake Sturgeon	1 per calendar year; fish must be 45-50" inclusive, or over 75" Catch-and-Release Seasons: 5/8-5/15 AND 10/1 – 4/23 Immediately validate and attach your sturgeon tag. Register your sturgeon within 48 hours	LAKE STURGEON ← C&R: OCT 1st to APRIL 23rd APRIL 24th to MAY 7th →				← C&R – 5/8-5/15		JULY 1st →		← SEPT 30th		← C&R: OCT 1st to APRIL 23rd →							
Walleye/Sauger	6 combined; only 1 over 20" in possession	WALLEYE /SAUGER*																	
Walleye/Sauger (Namakan, Sand Point, Little Vermilion)	6; not more than 4 can be walleye; walleye from 18-26" must be released; only 1 walleye over 26"																		
Walleye/Sauger (Saganaga Lake)	3; 17" minimum size limit; only 1 walleye over 20"													← Mid-MAY (OPENER) to APRIL 14th			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to APRIL 14th →		
Walleye/Sauger (Rainy Lake)	8; not more than 4 can be walleye; walleye from 18-26" must be released; only 1 walleye over 26"																		
Walleye/Sauger (Lake of the Woods and tribs. from mouth to upstream boundaries, *See exception for Four Mile Bay C&R)	6; not more than 4 can be walleye; only 1 walleye over 28"; walleye 19½-28" must be released																		
Walleye/Sauger (Rainy River mouth to dam at I. Falls & all tribs. from mouth to upstream boundaries & Four Mile Bay)	6; not more than 4 can be walleye; only 1 walleye over 28"; walleye 19½" through 28" must be immediately released Catch-and-Release Season (same each year): 3/1-4/14	← Mid-MAY (OPENER) to LAST DAY IN FEB		← C&R: MAR 1st to APRIL 14th →		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to LAST DAY IN FEB →													
Crappie	Continuous; 10	Continuous CRAPPIE																	
Sunfish	Continuous; 20 combined	Continuous SUNFISH (BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, GREEN, ORANGESPOTTED, NORTHERN, WARMOUTH, and their HYBRIDS)																	
Sunfish (Basswood Lake)	Continuous; 5 combined	Continuous ALL OTHER SPECIES																	
All Other Species	Continuous; inland limits apply																		

CANADA – MINNESOTA – TROUT

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Stream Trout	5 combined; not more than 3 over 16	STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)						Late APRIL/Early MAY to SEPT 30th →			← SEPT 30th		
Lake Trout (SUMMER)	2	LAKE TROUT (SUMMER)						Mid-MAY (OPENER) to SEPT 30th →			← SEPT 30th		
Lake Trout (WINTER) Outside or partly outside the BWCAW	2		Mid-JAN →		← MAR 31st		LAKE TROUT (WINTER) (Lakes outside or partly outside the BWCAW)						
Lake Trout (WINTER) Entirely w/in the BWCAW	2	Late DEC/Early JAN →			← MAR 31st		LAKE TROUT (WINTER) (Lakes entirely within the BWCAW)						

MINNESOTA **BORDER WATER** SEASONS (CONT)

