

#### STATE OF MINNESOTA

#### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

#### COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 2368

REGULATIONS FOR THE TAKING AND POSSESSION OF FISH FROM THE MINNESOTA-CANADA BOUNDARY WATERS; SUPERSEDING COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS NOS. 2205 and 2268

Pursuant to authority vested in me by Minn. Stat.

§§ 97A.045, 97C.395, 97C.401 and other applicable law, I,

Joseph N. Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, hereby

prescribe the following regulations for the taking and possession

of fish from the Minnesota-Canada boundary waters.

Section 1. The provisions of this order apply to all those portions of the following named Minnesota-Canada boundary waters lying within the State of Minnesota, which portions lie generally within the Townships (T.) and Ranges (R.) specified for each:

### COOK COUNTY

North Fowl Lake, T. 65, R. 3E
South Fowl Lake, T. 64, 65, R. 3E
Granite River, T. 66, R. 4W
Gunflint Lake, T. 65, R. 2, 3, 4W
Little Gunflint Lake, T. 65, R. 2W
Lily Lakes, T. 65, R. 2E
Magnetic Lake, T. 65, R. 3, 4W
Maraboeuf Lake, T. 66, R. 4W
Moose Lake, T. 65, R. 3E
Mountain Lake, T. 65, R. 1, 2E
North Lake, T. 65, R. 2W
Little North Lake, T. 65, R. 2W
Pigeon River, T. 64, R. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7E
Pine Lake, T. 65, R. 4W
Pine River, T. 65, R. 4W
Rat Lake, T. 65, R. 1W
Rose Lake, T. 65, R. 1W

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Round Lake, T. 66, R. 4W Saganaga Lake, T. 66, R. 4, 5W; T. 67, R. 4, 5W South Lake, T. 65, R. 1, 2W Watab Lake, T. 65, R. 1E

# KOOCHICHING & LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTIES

Rainy River, T. 70-71 and T. 158-162, R. 24-32

# KOOCHICHING & ST. LOUIS COUNTIES

Rainy Lake (including Black Bay), T. 69, R. 18, 19; T. 70, R. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22; T. 71, R. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

### LAKE COUNTY

Basswood Lake (except Jackfish, Pipestone, Hoist and Back Bays), T. 64, R. 9, 10; T. 65, R. 9, 10
Basswood River, T. 65, R. 10, 11
Birch Lake, T. 64, R. 8, 9; T. 65, R. 8, 9
Carp Lake, T. 65, R. 8
Cypress Lake, T. 66, R. 6
Knife Lake (except South Arm of Knife Lake), T. 64, R. 8; T. 65, R. 6, 7, 8; T. 66, R. 6
Little Knife Lake, T. 65, R. 6
Knife River, T. 65, R. 8
Melon Lake, T. 65, R. 8
Seed Lake, T. 65, R. 8
Sucker Lake, T. 64, R. 8, 9
Swamp Lake, T. 66, R. 6

# LAKE & ST. LOUIS COUNTIES

Crooked Lake, T. 66, R. 11, 12

### LAKE OF THE WOODS & ROSEAU COUNTIES

Lake of the Woods

### ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Bottle Lake, T. 67, R. 13 Iron Lake, T. 66, R. 12, 13; T. 67, R. 13 Lac La Croix Lake, T. 67, R. 13, 14, 15; T. 68, R. 13, 14, 15; T. 66, R. 13 Loon Lake, T. 66, 67, R. 15

Loon River, T. 66, R. 15, 16; T. 67, R. 15, 16 Namakan Lake, T. 68, R. 17, 18; T. 69, R. 17, 18, 19 Sand Point Lake, T. 67, R. 16, 17; T. 68, R. 16, 17; T. 69, R. 17 Little Vermilion Lake, T. 67, R. 16

Sec. 2. (a) Subject to all applicable laws and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this order, the species of fish named below may be taken in all Minnesota-Canada boundary waters by angling during the times specified for each species, all dates inclusive. The number of each species which may be taken in any one day and which may be possessed at any one time shall be as specified:

<u>Species</u>	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
Walleye and Sauger	Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to	6 in the aggregate, except Lake of the Woods where 20 in the aggregate, of which not more than 10 may be walleye. Except Rainy
	April 14.	Lake where 12 in the
		aggregate, of which not more than 6 may be walleye and only 1 walleye over 19.5 inches. Except Rainy River where 6 in aggregate with not more than 1 walleye over 19.5 inches except no walleye over 19.5 inches March 1 through April 14. Except Saganaga
		Lake including Sea Gull River and Gull Lake where 6 walleye with 1 walleye over 19.5 inches. Dressed sauger shall be counted as walleye.

