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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying certain angling seasons; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97C.395, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97C.395, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Dates for certain species.** (a) The open seasons to take fish by  
1.7 angling are as follows:

1.8 (1) for walleye, sauger, northern pike, muskellunge, largemouth bass, and  
1.9 smallmouth bass, the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend  
1.10 to the last Sunday in February;

1.11 (2) for lake trout, from January 1 to October 31;

1.12 (3) for lake trout on lakes entirely or partly within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area  
1.13 Wilderness, from the Saturday nearest January 1 to March 31;

1.14 (4) for brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and splake, between January 1 to  
1.15 October 31 as prescribed by the commissioner by rule except as provided in section  
1.16 97C.415, subdivision 2; and

1.17 ~~(4)~~ (5) for salmon, as prescribed by the commissioner by rule.

1.18 (b) The commissioner shall close the season in areas of the state where fish are  
1.19 spawning and closing the season will protect the resource.