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WISCONSIN – MINNESOTA

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC									
Bass, Largemouth (St. Louis River Estuary)	5 combined w/ S. Bass; minimum 14"		← MAR 1st	LARGEMOUTH BASS*			Late MAY to MAR 1st →															
Bass, Largemouth (St. Croix River upstream of Taylors Falls Dam)	5 combined w/ S. Bass; minimum 14" Catch-and-Release Season: Mid-SEPT to 3/1		← C&R: Mid-SEPT to MAR 1st		LARGEMOUTH BASS*			Late MAY →		← Early/Mid-SEPT		← C&R: Mid-SEPT to MAR 1st →										
Bass, Largemouth (St. Croix River downstream of Taylors Falls Dam to U.S. Hwy 10 bridge)	5 combined w/ S. Bass; minimum 14"		← MAR 1st	LARGEMOUTH BASS*			Late MAY to MAR 1st →															
Bass, Largemouth (Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	5 combined w/ S. Bass; minimum 14"	Continuous LARGEMOUTH BASS (Mississippi River & Lake Pepin)																				
Bass, Smallmouth (St. Louis River Estuary)	5 combined w/ L. Bass; minimum 14"		← MAR 1st	SMALLMOUTH BASS*			Late MAY to MAR 1st →															
Bass, Smallmouth (St. Croix River upstream of Taylors Falls Dam)	5 combined w/ L. Bass; minimum 14" Catch-and-Release Season: Mid-SEPT to 3/1		← C&R: Mid-SEPT to MAR 1st		SMALLMOUTH BASS*			Late MAY →		← Early/Mid-SEPT		← C&R: Mid-SEPT to MAR 1st →										
Bass, Smallmouth (St. Croix River downstream of Taylors Falls Dam to U.S. Hwy 10 Bridge)	5 combined w/ L. Bass; minimum 14"		← MAR 1st	SMALLMOUTH BASS*			Late MAY to MAR 1st →															
Bass, Smallmouth (Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	5 combined w/ L. Bass; minimum 14"	Continuous SMALLMOUTH BASS (Mississippi River & Lake Pepin)																				
Catfish, Bullhead (Black, Brown, Yellow)	Continuous; no limit	Continuous BULLHEAD CATFISH (BLACK, BROWN, YELLOW)																				
Catfish, Channel (St. Louis River & St. Croix R. upstream of Taylors F. Dam)	Continuous; 10 combined w/ Flathead	Continuous CHANNEL CATFISH*																				
Catfish, Channel (St. Louis River & St. Croix R. downstream of Taylors F. Dam)	Continuous; 5 combined w/ Flathead; only 1 over 24"																					
Catfish, Channel (Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 10 combined w/ Flathead, only 1 catfish over 30"																					
Catfish, Flathead (St. Louis River & St. Croix R. upstream of Taylors F. Dam)	10 combined w/ Channel	← APRIL 1ST to NOV 30th																				
Catfish, Flathead (St. Louis River & St. Croix R. downstream of Taylors F. Dam)	2 combined w/ Channel; only 1 over 30"													FLATHEAD CATFISH*			APRIL 1ST to NOV 30th →					
Catfish, Flathead (Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	10 combined w/ Channel; only 1 catfish over 30"																					
Northern Pike (St. Louis River Estuary)	2		← MAR 1st	NORTHERN PIKE*			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to MAR 1st →															
Northern Pike (St. Croix River upstream of Taylors F. Dam)	5		← MAR 1st	NORTHERN PIKE*			Saturday at End of APR/Start of MAY to MAR 1st →															
Northern Pike (St. Croix River downstream of Taylors F. Dam)	3; only 1 over 30"		← APRIL 1ST to NOV 30th																			
Northern Pike (Mississippi River & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 3; only 1 over 30"	Continuous NORTHERN PIKE*																				
Muskie	1; minimum 50"	MUSKIE					Late MAY to NOV 30th →			← Last Saturday in MAY to NOV 30th												
Lake Sturgeon (St. Louis River Estuary, Mississippi River below the Red Wing dam, Lake Pepin)	Catch-and-release only; no tag needed	← C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th			LAKE STURGEON*			C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th →														
Lake Sturgeon (Mississippi River above the Red Wing dam to the mouth of the St. Croix River)	Catch-and-release only; no tag needed	C&R: JUNE 16th to MAR 1st			LAKE STURGEON*			C&R: JUNE 16th to MAR 1st →														
Lake Sturgeon (St. Croix R. upstream of Taylors Falls)	Catch-and-release only; no tag needed	← C&R: OCT 1st to MAR 1st																				
Lake Sturgeon (St. Croix R. downstream of Taylors F. Dam to mouth including Lake St. Croix)	1 per calendar year; 60" minimum; tag is needed to harvest a lake sturgeon Catch-and-release only, no tag needed: 6/16-Early SEPT and 10/1-3/1													LAKE STURGEON*			C&R: JUNE 16th to Early SEPT →			Early SEPT - SEPT 30th		← C&R: OCT 1st to MAR 1st →

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MINNESOTA **BORDER WATER** SEASONS (CONT)

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WISCONSIN – MINNESOTA (CONT)

