

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

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

**6232**

**BEAR HUNTING**

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to bear hunting.

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

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

1.7 [For text of subps 2 to 8, see M.R.]

1.8 **6232.3000 BEAR QUOTA AREAS.**

1.9 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

1.10 Subp. 6. **Bear Quota Area ~~26~~ 27.** Bear Quota Area ~~26~~ 27 consists of that portion of  
1.11 the state lying within the following described boundary:

1.12 Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and State Trunk Highway (STH) 65;  
1.13 thence along STH 65 to STH 1; thence along STH 1 to STH 72; thence along STH 72  
1.14 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along  
1.15 U.S. Highway 2 to the point of beginning; County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 46,  
1.16 Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 46 to CSAH 4, Beltrami County; thence along  
1.17 CSAH 4 to CSAH 25, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 25 to CSAH 8, Beltrami  
1.18 County; thence along CSAH 8 to CSAH 27, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH  
1.19 27 to CSAH 12, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 12 to CSAH 27, Beltrami  
1.20 County; thence along CSAH 27 to CSAH 20, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH  
1.21 20 to CSAH 39, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 39 to the intersection of the  
1.22 north boundary of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; thence along the north and east  
1.23 boundary of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation to STH 6; thence along STH 6 to  
1.24 U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to the point of beginning.

1.25 Subp. 6a. **Bear Quota Area 28.** Bear Quota Area 28 consists of that portion of the  
1.26 state lying within the following described boundary:

1.27 Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and State Trunk Highway (STH) 6;  
1.28 thence along STH 6 to the east boundary of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; thence  
1.29 along the east and north boundary of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation to the intersection

2.1 of the north boundary of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation and County State-Aid  
 2.2 Highway (CSAH) 39, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 39 to CSAH 20, Beltrami  
 2.3 County; thence along CSAH 20 to CSAH 27, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 27  
 2.4 to CSAH 12, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 12 to CSAH 27, Beltrami County;  
 2.5 thence along CSAH 27 to CSAH 8, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 8 to CSAH  
 2.6 25, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 25 to CSAH 4, Beltrami County; thence along  
 2.7 CSAH 4 to CSAH 46, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 46 to U.S. Highway 2;  
 2.8 thence along U.S. Highway 2 to the point of beginning.

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

2.10 Subp. 9. **Bear Quota Area ~~43~~ 46**. Bear Quota Area ~~43~~ 46 consists of that portion of  
 2.11 the state lying within the following described boundary:

2.12 Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 59 and the northern boundary of the White  
 2.13 Earth Indian Reservation; thence along said boundary to State Trunk Highway (STH)  
 2.14 92; thence along STH 92 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to STH ~~6~~;  
 2.15 ~~thence along STH 6 to STH 18; thence along STH 18 to U.S. Highway 169; thence~~  
 2.16 ~~along U.S. Highway 169 to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to the Mississippi River;~~  
 2.17 ~~thence upstream along the easterly shore of said river to STH 27 at Little Falls; thence~~  
 2.18 ~~along STH 27 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to U.S. Highway~~  
 2.19 ~~10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to U.S. Highway 59; thence along U.S. Highway~~  
 2.20 ~~59 to the point of beginning.~~ County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 45, Hubbard  
 2.21 County; thence along CSAH 45 to CSAH 9, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH  
 2.22 9 to CSAH 69, Cass County; thence along CSAH 69 to CSAH 5, Hubbard County;  
 2.23 thence along CSAH 5 to CSAH 39, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 39 to  
 2.24 County Road (CR) 94, Hubbard County; thence along CR 94 to CSAH 31, Hubbard  
 2.25 County; thence along CSAH 31 to STH 200; thence along STH 200 to U.S. Highway  
 2.26 371; thence along U.S. Highway 371 to the south boundary of the Leech Lake Indian  
 2.27 Reservation; thence along the south and east boundaries of the reservation to the  
 2.28 White Oak public access road; thence along the White Oak public access road to STH  
 2.29 6; thence along STH 6 to CSAH 1, Crow Wing County; thence along CSAH 1 to  
 2.30 CSAH 2, Cass County; thence along CSAH 2 to STH 371; thence along STH 371 to  
 2.31 STH 87; thence along STH 87 to U.S. Highway 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to  
 2.32 U.S. Highway 59; thence along U.S. Highway 59 to the point of beginning.

