

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

**Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:**

**6232**

**2013 BEAR SEASON AND PERMIT PROCEDURES**

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**EXPIRES 12-31-2013 (6232.2900; 6232.3055; 6232.3200)**

**and 10-15-2014 (18 months) (6232.2800)**

**Please see enclosure for text of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2013 bear season and permit procedures.**

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2013 Bear Season and Permit**  
1.3 **Procedures**1.4 **6232.2800 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING BEARS.**

1.5 Subpart 1. **Bag limit.** A person may not take more than one bear in quota areas and  
1.6 ~~two bears~~ in no-quota areas during any calendar year whether by firearm or archery. Bears  
1.7 taken may be of either sex or any age except that bear cubs may not be taken.

1.8 [For text of subps 2 to 4, see M.R.]

1.9 Subp. 5. **Skinning and quartering bears.** Bears may be skinned, quartered, or further  
1.10 divided prior to transportation and registration, but all edible meat and all other parts of  
1.11 the bear must be retained by the hunter ~~must be presented for~~ until registration at the  
1.12 ~~same time~~ is completed.

1.13 Subp. 6. **Registration requirements and sample collection.**

1.14 A. Every person taking a bear must present it for registration at a designated bear  
1.15 registration station or connect to online or telephone Department of Natural Resources  
1.16 harvest registration systems and follow the instructions or, in the case of a nuisance bear  
1.17 authorization, present it to the authorizing wildlife manager or conservation officer, ~~within~~  
1.18 ~~48 hours after taking and obtain a big game possession tag. Prior to transporting the bear~~  
1.19 ~~from the registration station, the possession tag must be attached to the bear in the same~~  
1.20 ~~manner as the site tag provided with the license.~~

1.21 B. Bear must be registered according to item A:

1.22 (1) before the bear is processed either privately or commercially; and

1.23 (2) within 48 hours after taking.

1.24 C. A person registering a bear must:

1.25 (1) obtain a big game possession tag at a bear registration station; or

2.1 (2) obtain a registration confirmation number online or by using the telephone  
 2.2 Department of Natural Resources harvest registration system.

2.3 D. Registration agents are not required to inspect bear at registration stations. A  
 2.4 person may not process a bear unless it has been registered as evidenced by a possession  
 2.5 tag or registration confirmation number.

2.6 E. To complete registration, a person tagging a bear must obtain a sample envelope  
 2.7 as provided in subpart 7 at a bear registration station and receive a sample envelope  
 2.8 validation no later than 48 hours following the close of the season.

2.9 [For text of subps 7 and 8, see M.R.]

2.10 **6232.2900 BEAR PERMIT PROCEDURES.**

2.11 [For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

2.12 Subp. 2. **Drawings.** Drawings will be conducted by the department to determine those  
 2.13 eligible to purchase a bear license within the bear quota areas.

2.14 [For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

2.15 C. In quota areas with fewer applicants than available licenses or licenses not  
 2.16 purchased as described in subpart 9, the remaining available licenses may be first offered  
 2.17 to ~~unsuccessful applicants~~ any eligible person on a first-come, first-served basis beginning  
 2.18 at 12:00 p.m. on ~~the first Wednesday following the deadline in subpart 9~~ August 7.

2.19 D. To obtain a remaining available license, an eligible person must apply  
 2.20 individually and in person at an electronic license system agent location or individually  
 2.21 through the ELS-Internet ~~or ELS-Telephone system.~~

2.22 E. ~~Any remaining available licenses not purchased by unsuccessful applicants may~~  
 2.23 ~~then be issued to any eligible person as prescribed by the commissioner on a first-come,~~  
 2.24 ~~first-served basis beginning at 12:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday following the~~

3.1 ~~deadline in subpart 9. Individuals who purchase these remaining available licenses retain~~  
3.2 ~~their accumulated preference.~~

3.3 [For text of subps 3 to 8, see M.R.]

3.4 Subp. 9. **Successful bear hunt applicant deadline to purchase license.** A person  
3.5 selected through the bear permit drawing must purchase the license ~~on or before the Friday~~  
3.6 ~~nearest July 31~~ by August 1. Any licenses not purchased by the deadline shall be issued  
3.7 following the drawing procedures in subpart 2.

3.8 **6232.3055 BEAR LICENSE QUOTAS.**

3.9 The number of available licenses for quota areas for the 2013 bear hunting season is  
3.10 3,750 and is divided as follows:

3.11 A. Bear Quota Area 12: 200;

3.12 B. Bear Quota Area 13: 250;

3.13 C. Bear Quota Area 22: 50;

3.14 D. Bear Quota Area 24: 200;

3.15 E. Bear Quota Area 25: 500;

3.16 F. Bear Quota Area 26: 350;

3.17 G. Bear Quota Area 31: 550;

3.18 H. Bear Quota Area 41: 150;

3.19 I. Bear Quota Area 44: 450;

3.20 J. Bear Quota Area 45: 150; and

3.21 K. Bear Quota Area 51: 900.

3.22 **6232.3200 BAIT STATIONS AND GARBAGE DUMPS.**

3.23 [For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

4.1 Subp. 2. **Registration of bait station.** A person may not establish a bear bait station  
4.2 without registering the site as provided in this subpart.

4.3 [For text of item A, see M.R.]

4.4 B. The form must be mailed to the Division of Enforcement no later than the next  
4.5 postal service day or completed on a Web site approved by the commissioner within 24  
4.6 hours following establishment of the bear bait station.

4.7 [For text of subps 3 to 7, see M.R.]

4.8 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** Minnesota Rules, part 6232.3055, expires December 31,  
4.9 2013. The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.2900 and  
4.10 6232.3200, expire December 31, 2013. After the emergency amendments expire, the  
4.11 permanent rules as they read prior to the amendments again take effect, except as they  
4.12 may be amended by permanent rule.