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Shovelnose Sturgeon (St. Croix R. including Lake St. Croix and Mississippi R. above Red Wing Dam)	Catch-and-Release only	C&R: JUNE 16th to MAR 1st		SHOVELNOSE STURGEON*			C&R: JUNE 16th to MAR 1st →						
Shovelnose Sturgeon (Mississippi River below Red Wing Dam)	Continuous; 3	Continuous SHOVELNOSE STURGEON (Mississippi River below Red Wing Dam)											
Walleye/Sauger (St. Louis River Estuary)	2 combined; minimum 15" for walleye	← MAR 1st		WALLEYE/SAUGER*			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to MAR 1st →						
Walleye/Sauger (St. Croix River upstream from Taylor F. Dam)	6 combined; minimum 15" for walleye	← MAR 1st		WALLEYE/SAUGER*			Saturday Near End of APR/Beginning of MAY to MAR 1st →						
Walleye/Sauger (St. Croix River downstream from Taylor F. Dam to US Hwy 10 bridge)	4 combined; minimum 15" for walleye; only 1 walleye or sauger over 20"	← MAR 1st		WALLEYE/SAUGER*			Saturday Near End of APR/Beginning of MAY to MAR 1st →						
Walleye/Sauger (Mississippi River, border water portion of Pool 3 & Pools 4-8 & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 4 combined; minimum 15" for walleye; only 1 walleye or sauger over 20"	Continuous WALLEYE/SAUGER*											
Walleye/Sauger (Mississippi River downstream of Lock; Dam 8)	6 combined; minimum 15" for walleye; all walleye from 20-27" must be released; only 1 walleye over 27"	Continuous WALLEYE/SAUGER*											
Perch (St. Louis River & St. Croix R. upstream of Taylors F. Dam)	Continuous; 25	Continuous PERCH*											
Perch (St. Croix River downstream of Taylors F. Dam, Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 15	Continuous PERCH*											
Sunfish (St. Louis River & St. Croix R. upstream of Taylors F. Dam)	Continuous; 25	Continuous SUNFISH* (BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, GREEN, ORANGESPOTTED, NORTHERN, WARMOUTH, and their HYBRIDS)											
Sunfish (St. Croix R. downstream of Taylors F. Dam, Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 15	Continuous SUNFISH* (BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, GREEN, ORANGESPOTTED, NORTHERN, WARMOUTH, and their HYBRIDS)											
Crappie (St. Louis River & St. Croix R. upstream of Taylors F. Dam)	Continuous; 25	Continuous CRAPPIE*											
Crappie (St. Croix R. downstream of Taylors F. Dam, Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 15	Continuous CRAPPIE*											
Rock Bass	Continuous; 25	Continuous ROCK BASS											
White & Yellow Bass (St. Louis River & St. Croix R. upstream of Taylors F. Dam)	Continuous; 25 combined	Continuous WHITE BASS & YELLOW BASS (St. Louis River & St. Croix)											
White & Yellow Bass (St. Croix R. downstream of Taylors F. Dam, Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous WHITE BASS & YELLOW BASS (Mississippi River & Lake Pepin)											
Gar (Longnose, Shortnose)	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous GAR (LONGNOSE, SHORTNOSE)											
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Bowfin, Burbot	Continuous; no limit	Continuous CARP, SUCKER, BUFFALO, REDHORSE, DRUM, BOWFIN, BURBOT, QUILLBACK											
Paddlefish & Eel	No open season	No Open Season PADDLEFISH & EEL											

MINNESOTA **BORDER WATER** SEASONS (CONT)

Canada, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota (See related border waters list at the end of this section). Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. *Location specific

IOWA – MINNESOTA

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Bass, Largemouth	Continuous; 3 combined w/ S. Bass	Continuous	LARGEMOUTH BASS											
Bass, Smallmouth	Continuous; 3 combined w/ L. Bass	Continuous	SMALLMOUTH BASS											
Catfish, Bullhead	Continuous; no limit	Continuous	BULLHEAD CATFISH (BLACK, BROWN, YELLOW)											
Catfish, Channel	Continuous; 8 combined w/ Flathead	Continuous	CHANNEL CATFISH											
Catfish, Flathead	Continuous; 8 combined w/ Channel	Continuous	FLATHEAD CATFISH											
Northern Pike	Continuous; 3	Continuous	NORTHERN PIKE											
Muskie	Continuous; 1, minimum 40"		MUSKIE				MAY 21st to NOV 30th →				← MAY 21st to NOV 30th			
Walleye	Continuous; 3	Continuous	WALLEYE											
Perch	Continuous; 25	Continuous	PERCH											
Sunfish	Continuous; 25 combined	Continuous	SUNFISH (BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, GREEN, ORANGESPOTTED, NORTHERN, WARMOUTH, and their HYBRIDS)											
Crappie	Continuous; 25	Continuous	CRAPPIE											
White & Yellow Bass	Continuous; no limit	Continuous	WHITE BASS & YELLOW BASS											
Gar (Longnose, Shortnose)	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous	GAR (LONGNOSE, SHORTNOSE)											
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Bowfin, Burbot, Quillback	Continuous; no limit	Continuous	CARP, SUCKER, BUFFALO, REDHORSE, DRUM, BOWFIN (DOGFISH), BURBOT, QUILLBACK											

