2018 BEAR LICENSE INFORMATION

SEASON DATES
September 1 to October 14
Application Deadline is Friday, May 4, 2018

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2018 BEAR QUOTA AREA LICENSES

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Total 3,350 21,034 applicants

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The Department of Natural Resources revised bear permit area boundaries in 1987 to allow for less restrictive taking of bear around the margins of their range. The number of bear hunters in this marginal area is not limited. As a result, 2018 bear season licensing will consist of two types:
1. Permit Areas. A limited number of bear licenses will be issued through preference system drawings (see map).
2. A No-quota Area. That part of the state outside the permit areas. An unlimited number of licenses will be available, and no application or drawing is required.

2018 BEAR SEASON DATES – September 1 thru October 14
LIMIT - One adult bear per licensed hunter in No Quota Areas. One adult bear per licensed hunter in Quota of Areas.
LICENSE - $45.00 Resident age 18 and over. $231.00 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 a $1.00 issuing fee.
METHODS OF TAKING - Firearm or bow and arrow legal for big game. (See 2018 Hunting Regulations, available August 1).

Caution on Bear Permit Drawing. 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. SEND 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 1, 2018.

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 Permit Areas 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- Provides: Provide your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota State ID or if under 21 and no ID, provide your firearms safety number to any ELS-POS.
Fee to apply is $5.00. Additional convenience fees will be added if using the inter-net or phone.

To apply for the Preference Bear Hunt drawing, follow these instructions:
Applicants can apply by going in person to any ELS agent, by inter-net at www.dnr.state.mn.us or by phone, 1-888-665-4236.
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Residents- Provide your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota State ID or if under 21 and no ID, provide your firearms safety number to any ELS-POS agent before the May 4, 2018 deadline. Youth ages 10 and 11 that do not have a current ELS record must have a record created by an ELS agent or by calling the DNR License Center. (Note: Youth records should be created in advance to any deadline. Any last minute issues may prevent youth from entering the lottery).
Nonresidents may apply by using their non-Minnesota driver’s license or Minnesota DNR number.
You must apply with the same ID as last year to receive preference.

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 4, 2018.
3. Successful applicants will be notified by June 1, 2018.
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.
5. Bear lottery winners must purchase their license by August 1, 2018. Unsold licenses will then become available to any eligible person on August 6, 2018 at noon.

To be eligible to enter the 2018 Bear Hunt Preference Drawing, you must:
1. Have applied for and been issued a bear license or lottery application for child support enforcement purposes.
2. Submit a completed application on line or by phone. Selecting area 88 as a second choice has no effect on your preference level or whether you will be selected in the drawing.
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