2015 BEAR LICENSE INFORMATION

SEASON DATES

September 1 to October 18

Application Deadline is Friday, May 1, 2015

Note: Customers are responsible for providing accurate and correct information to the license agent for the license, lottery application or permit they are requesting. The customer is also responsible for verifying that they have the correct license type, application or permit they requested and that the information (i.e., customer address, zone, permit area, etc.) is correct prior to leaving the agent location.

Bear lottery winners must purchase their license by August 1, 2015. Unsold and any surplus licenses will become available to any eligible person starting August 5, 2015 at noon. Please look for a DNR news release or check the DNR Web Site (www.dnr.state.mn.us) in late July, for further information.

No-quota Area licenses are valid for hunting bears only in the No-quota Area. When purchasing a No-quota area license you will be asked which kill block (Deer Permit Area) you intend to hunt in the No-quota Area.

Baiting may not begin prior to August 14, 2015. The establishment of bear bait stations is prohibited in Area 22 (Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness), but hunters may use baits or attractants that are attended at all times by the hunter (removed when not hunting).

Hunters can apply for preference only by selecting bear area 99. By selecting 99, you will be unsuccessful in the lottery and accrue one preference point.
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**LIMIT** - One adult bear per licensed hunter in Quota Areas. One adult bear per licensed hunter in No Quota areas.

**LICENSE** - $45.00 Resident age 18 and over. $221.00 Non-resident age 18 and over. Ages 13-17 regardless of residency the fee is $6.00. Price includes issuing fee. Ages 10-12 regardless of residency the fee is $1.00 issuing fee.

**METHODS OF TAKING** - Firearm or bow and arrow legal for big game. (See 2015 Hunting Regulations, available August 1).

### Important Notice on Bear Permit Drawings
Any person making a faulty application will be disqualified from this drawing. Further, improper application may violate Minnesota Statutes and related rules, which would subject the applicant to prosecution for a misdemeanor.

No application for the drawing, application for the license, or license shall be transferable to another person at any time for any reason. SELL NO MONEY - Applicants successful in the drawing will receive instructions for obtaining their bear license. Only applicants who are successful in the drawing will be notified. Successful applicants will be notified by June 19, 2015.

### Areas Open to Hunting
1. **Permit Areas** are open to hunters who have been issued a license through the preference drawing system. A hunter with such a license is restricted to the Bear Permit Area for which their license is issued. Landowner permission is required for private agricultural or posted land.
2. **The No-quota Area** outside of Bear Permit Areas is open only to bear hunters licensed under the No-quota licensing provision. A hunter with such a license is restricted to the **No-quota Area**. Note: The No-quota Area is almost all-private land and a place to hunt should be found prior to buying a license. A map of Permit Areas and the surrounding No-quota Area is provided on the front of this sheet.

Who is Eligible?
 Residents and Nonresidents must be at least 10 years of age or older to apply. All applicants born after December 31, 1979 must have a valid Firearms Safety Certificate prior to October 18, 2015, unless they are a Minnesota resident ages 10 or 11, and have not had their big game hunting privilege suspended pursuant to M.S. Section 97A.421. Any person making a false statement on an application shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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4. As in the past, preference will **NOT** be given for the current year if applicant is successful in the drawing, first or second choice, but does not purchase a license number. Applicants successful in the drawing will receive instructions for obtaining their license number. Only applicants who are successful in the drawing will be notified. Successful applicants will be notified by June 19, 2015.

### ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION
1. Any person who makes a false statement on an application shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

2. Application deadline is Friday, May 1, 2015. Successful applicants will be notified by June 19, 2015.

3. As in the past, permission will **NOT** be given for the current year if applicant is successful in the drawing, first or second choice, but does not purchase a license.

4. Bear lottery winners must purchase their license by August 1, 2015. Unsold licenses will then become available to any eligible person on a first-come, first-served basis.

### IMPORTANT - BWCAW APPLICANTS
Because all travel permits for the BWCAW will probably have been issued by the time you know you have been drawn for a license, it is recommended that you apply to the Forest Service for a travel permit at about the same time you apply for the bear drawing. To do that you will have to know the general area you wish to apply. Although you may not be drawn for a bear license it is advisable to take this precaution regarding a travel permit. The Forest Service charges an administrative fee for travel permits. If you call in your reservation be sure to have a VISA or MasterCard number ready.

### Area 22
Area 22 consists of the Boundary Water Canoe Wilderness (BWCAW), except that part lying south of the Echo Trail in St. Louis County also known as the Trout Lake unit, is not included.

Area 22 provides a unique hunting opportunity to those who have the necessary experience, equipment, and commitment. It is not recommended for novice hunters or nonresidents. Traveling means in the season is a considerable challenge and can be met only with special equipment and training. Motorboats are not allowed on most lakes and streams within the BWCAW. The ban on machines includes wheels for any kind of conveyance and chain saws. Please call the U.S. Forest Service at 1-877-550-6777 regarding travel permits (required May 1 to Sept. 30) and other regulations pertaining to the BWCAW or write USFS 8801 Grand Ave Place, Duluth MN 55808.