

# 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.