MINNESOTA **BORDER WATER** SEASONS (CONT)

Canada, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota (See related border waters list at the end of this section). Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. *Location specific

NORTH DAKOTA – MINNESOTA

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bass, Largemouth	Continuous; 3 combined w/ S. Bass	Continuous	LARGEMOUTH BASS										
Bass, Smallmouth	Continuous; 3 combined w/ L. Bass	Continuous	SMALLMOUTH BASS										
Catfish, Bullhead (Black, Brown, Yellow)	Continuous; 100	Continuous	BULLHEAD CATFISH (BLACK, BROWN, YELLOW)										
Catfish, Channel	Continuous; 5 combined w/ Flathead Catfish; only 1 over 24"	Continuous	CHANNEL CATFISH										
Catfish, Flathead	Continuous; 5 combined w/ Channel Catfish; only 1 over 24"	Continuous	FLATHEAD CATFISH										
Northern Pike	Continuous; 3	Continuous	NORTHERN PIKE										
Muskie	1; minimum 50"	Continuous	MUSKIE										
Lake Sturgeon	Catch-and-Release Season: 6/16-4/14 Closed: 4/15-6/15	← C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th			LAKE STURGEON	C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th →							
Walleye/Sauger	Continuous; 3 combined	Continuous	WALLEYE/SAUGER										
Perch	Continuous; 50	Continuous	PERCH										
Sunfish	Continuous; 30	Continuous	SUNFISH (BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, GREEN, ORANGESPOTTED, NORTHERN, WARMOUTH, and their HYBRIDS)										
Crappie	Continuous; 30	Continuous	CRAPPIE										
Rock Bass	Continuous; 20	Continuous	ROCK BASS										
Gar (Longnose, Shortnose)	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous	GAR (LONGNOSE, SHORTNOSE)										
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Bowfin, Burbot, White Bass	Continuous; no limit	Continuous	CARP, SUCKER, BUFFALO, REDHORSE, DRUM, BOWFIN, BURBOT, QUILLBACK, WHITE BASS										

SOUTH DAKOTA – MINNESOTA

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bass, Largemouth	Continuous; 6 combined w/ S. Bass	Continuous	LARGEMOUTH BASS										
Bass, Smallmouth	Continuous; 6 combined w/ L. Bass	Continuous	SMALLMOUTH BASS										
Catfish, Bullhead (Black, Brown, Yellow)	Continuous; 100	Continuous	BULLHEAD CATFISH (BLACK, BROWN, YELLOW)										
Catfish, Channel	Continuous; 5 combined w/ Flathead Catfish, no more than 2 can be flathead, only 1 catfish over 24"	Continuous	CHANNEL CATFISH										
Catfish, Flathead	2; 5 combined w/ Channel Catfish, no more than 2 can be flathead, only 1 catfish over 24"	FLATHEAD CATFISH				APRIL 1st to NOV 30th →				← APRIL 1st to NOV 30th			
Northern Pike	Continuous; 6	Continuous	NORTHERN PIKE										
Lake Sturgeon	Catch-and-Release Season: 6/16-4/14 Closed: 4/15-6/15	← C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th			LAKE STURGEON	C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th →							
Walleye/Sauger	Continuous; 4 combined; only 1 walleye over 20"	Continuous	WALLEYE/SAUGER										
Perch	Continuous; 15 daily and 30 in possession	Continuous	PERCH										
Sunfish	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous	SUNFISH (BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, GREEN, ORANGESPOTTED, NORTHERN, WARMOUTH, and their HYBRIDS)										
Crappie	Continuous; 10	Continuous	CRAPPIE										
Rock Bass	Continuous; 20	Continuous	WHITE BASS										
Gar (Longnose, Shortnose)	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous	GAR (LONGNOSE, SHORTNOSE)										
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Bowfin, Burbot, White Bass	Continuous; no limit	Continuous	CARP, SUCKER, BUFFALO, REDHORSE, DRUM, BOWFIN (DOGFISH), BURBOT, QUILLBACK										

