

MINNESOTA FISHING SEASONS & LIMITS

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FISH COLOR KEY

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

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 (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, Largemouth (Except NE)	6 combined w/ Smallmouth Bass Catch-and-Release Season: Mid-MAY (Opener) to last Friday in MAY	← Last Sunday in FEB		LARGEMOUTH		C&R	Last Saturday in MAY to Last Sunday in FEB → ← C&R: Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Friday in MAY						
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 →							
Bass, Smallmouth (Except NE)	6 combined w/ Largemouth Bass Catch-and-Release Seasons: Mid-MAY (Opener) to last Friday in MAY AND 2nd Monday in SEPT to last Sunday in FEB	← Last Sunday in FEB		SMALLMOUTH		C&R	Last Saturday in MAY to 2nd Sunday in SEPT → ← C&R: Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Friday in MAY			← C&R: 2nd Monday in SEPT to last Sunday in FEB →			
Northern Pike (NE)	2; not more than 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	← Last Sunday in FEB		NORTHERN PIKE		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →							
Northern Pike (S)	2; minimum 24"	← Last Sunday in FEB		NORTHERN PIKE		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →							
Northern Pike (LS)	2	← MAR 1st		NORTHERN PIKE (LS)		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →							
Muskie & Hybrid	1 combined; minimum 54"	← MAR 1st		MUSKIE & HYBRID		1st Saturday in JUNE to DEC 1st →			← 1st Saturday in JUNE to DEC 1st				
Muskie & Hybrid (TC Size Exceptions**)	1 combined; minimum 40"	← MAR 1st		MUSKIE & HYBRID		1st Saturday in JUNE to DEC 1st →			← 1st Saturday in JUNE to DEC 1st				
Sturgeon (Lake & Shovelnose) *See "border waters" section for special regulations	Catch-and-Release Season (same every year): 6/16 to 4/14, no tag needed	← C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th →		LAKE 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 Last Sunday in FEB →							
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Catfish, Flathead	2; only 1 over 24" in combination w/ Channel Catfish (5 total combined)	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 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											
Sunfish	Continuous; 20 combined	Continuous SUNFISH (BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, GREEN, ORANGESPOTTED, LONGEAR, WARMOUTH, and their HYBRIDS)											
Perch	Continuous; 20 daily; 40 in possession	Continuous PERCH											
Rock Bass & White B.	Continuous; 30	Continuous ROCK BASS, WHITE BASS											
Whitefish	Continuous; no limit (except on Leech Lake = 25)	Continuous WHITEFISH											
Cisco (Tullibee)	Continuous; no limit (except on Leech Lake = 50)	Continuous CISCO (TULLIBEE)											
Burbot (Eelpout)	Continuous; no limit (except on Mille Lacs which is C&R only)	Continuous BURBOT											
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Gar, Bowfin, Smelt	Continuous; no limit	Continuous CARP, SUCKER, BUFFALO, DRUM, GAR, BOWFIN (DOGFISH), SMELT											
Paddlefish	No open season	No Open Season PADDFISH											

** MUSKIE SIZE EXCEPTIONS: 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

*** 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 – SUMMER – TROUT

Stream Trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 3 over 16"	STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)				Mid-MAY (OPENER) to OCT 31st →				← OCT 31st			
Lake Trout	2	LAKE TROUT				Mid-MAY (OPENER) to SEPT 30th →				← SEPT 30th			

INLAND LAKES – WINTER – TROUT

* 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 (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 3 over 16"	Mid-JAN →	← MAR 31st	STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)									
Lake Trout Outside or partly outside the BWCAW	2	Mid-JAN →	← MAR 31st	LAKE TROUT Lakes outside or partly outside the BWCAW									
Lake Trout Lakes entirely within the BWCAW	2	JAN 1st →	← MAR 31st	LAKE TROUT Lakes entirely within the BWCAW									

STREAMS – TROUT

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

Stream Trout (except SE) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 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	← C&R: JAN 1st to Mid-APRIL →				Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th →				← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th				C&R: SEPT 15 to OCT 15	TROUT (SE) (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)