Sturgeon June 30 to May 15. 1

(minimum size 45 inches total length)

Lake Trout

In all bodies of Same as inland limits. water outside or partly outside of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and exceptions from the Saturday nearest January 15 to March 15; lakes partially within and exceptions including Saganaga Lake; in all bodies of water lying entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from the Saturday nearest January 1 to March 31; and in all waters from the Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to September 30.

Trout (except Lake Trout)

Saturday nearest May 1 to September 30.

Same as inland limits.

Northern Pike No closed season.

6, except three on Rainy Lake with only one over 28 inches.

Muskellunge (minimum size 40 inches total length)

Third Saturday in June to November 30.

Same as inland limits.

Large and Small Mouthed Bass

No closed season.

Same as inland limits.

Crappie No closed season. 30 except 15 Black Bay of Rainy Lake.

All Other No closed season. Same as inland limits. Species

- (b) While trolling from a boat on the waters of Lake of the Woods, two lines may be used.
- (c) Fish with length limits may not be possessed as fillets on the water while angling.
- (d) Any fish that is hooked or snagged in any part of the body except the mouth shall be immediately unhooked and returned to the water, whether dead or alive.
- Sec. 3. (a) While on any Minnesota portion of the Minnesota-Canada boundary waters described above, no person who possesses both a Minnesota angling license and an angling license from the Canadian provinces of Ontario and/or Manitoba shall possess or transport more than the daily limit of fish allowed under any one but not more than one of his or her licenses.
- (b) While in the State of Minnesota, no person who possesses both a Minnesota angling license and an angling license from the Canadian provinces of Ontario and/or Manitoba shall possess fish taken from the Minnesota-Canada boundary waters described above in excess of the daily limit of fish allowed under any one but not more than one of his or her licenses.

- who possesses both a Minnesota angling license and an angling license from the Canadian provinces of Ontario and/or Manitoba shall possess fish taken from the inland waters of Ontario and/or Manitoba in excess of the daily limit of fish allowed under any one but not more than one of his or her licenses unless such excess fish are accompanied by proof of taking from inland Canadian waters. When accompanied by such proof, one Canadian limit and one Minnesota limit may be possessed simultaneously. The following shall be considered sufficient proof for a period of seven days after date of issuance:
- (1) Written verification issued by United States Customs of having entered the United States at a time consistent with the alleged time of having taken fish in inland Canadian waters.
- (2) A receipt from a resort, campground or place of lodging located on inland Canadian waters issued at a time consistent with the alleged time of having taken fish in inland Canadian waters.
- (d) While in the State of Minnesota, no person shall possess fish taken from the Minnesota portions of Lake of the Woods or Rainy Lake in excess of the Minnesota inland limits but within the special limits prescribed for Lake of the Woods

and Rainy Lake by this order, unless in possession of proof that such excess fish were taken from the Minnesota portions of Lake of the Woods or Rainy Lake. A dated receipt from a resort, campground, place of lodging, gas station, grocery store, bait store or restaurant located on Lake of the Woods or Rainy Lake issued at a time consistent with the alleged time of having taken fish from such waters shall be considered sufficient proof.

Sec. 4. On Minnesota-Canadian boundary waters, a dark house, fish house or shelter may remain on the ice no later than March 31. Portable shelters may be used after March 31 by persons actively engaged in angling, but such shelters shall be removed daily when not in use.

Sec. 5. Commissioner's Orders Nos. 2205 and 2268 are hereby superseded.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 7 day of

<u>1990.</u>

STEVEN G. THORNE, Deputy Commissioner

Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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