



LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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2026 LAKE MINNETONKA NIGHTTIME BOW FISHING SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

This document serves as the physical authorization needed to allow the special event activity and must be carried by each participant. The permit restrictions are summarized below:

- Allowed April 25, 2026 – June 30, 2026
- One half hour after sunset until 1am
- Allowed on all areas of Lake Minnetonka
- Prohibited within 150' of occupied structures
- Prohibited within 300' of campsites
- Fish shall NOT be returned to the water or left on the banks of Lake Minnetonka, its channels, tributaries or wetland area
- Fish shall NOT be disposed of within 300' of shoreline, except where remains are used as buried fertilizer by residents on the property
- Fish shall NOT be disposed of at any public access point. Containers marked for fish disposal at public launches may NOT be used for disposal during the bow fishing special event.
- Bow fishing with the assistance of lighting is limited to downward facing LED lights
- Total noise levels may not exceed 65 decibels on the "A" scale at a distance of 50' from the boat
- Conducted in compliance with all state laws, rules, regulations and local ordinances
- Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol and the law enforcement officers of any city bordering the Lake are authorized to use judgement in the ordering of any person to cease bow fishing at any location when in the interest of the public peace and safety to do so.