STREAMS – SE EXCEPTIONS – TROUT

* Within these 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 (not more than 1 over 16"); see special regulations for these streams in MNDNR Regs Catch-and-Release Seasons: 9/15 – Mid-APRIL	← C&R: SEPT 15 to Mid-APRIL →				Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th →				← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th				← C&R: SEPT 15 to Mid-APRIL →			
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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)													
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 →				← 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)	Continuous; 3; all from 30" through 40" must be immediately released; only 1 over 40" allowed in possession	Continuous NORTHERN PIKE*												
Northern Pike (Basswood Lake (includes Jackfish, Pipestone, Hoist, and Back bays))	3; all pike from 24" through 36" must be immediately released; only 1 over 36" allowed in possession	← Last Sunday in FEB		NORTHERN PIKE*			Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →							
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" to 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 →												
SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Walleye/Sauger	6 combined; not more than 1 over 20" in possession	Continuous WALLEYE /SAUGER*												
Walleye/Sauger (Lake of the Woods)	6; not more than 4 can be walleye; only 1 walleye over 28"; walleye 19½" through 28" must be immediately released	Continuous WALLEYE /SAUGER*												
Walleye/Sauger (Namakan, Sand Point, Little Vermilion)	6; not more than 4 can be walleye; walleye from 18" through 26" must be immediately released; only 1 walleye over 26"	← Mid-MAY (OPENER) to APRIL 14th			WALLEYE /SAUGER*		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to APRIL 14th →							
Walleye/Sauger (Saganaga Lake)	3; 17" minimum size limit; only 1 walleye over 20"	Continuous WALLEYE /SAUGER*												
Walleye/Sauger (Rainy Lake)	8; not more than 4 can be walleye; walleye from 18" to 26" must be immediately released; only 1 walleye over 26"	Continuous WALLEYE /SAUGER*												
Walleye/Sauger (Rainy River – Mouth to the dam at I. Falls & Four Mile Bay, SE bay of Lake of the Woods)	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 FEB 28th		← C&R: MAR 1st to APRIL 14th →		WALLEYE /SAUGER*		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to FEB 28th →						
Crappie	Continuous; 10	Continuous CRAPPIE												
All Other Species	Continuous; inland limits apply	Continuous ALL OTHER SPECIES												

CANADA – MINNESOTA – TROUT

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Stream Trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined; not more than 3 over 16"	STREAM TROUT						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) Lakes outside or partly outside the BWCAW	2	Mid-JAN →		← MAR 31st		LAKE TROUT (WINTER) (Lakes outside or partly outside the BWCAW)								
Lake Trout (WINTER) Lakes entirely w/in the BWCAW	2	Saturday nearest new year →			← MAR 31st		LAKE TROUT (WINTER) (Lakes entirely within the BWCAW)							

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

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*		Last Saturday in 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*		Last Saturday in MAY →	← 2nd Sunday in SEPT	← C&R: Mid-SEPT to MAR 1st →						
Bass, Largemouth (St. Croix River downstream of Taylors Falls Dam to U.S. Hwy. 10)	5 combined w/ S. Bass; minimum 14"		← MAR 1st	LARGEMOUTH BASS*		Last Saturday in 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*		Last Saturday in 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*		Last Saturday in MAY →	← 2nd Sunday in 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*		Last Saturday in 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)	Continuous; 10 combined w/ Flathead	Continuous	CHANNEL CATFISH											
Catfish, Channel (Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 10 combined w/ Flathead, only 1 catfish over 30"	Continuous	CHANNEL CATFISH											
Catfish, Flathead (St. Louis River & St. Croix)	Continuous; 10 combined w/ Channel		FLATHEAD CATFISH*					APRIL 1ST to NOV 30th →				← APRIL 1ST to NOV 30th		
Catfish, Flathead (Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 10 combined w/ Channel; only 1 catfish over 30"		FLATHEAD CATFISH*					APRIL 1ST to NOV 30th →				← APRIL 1ST to NOV 30th		
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Northern Pike (St. Louis River Estuary)	2		← MAR 1st	NORTHERN PIKE*		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to MAR 1st →								
Northern Pike (St. Croix River)	5		← MAR 1st	NORTHERN PIKE*		Saturday at end of APR/start of MAY to MAR 1st →								
Northern Pike (Mississippi River & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 3; only 1 over 30"	Continuous	NORTHERN PIKE*											
Muskie	1; minimum 50"		MUSKIE				Last Saturday in 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 River above Taylors Falls)	Catch-and-release only; no tag needed													
Lake Sturgeon (St. Croix R. below Taylors Falls 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: 6/16-9/3 AND 10/1-3/1		← C&R: OCT 1st to MAR 1st	LAKE STURGEON*		C&R: JUNE 16th to SEPT 3rd →	SEPT 4th-30th	← C&R: OCT 1st to MAR 1st →						
Shovelnose Sturgeon (St. Croix R. including Lake St. Croix and Mississippi R. above Red Wing dam)	Catch-and-Release Season: 6/16 to 3/1		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)											

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MINNESOTA **BORDER WATER** SEASONS (CONT)

* Location specific

WISCONSIN – MINNESOTA (CONT)

