

Department of Natural Resources

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Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

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**2014 BEAR SEASON AND PERMIT PROCEDURES;
BEAVER SEASON EXTENSION**

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Please see enclosure for text of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2014 bear season and permit procedures, and the beaver season extension.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2014 Bear Season and Permit**
1.3 **Procedures; Beaver Season Extension**

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
1.10 further divided prior to transportation and registration, but all edible meat and all other
1.11 parts of the bear except the entrails must be retained by the hunter ~~must be presented for~~
1.12 until registration at the 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:

1.15 (1) at a designated bear registration station or; must connect to an online
1.16 or telephone Department of Natural Resources harvest registration system and follow
1.17 the instructions; or

1.18 (2) in the case of a nuisance bear authorization, to the authorizing wildlife
1.19 manager or conservation officer, ~~within 48 hours after taking and obtain a big game~~
1.20 ~~possession tag. Prior to transporting the bear from the registration station, the possession~~
1.21 ~~tag must be attached to the bear in the same manner as the site tag provided with the license.~~

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

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

1.24 (2) within 48 hours after taking.

- 2.1 C. A person registering bear must:
- 2.2 (1) obtain a big game possession tag at a bear registration station; or
- 2.3 (2) obtain a registration confirmation number by using an online or
- 2.4 telephone Department of Natural Resources harvest registration system.

2.5 D. Registration agents are not required to inspect bear at registration stations.

2.6 E. A person may not process a bear unless it has been registered as evidenced

2.7 by a possession tag or registration confirmation number.

2.8 Subp. 7. **Sample collection.** Within 48 hours after the bear season closes, a person

2.9 taking a bear must submit samples to the department in the envelope provided at bear

2.10 registration stations according to instructions of the department as printed on the envelope.

2.11 It is the responsibility of each person taking a bear to mail the envelope to the department,

2.12 except in those cases where a bear registration station is collecting the samples.

2.13 [For text of subp 8, see M.R.]

2.14 **6232.2900 BEAR PERMIT PROCEDURES.**

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

2.16 Subp. 2. **Drawings.** Drawings will be conducted by the department to determine

2.17 those eligible to purchase a bear license within the bear quota areas.

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

2.19 C. In quota areas with fewer applicants than available licenses or licenses not

2.20 purchased as described in subpart 9, the remaining available licenses may be first offered

2.21 to ~~unsuccessful applicants~~ any eligible person on a first-come, first-served basis beginning

2.22 at 12:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday following the deadline in subpart 9 August 7.

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

3.4 ~~E. Any remaining available licenses not purchased by unsuccessful applicants~~
3.5 ~~may then be issued to any eligible person as prescribed by the commissioner on a~~
3.6 ~~first-come, first-served basis beginning at 12:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday following~~
3.7 ~~the deadline in subpart 9. Individuals who purchase these remaining available licenses~~
3.8 ~~retain their accumulated preference.~~

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

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

3.14 **6232.3055 BEAR LICENSE QUOTAS.**

3.15 The number of available licenses for quota areas for the 2014 bear hunting season is
3.16 3,750 and is divided as follows:

3.17 A. Bear Quota Area 12: 200;

3.18 B. Bear Quota Area 13: 250;

3.19 C. Bear Quota Area 22: 50;

3.20 D. Bear Quota Area 24: 200;

3.21 E. Bear Quota Area 25: 500;

3.22 F. Bear Quota Area 26: 350;

3.23 G. Bear Quota Area 31: 550;

3.24 H. Bear Quota Area 41: 150;

4.1 I. Bear Quota Area 44: 450;

4.2 J. Bear Quota Area 45: 150; and

4.3 K. Bear Quota Area 51: 900.

4.4 **6232.3200 BAIT STATIONS AND GARBAGE DUMPS.**

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

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

4.8 A. The following information must be provided on a form provided by the
4.9 commissioner or on an 8-1/2 inch by 11 inch sheet of paper:

4.10 (1) name, address, Minnesota DNR number, and telephone number of
4.11 person who established the bear bait station; ~~and~~

4.12 (2) if being established for someone else, the name and Minnesota DNR
4.13 number of the person for whom the bait station is being established; and

4.14 ~~(2)~~(3) county, township, range, and section in which the bear bait station
4.15 is established.

4.16 B. The form must be mailed to the Division of Enforcement no later than the
4.17 next postal service day or completed on a Web site approved by the commissioner within
4.18 24 hours following establishment of the bear bait station.

4.19 Subp. 3. **Display of sign.** A person establishing a bear bait station must display a
4.20 sign at the site meeting the following requirements.

4.21 A. The sign must be made of plastic, wood, or metal and must be at least six
4.22 inches by ten inches in size and, on public land, no more than 18 inches by 24 inches in size.

4.23 B. The sign must contain:

5.1 (1) for unguided hunters, the full name and either the Minnesota DNR
5.2 number or Minnesota driver's license number of the person on whose behalf the bait is
5.3 placed and the full name and either the Minnesota DNR number or Minnesota driver's
5.4 license number of the person who is placing bait; or

5.5 (2) if placed by a bear hunting outfitter for a client, the outfitter's Minnesota
5.6 driver's license number or bear hunting outfitter license number.

5.7 [For text of items C to F, see M.R.]

5.8 [For text of subps 4 to 7, see M.R.]

5.9 **6234.1900 TAKING BEAVER.**

5.10 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see 38 SR 185]

5.11 Subp. 3. **Beaver season extension in North Zone.** Notwithstanding subpart 1,
5.12 beaver may be taken and possessed without limit from May 1 through May 15 in that
5.13 portion of the state described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, under the following conditions:

5.14 A. foothold traps must be set in at least eight inches of water;

5.15 B. body-gripping traps must be completely submerged as described in part
5.16 6234.0900, subpart 5. Body-gripping traps with a jaw opening greater than 7.5 inches
5.17 must be set with the trigger wires moved all the way to one side of the trap. The wires
5.18 must point straight down; and

5.19 C. snares must be set with stops affixed to the cable to ensure that the portion
5.20 of the snare that makes up the noose loop may not be less than four inches in diameter
5.21 when fully closed.

5.22 **REPEALER.** The adopted expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, part
5.23 6232.2800, subparts 1, 5, and 6, published in the State Register, volume 37, page 1478,
5.24 April 15, 2013, are repealed.

6.1 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** Minnesota Rules, part 6232.3055, expires December 31, 2014.
6.2 The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.2800, 6232.2900,
6.3 6232.3200, and 6234.1900, expire December 31, 2014. After the emergency amendments
6.4 expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to the amendments again take effect, except
6.5 as they may be amended by permanent rule.