



**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
2021 PERMIT APPLICATION TO USE A CAST NET TO HARVEST GIZZARD SHAD FROM  
INFESTED WATERS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following information (please print):**

Full Name:	Telephone Number:
Address:	Email:

**HARVEST OF GIZZARD SHAD IN PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING WATERBODIES:**

1. **St. Croix River:** downstream of the dam at Taylor’s Falls\*;
2. **Mississippi River:** downstream of St. Anthony Falls to the confluence with the St. Croix River;
3. **Mississippi River:** downstream of the confluence with the St. Croix River to the Minnesota/Iowa border\* (the Minnesota portions of the Minnesota/Wisconsin Border Waters which are all sloughs, backwaters, bays, and newly extended water areas lying between the Canadian Pacific, St. Paul, and the Pacific Railroad tracks to the Minnesota/Wisconsin border);
4. **Minnesota River** downstream of Granite Falls.

\*This permit does not authorize the use of cast nets in WI portions of the MN/WI border waters.

**DURING THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

<b>July 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021</b>
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**WITH THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT AND GEAR:**

Monofilament cast nets not exceeding <b>5 feet in radius</b> . Cast net mesh size must be from <b>3/8 to 5/8 inch bar</b> measure.
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**TAGGED WITH THE FOLLOWING ORANGE INFESTED WATER TAGS:**

Orange Tag Number	Size (3.5’ or 5’)	Attached in the presence of (sign here)	Date

**Have you completed online aquatic invasive species training this year\*? Please enclose certificate.**

Yes	No

\*Note, successful completion of online AIS training is required before a permit will be issued.

I verify by my signature that I have read, understand, and agree to follow the conditions listed on the back of this permit application.

Applicant Signature	Date

## **Permit Conditions**

- 1) Permittees will be required to successfully complete online invasive species training for minnow dealers prior to permit issuance. Training is available at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/commercial/mdeinvasivetraining.html>.
- 2) By signing this permit, the permittee agrees to comply with the conditions of this permit. Violation of any of the conditions of this permit by the permittee will result in revocation of this permit.
- 3) A copy of the permit must be in immediate possession of the permittee while using a cast net in infested waters, and transporting a cast net with infested water tags.
- 4) Tagged cast nets authorized under this permit may only be used to target gizzard shad. Any incidentally harvested nontarget species must immediately be returned to the water.
- 5) Gizzard shad harvested under this permit are only for personal use as bait while angling.
- 6) Gizzard shad harvested under this permit must be used on the same body of water where caught and while still on that waterbody. Where the river is divided by barriers such as dams, the gizzard shad must be caught and used on the same section of the river. Distinct waterbodies for this permit include Mississippi River Pools 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 6, 7, 8, 9 (down to Iowa border), the St. Croix River from the mouth to the dam at Taylor's Falls, and Minnesota River downstream of Granite Falls.
- 7) Gizzard shad harvested under this permit may not be transported off the waterbody where they were harvested.
- 8) All aquatic plants except duckweed must be removed from cast nets before leaving the harvest site.
- 9) All prohibited invasive species (e.g. zebra mussels and faucet snails) must be removed from cast nets before leaving the harvest site.
- 10) Cast nets used in infested waters must be tagged with orange infested water tags matching this permit. Tags must be attached in the presence of a DNR employee. Tags must be attached by placing them through a location on the cast net, so the tag may not be removed except by cutting the tag. The ends of the tag must be pushed together until locked. Tags should be checked to ensure that they are locked. Tags that are not locked or attached in the presence of DNR personnel will not be legal.
- 11) Cast nets must be marked with infested waters tags, issued with the permit for the current license year by the DNR and may only be used in the infested waters listed on this permit.
- 12) Cast nets may not be transported to (within 300 feet), or used in any waters other than waters specified in this permit, except this requirement does not apply to the permittee when operating a moving vehicle on a road.
- 13) Cast nets not marked with infested waters tags may not be transported to (within 300 feet), or used in listed infested waters except when operating a moving vehicle on a road.
- 14) Boating or walking to infested waters through non-infested waters while transporting a cast net marked for use in infested waters is not permitted.
- 15) Infested water tags may only be removed only in the presence of a DNR employee.
- 16) The permittee must keep a record, on forms provided by the commissioner, of all activity conducted under this permit. The records shall include number and species of fish caught using a cast net. The permittee must submit an annual of your activity at the end of the season. A new permit will not be issued until the annual report is received.
- 17) Report all invasive carp captures immediately to 888-646-6367 or [invasivecarp.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:invasivecarp.dnr@state.mn.us). Gizzard shad and young invasive carp look similar. Please view a video on our website for tips on identifying young invasive carp: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasive-carp/index.html>.

## **Send Application to:**

Commercial Aquatic Programs and Fish Health Consultant  
500 Lafayette Road, Box 20  
St. Paul, MN 55155