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
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)	6 combined; minimum 15" for walleye		← 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"												
Walleye/Sauger (Mississippi River, downstream of Lock; Dam 8)	6 combined; minimum 15" for walleye; all walleye from 20" to 27" must be immediately released; only 1 walleye over 27"												
Perch (St. Louis River & St. Croix)	Continuous; 25												
Perch (Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 15												
Sunfish (St. Louis River & St. Croix)	Continuous; 25												
Sunfish (Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 15												
Crappie (St. Louis River & St. Croix)	Continuous; 25												
Crappie (Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 15												
Rock Bass	Continuous; 25												
White Bass & Yellow Bass (St. Louis River & St. Croix)	Continuous; 25 combined												
White Bass & Yellow Bass (Mississippi R. & Lake Pepin)	Continuous; 10 combined												
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Gar, Bowfin, Burbot, Quillback	Continuous; no limit												
Paddlefish	No open season												

IOWA – MINNESOTA

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bass, Largemouth	Continuous; 3 combined w/ Smallmouth												
Bass, Smallmouth	Continuous; 3 combined w/ Largemouth												
Catfish, Bullhead (Black, Brown, Yellow)	Continuous; no limit												
Catfish, Channel	Continuous; 8 combined w/ Flathead												
Catfish, Flathead	Continuous; 8 combined w/ Channel												
Northern Pike	Continuous; 3												
Muskie	Continuous; 1, minimum 40"												
Walleye	Continuous; 3												
Perch	Continuous; 25												
Sunfish	Continuous; 25 combined												
Crappie	Continuous; 25 combined												
White Bass & Yellow Bass	Continuous; no limit												
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Gar, Bowfin, Burbot, Quillback	Continuous; no limit												

MINNESOTA **BORDER WATER** SEASONS (CONT)

NORTH DAKOTA – MINNESOTA

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bass, Largemouth	Continuous; 3 combined w/ Smallmouth Bass	Continuous LARGEMOUTH BASS											
Bass, Smallmouth	Continuous; 3 combined w/ Largemouth 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											
Crappie	Continuous; 30	Continuous CRAPPIE											
Rock Bass	Continuous; 20	Continuous ROCK BASS											
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Gar, Bowfin, Burbot, Quillback, White Bass	Continuous; no limit	Continuous CARP, SUCKER, BUFFALO, REDHORSE, DRUM, GAR, 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/ Smallmouth Bass	Continuous LARGEMOUTH BASS											
Bass, Smallmouth	Continuous; 6 combined w/ Largemouth 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 1catfish over 24"	Continuous CHANNEL CATFISH											
Catfish, Flathead	Continuous; 5 combined w/ Channel Catfish, no more than 2 can be flathead, only 1catfish 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 (bluegill, pumpkinseed, etc)	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous SUNFISH											
Crappie	Continuous; 10	Continuous CRAPPIE											
Rock Bass	Continuous; 20	Continuous WHITE BASS											
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Gar, Bowfin, Burbot, Quillback	Continuous; no limit	Continuous CARP, SUCKER, BUFFALO, REDHORSE, DRUM, GAR, BOWFIN (DOGFISH), BURBOT, QUILLBACK											

MINNESOTA BORDER WATERS

Border Regulations & List of Related Waters

CANADA – MINNESOTA	WISCONSIN – MINNESOTA	IOWA – MINNESOTA REGULATIONS	SOUTH DAKOTA – MINNESOTA	NORTH 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 style="text-align: center;">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 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 <p style="text-align: center;">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 <p>Dark house spearing season mid-NOV to end of FEB. Canada–MN border water possession limits apply.</p>	<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 style="text-align: center;">WATERS</p> <p>Mississippi River (downstream of the Highway 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> <p style="text-align: center;">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 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 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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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, sheephead, 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 unless otherwise noted. All species not listed are covered by the inland regulations of the state where taken.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WATERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p style="text-align: center;">SOUTH DAKOTA – MINNESOTA REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglers may use two lines with up to three hooks per line. • Setlines, trotlines, or unattended lines are unlawful. • Unprotected fish, except white bass, 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. • Northern pike limit for dark house spearing is three. Other rules can be found in MNDNR Regulations • 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). • Once you possess a fish caught by angling, on the Bois de Sioux River from the White Rock Dam to the North Dakota border, you cannot replace it with another fish. However, at the end of your fishing day you may release live fish before leaving the water. 	<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 style="text-align: center;">WATERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bois de Sioux River and the Red River of the North. <p style="text-align: center;">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. • Rough fish 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. • 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, see MNDNR regulations for details • Check North Dakota regulations regarding fishing from North Dakota’s shore