DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
MNDNR PERMITTING AND REPORTING SYSTEM

Permit Number
AERP3222

AERATION PERMIT - ICE COVER

EXPIRATION DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

On the basis of statements and information contained in the permit application, letters, maps, and plans submitted by the applicant and other supporting data, all of which are made part hereof by reference, **PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED** to the applicant to perform actions as authorized below.

Project Name:	**County:**	**Resource (Lake ID):**
Rice Lake Winter Aeration (2026-27)	Hennepin	Rice Main Lake (27011601)

Authorized Action:

Aerate water body to Prevent winterkill of fish.

System Type(s):
- 1 Bubbler/Diffuser (1.0 hp). Permanent? No. System Address: Between 15559 & 15529 First Ave N MN

Periods during which this system may be operated: Ice Cover only.

Aeration system cannot operate before adequate placement of the applicable safety warning signs are posted.

This permit is subject to seasonal inspections from the conservation officer.

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Open Water Area Location(s):

Number of open water areas: 1
- UTM zone 15N, 462505m east, 4996288m north; T119N-R22W-S16 Meandered water body (Size: 180 ft. x 500 ft.)

Issued Date: 10/28/2026	**Effective Date:** 11/17/2026	**Expiration Date:** 09/30/2027	
Authorized Issuer:	**Title:**	**Email Address:**	**Phone Number:**
Denise Elston	Aeration Permit Coordinator	denise.elston@state.mn.us	218-580-8646

This permit is granted **subject to** the following **CONDITIONS:**

DNR NOTIFICATION: The permittee shall notify the DNR when the aeration system is started, by logging in to MPARS or notifying the Aeration Program Coordinator.

SITE ACCESS: The permittee shall grant access to the site at all reasonable times during and after construction to authorized representatives of the Commissioner of Natural Resources for inspection of the work authorized hereunder.

NO WORK AFFECTING BED OF PUBLIC WATERS: Operation or installation of an aeration system must not affect the course, current, or cross-section of public waters. Excavation and fill of public waters is not allowed under this permit.

Conditions (*continued*):

WARNING SIGNS: Each public access point and other areas commonly used by the public for access to the lake will be posted with conspicuous signs stating that an aeration system is in use and the marked areas of the lake should be avoided.

TERMINATION: This permit may be terminated by the Commissioner of Natural Resources at any time deemed necessary for the conservation of water resources of the state, or in the interest of public health and welfare, or for violation of any of the conditions or applicable laws, unless otherwise provided in the permit.

INSPECTIONS: Permittee must inspect system for compliance with permit conditions at least once every seven days.

OPERATION PERIOD: Aeration systems authorized under this permit will be operated only during the period specified above. The permittee may request an extension of the operation permit by submitting a written request, stating the reason thereof, to the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL REGULATIONS: The permittee is not released from any rules, regulations, requirements, or standards of any applicable federal, state, or local agencies; including, but not limited to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Board of Water and Soil Resources, MN Pollution Control Agency, watershed districts, water management organizations, county, city and township zoning.

NOT ASSIGNABLE: This permit is not assignable by the permittee except with the written consent of the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

NO CHANGES: The permittee shall make no changes, without written permission or amendment previously obtained from the Commissioner of Natural Resources, in aeration system type, location, or operation period authorized hereunder.

INVASIVE SPECIES - EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION: All equipment intended for use at an aeration site must be free of prohibited invasive species and aquatic plants prior to being transported into or within the state and placed into state waters. All equipment used in designated infested waters, shall be inspected by the Permittee or their authorized agent and adequately decontaminated prior to being transported from the worksite. The DNR is available to train inspectors and/or assist in these inspections. For more information refer to the "Best Practices for Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species" at https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/publications/ewr/invasives/ais/best_practices_for_prevention_ais.pdf . Contact your regional Invasive Species Specialist for assistance at www.mndnr.gov/invasives/contacts.html. A list of designated infested waters is available at www.mndnr.gov/invasives/ais/infested.html. A list of prohibited invasive species is available at www.mndnr.gov/invasives/laws.html#prohibited.

HOLD HARMLESS: Permittee agrees to assume the entire responsibility and liability for all damages or injury to all persons and to all property arising out of, resulting from, or in any manner connected with the design, construction, installation, operation, maintenance, supervision, or inspection of the permitted aeration system. Permittee agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Minnesota, its agents and employees from all claims, damages, or injury except those arising from the state’s own negligence to the extent authorized by Minnesota Statutes Section 3.736 of the Minnesota Tort Claims Act. This indemnity agreement includes, but is not limited to, claims that the permittee was negligent or otherwise liable for allowing, designing, constructing, installing, operating, inspecting, maintaining, supervising, or approving the permitted aeration system, or failing to do so.

THIN ICE SIGNS: The perimeter of the area of thin ice and open water will be marked with signs placed at a height of four to six feet in a rectangular pattern at each corner of the open water. Additional signs will be posted between the corner signs so that a sign is posted at least every 100 feet. The signs must be diamond shaped and at least 18 inches in height and 14 inches wide with a two inch wide orange border with black lettering on a white background with the warning "Thin Ice".

WRITTEN CONSENT: In all cases where the operation of an aeration system by the permittee involves the taking, using, or damaging of any property rights or interests of any other person or persons, or of any publicly owned lands or improvements thereon or interests therein, the permittee, before proceeding, shall obtain the written consent of all persons, agencies, or authorities concerned, and shall acquire all property, rights, and interests needed for aeration system operation.

PUBLIC NOTICE: The permittee must give advance public notice of the commencement of operation of the aeration system during periods of ice cover by publishing the location and date of commencement of operation of the system in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the system is to be operated, at least two times between five and 60 days prior to commencement of operation.

Conditions (*continued*)**:**

PERMISSIVE ONLY / NO LIABILITY: This permit is permissive only. No liability shall be imposed by the State of Minnesota or any of its officers, agents or employees, officially or personally, on account of the granting hereof or on account of any damage to any person or property resulting from any act or omission of the permittee or any of its agents, employees, or contractors. This permit shall not be construed as estopping or limiting any legal claims or right of action of any person other than the state against the permittee, its agents, employees, or contractors, for any damage or injury resulting from any such act or omission, or as estopping or limiting any legal claim or right of action of the state against the permittee, its agents, employees, or contractors for violation of or failure to comply with the permit or applicable conditions.

AQUATIC VEGETATION: Aeration systems must not be used to uproot aquatic or riparian vegetation.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: All permittees, except those operating an aeration system in public waters without public access, where the permittee owns all land riparian to the public water, or all of the possessory rights to the land riparian to the public water, or has leased all access rights to the public water, and state agencies subject to the State Tort Claims Act or municipalities subject to the Minnesota State Tort Claims Act, must provide proof that the permittee is financially able to meet any liability that should arise from the presence or operation of the system. This will be done by Posting a bond for $500,000 or providing a certificate of insurance for the current period of operation. An insurance policy of $500,000 combined single limit (minimum) coverage must be in effect until a certificate is issued, at which time the certificate must be delivered to the Aeration permit coordinator. If the policy is cancelled before a scheduled expiration date, the Commissioner must be notified at least ten days before such cancellation.

WAIVER FOR PUBLIC WATERS WITHOUT ACCESS: If the permitted public water does not have public access and the permittee owns all of the riparian land or all of the possessory rights to the riparian lands then the permittee is not required to post warning signs at access points, give advance public notice of the commencement of operation, or provide proof of financial responsibility.

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