2.33 The Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge within Area ~~43~~ 46 is not open for bear hunting.

3.1 Subp. 9a. [See repealer.]

3.2 [For text of subp 9b, see M.R.]

3.3 Subp. 9c. **Bear Quota Area 47.** Bear Quota Area 47 consists of that portion of the  
3.4 state lying within the following described boundary:

3.5 Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH)  
3.6 45, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 45 to CSAH 9, Hubbard County; thence along  
3.7 CSAH 9 to CSAH 69, Cass County; thence along CSAH 69 to CSAH 5, Hubbard County;  
3.8 thence along CSAH 5 to CSAH 39, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 39 to County  
3.9 Road (CR) 94, Hubbard County; thence along CR 94 to CSAH 31, Hubbard County;  
3.10 thence along CSAH 31 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 200; thence along STH 200 to U.S.  
3.11 Highway 371; thence along U.S. Highway 371 to the south boundary of the Leech Lake  
3.12 Indian Reservation; thence along the south and east boundaries of the reservation to the  
3.13 White Oak public access road; thence along the White Oak public access road to U.S.  
3.14 Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to the point of beginning.

3.15 [For text of subp 10, see M.R.]

3.16 **6232.3055 BEAR LICENSE QUOTAS.**

3.17 The number of available licenses for quota areas for the 2016 bear-hunting season is  
3.18 3,850 and is divided as follows:

3.19 A. Bear Quota Area 12: 150;

3.20 B. Bear Quota Area 13: 250;

3.21 C. Bear Quota Area 22: 50;

3.22 D. Bear Quota Area 24: 200;

3.23 E. Bear Quota Area 25: 500;

3.24 F. Bear Quota Area 27: 250;

- 4.1 G. Bear Quota Area 28: 75;
- 4.2 H. Bear Quota Area 31: 550;
- 4.3 I. Bear Quota Area 41: 125;
- 4.4 J. Bear Quota Area 45: 250;
- 4.5 K. Bear Quota Area 46: 400;
- 4.6 L. Bear Quota Area 47: 50; and
- 4.7 M. Bear Quota Area 51: 1,000.

4.8 **6232.3200 BAIT STATIONS AND GARBAGE DUMPS.**

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

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

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

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

4.16 (2) if being placed for someone else, the name and Minnesota DNR number  
4.17 of the person for whom the bait is being established; and

4.18 ~~(2)~~(3) county, township, range, and section in which the bear bait station  
4.19 is established.

4.20 [For text of item B, see M.R.]

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

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

5.3 B. If placed by a bear-hunting outfitter for a client, the sign must contain the  
5.4 outfitter's Minnesota driver's license number or bear-hunting outfitter license number. For  
5.5 unguided hunters, the sign must contain:

5.6 (1) ~~for unguided hunters, the full name and either address, the Minnesota~~  
5.7 ~~DNR number, or the Minnesota driver's license number of the person on whose behalf~~  
5.8 ~~the bait is placed; or and~~

5.9 (2) ~~if placed by a bear hunting outfitter for a client, the outfitter's Minnesota~~  
5.10 ~~driver's license number or bear hunting outfitter license number~~ the full name and address,  
5.11 the Minnesota DNR number, or the Minnesota driver's license number of the person  
5.12 who is placing the bait.

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

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

5.15 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6232.3000, subpart 9a, is repealed.

5.16 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** Minnesota Rules, part 6232.3055, expires December 31, 2016.  
5.17 The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.2800, 6232.3000,  
5.18 and 6232.3200, expire December 31, 2016. After the emergency amendments expire, the  
5.19 permanent rules as they read prior to the amendments again take effect, except as they  
5.20 may be amended by permanent rule.