MINNESOTA BORDER WATERS

Border Regulations & List of Related Waters

CANADA – MINNESOTA	WISCONSIN – MINNESOTA	IOWA – MINNESOTA REGULATIONS	NORTH DAKOTA – MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA – MINNESOTA
<p>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.</p> <p>WATERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 County: Big Fork River mouth to State Highway 11 bridge, Black River mouth upstream to State Highway 11 bridge, Little Fork River mouth upstream to State Hwy 11 bridge • 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 County: Baudette River up to State Highway 11 bridge, Bostic Creek mouth upstream to County Road 8 bridge, Kelly Creek mouth upstream to State Hwy 172, Rapid River up to State Hwy 11 bridge, Silver Creek mouth upstream to State Hwy 11 bridge, Wabonica River mouth upstream to State Highway 172 bridge, Winter Road River mouth upstream to State Highway 172 bridge • Lake of the Woods and Roseau Counties: Lake of the Woods • Roseau County: Swift ditch mouth up to County Road 8 culvert, Warroad River mouth upstream to State Hwy 11 bridge • 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 <p>CANADA – MINNESOTA REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • While in MN, anglers may not possess more than a Minnesota limit of fish from Canada–MN border waters. Fish from Canadian inland waters may be possessed in MN 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) • Dark houses, fish houses and shelters, see MNDNR Regulations. Dark house spearing season mid-NOV to end of FEB. Canada–MN border water possession limits apply. 	<p>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</p> <p>WATERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mississippi River (downstream of the Hwy 10 bridge in Prescott, WI and all waters between the Burlington Northern [WI] and Canadian Pacific [MN] railroad tracks) • Lake Pepin, St. Croix River, Lake St. Croix, St. Louis River Estuary, St. Louis Bay, and Superior Bay. <p>WISCONSIN – MINNESOTA REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 May 1st through March 1st. 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 in MNDNR Regulations). • The bowfishing regulations 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 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 allowed by bank or boat from early March through June 15 from the Taylors Falls (St. Croix Falls) dam to the upstream side of the Hwy 8 bridge. › St. Louis River Estuary: no fishing allowed at any time from the Fond du Lac Dam downstream to the MN–WI boundary cable. No fishing allowed from the boundary cable downstream to the Highway 23 bridge from February 28 - May 18. 	<p>Daily and possession limits are the same. All species not listed are covered by the inland regulations of the state where taken.</p> <p>WATERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson County: Little Spirit Lake • Jackson and Nobles counties: Iowa Lake • Martin County: Okamanpeedan (Tuttle), Iowa, and Swag lakes <p>IOWA – MINNESOTA REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, dogfish, gar, or quillback. • Spearing game fish is unlawful. • Bowfishing regulations, see details in MNDNR Regulations • Dark house, fish house, and shelters, see details in MNDNR Regulations 	<p>Daily and possession limits are the same. All species not listed are covered by the inland regulations of the state where taken.</p> <p>WATERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bois de Sioux River and the Red River of the North <p>NORTH DAKOTA – MINNESOTA REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Other rules can be found in the MNDNR Regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, freshwater drum, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, and gar may be taken by spearing or archery between sunrise and sunset from May 1 through December 31. • The bowfishing regulations 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. • Culling is not allowed. However, at the end of your fishing day you may release live fish before leaving the water. • Dark house, fish house, and shelters, see MNDNR regulations for details • Anglers fishing from the North Dakota shoreline must possess a North Dakota fishing license. Check North Dakota regulations regarding fishing from North Dakota’s shore. 	<p>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.</p> <p>WATERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Stone County: Big Stone Lake • Lincold 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 Hwy 117 bridge <p>SOUTH DAKOTA – MINNESOTA REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglers may use 2 lines with up to 3 hooks per line. • Setlines, trotlines, or unattended lines are unlawful. • Carp, buffalo, freshwater drum, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, and gar may be taken by spearing from sunrise to sunset from May 1st through February 28th. • The bowfishing regulations 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. • 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 (see MNDNR Regulations). • 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.