

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6232

2007 BEAR SEASON AND PERMIT PROCEDURES

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6232.2800 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING BEARS.

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

[For text of subps 2 to 8, see Minnesota Rules.]

6232.2900 BEAR PERMIT PROCEDURES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules.]

Subp. 2. Drawings. Drawings will be conducted by the department to determine those eligible to purchase a bear license within the bear quota areas. Preference in the drawings will be given to applicants based upon the number of times they have correctly applied for a license in a quota area in previous years but have not been selected or the number of times they have correctly applied in the preference only area in previous years but have not been selected. Upon issuance of a quota area license, all accumulated preference will be lost. Obtaining a no-quota bear license will have no effect upon eligibility or preference in the drawings. In quota areas with fewer applicants than available licenses, the remaining available licenses may be first offered to unsuccessful applicants for other quota areas on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 12:00 p.m. on the first Monday in August. To obtain a remaining available license, an eligible person must apply individually and in person at an electronic license system agent location or individually through the ELS-Internet or ELS-Telephone system. Any remaining available licenses not purchased by unsuccessful applicants may then be issued to any eligible person as prescribed by the commissioner on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 12:00 p.m. on the second Monday in August. Individuals who purchase these remaining available licenses will retain their accumulated preference.

[For text of subps 3 to 7, see Minnesota Rules.]

6232.3055 BEAR LICENSE QUOTAS.

The number of available licenses for quota areas for the 2007 bear hunting season is 13,200 and is divided as follows:

- A. Bear Quota Area 12: 500;
- B. Bear Quota Area 13: 700;
- C. Bear Quota Area 22: 150;
- D. Bear Quota Area 24: 900;
- E. Bear Quota Area 25: 1,700;
- F. Bear Quota Area 26: 1,250;
- G. Bear Quota Area 31: 1,900;
- H. Bear Quota Area 41: 400;
- I. Bear Quota Area 44: 1,500;
- J. Bear Quota Area 45: 1,200; and
- K. Bear Quota Area 51: 3,000.

6232.3100 BEAR NO-QUOTA AREA.

Licenses for the no-quota area are not limited in number and may be purchased ~~from a county auditor's office, county auditor's subagents in Pine, Kanabec, Roseau, and Marshall Counties, or the License Bureau at an electronic licensing system (ELS) agent, ELS-Internet, or ELS-Telephone.~~ A person may not purchase a license for both a quota area and the no-quota area in the same year. No-quota licenses are valid only in the no-quota area.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. Minnesota Rules, part 6232.3055, expires December 31, 2007. The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.2800, 6232.2900, and 6232.3100, expire December 31, 2007. After the emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.2800, 6232.2900, and 6232.3100, expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to the amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.