

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6232

2018 ELK SEASON

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2018 elk season.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2018 Elk Season**

1.3 **6232.4300 SEASONS 2018 SEASON DATES AND OPEN AREAS QUOTAS FOR**
1.4 **TAKING ELK.**

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

1.6 Subp. 1a. **Season dates.** Licensed hunters may take elk during the following 2018
1.7 seasons:

1.8 A. season A: September 8 to 16;

1.9 B. season B: September 22 to 30; and

1.10 C. season C: October 6 to 14.

1.11 **Subp. 2. Open areas.**

1.12 A. ~~A license for the Grygla elk zones is valid for taking elk within~~ The Primary
1.13 Grygla Elk Zone prescribed in part 6232.4600, subpart 1, and the Secondary Grygla Elk
1.14 Zone ~~as described~~ prescribed in part 6232.4600, subpart 2, are closed in 2018.

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

1.16 C. A license for the Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone is valid for taking elk
1.17 within the elk zone prescribed in part 6232.4600, subpart 4.

1.18 Subp. 3. **Quotas.** The number of available licenses for the 2018 elk-hunting season
1.19 is 20 in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone and two in the Kittson County Northeast Elk
1.20 Zone, distributed as follows:

1.21 A. season A: two licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for
1.22 either-sex elk, five licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone for legal antlerless elk,
1.23 and two licenses in the Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone valid for legal antlered bull elk;

2.1 B. season B: one license in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for either-sex
2.2 elk and six licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone for legal antlerless elk; and

2.3 C. season C: one license in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for either-sex
2.4 elk and five licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone for legal antlerless elk.

2.5 Subp. 4. **Extending hunt.** If the harvest is insufficient to lower elk populations, the
2.6 commissioner of natural resources may reopen the Kittson County Central Elk Zone to legal
2.7 antlerless elk hunting November 17 to 25 by notifying individuals who purchased a 2018
2.8 elk license but have not yet tagged an elk.

2.9 **6232.4400 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING ELK.**

2.10 *[For text of subps 1 to 6, see M.R.]*

2.11 Subp. 7. **Orientation required.** A successful applicant may only obtain an elk license
2.12 by attending an orientation session at the Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area headquarters
2.13 a location designated by the commissioner of natural resources.

2.14 Subp. 8. **Registration.** Within 24 hours of taking an elk, a person must present the
2.15 elk for mandatory biological sampling and register the elk in person at an elk-registration
2.16 station designated by the commissioner of natural resources.

2.17 **6232.4500 ELK LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.**

2.18 Subpart 1. **General provisions.** The provisions in this part apply to the elk license
2.19 application process.

2.20 A. If the number of applications for any zone and season exceeds the quota, a
2.21 random selection will be conducted to determine the successful applicants.

2.22 *[For text of items B and C, see M.R.]*

2.23 D. The application deadline is the Friday nearest July June 15.

2.24 *[For text of items E and F, see M.R.]*

3.1 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

3.2 Subp. 3. **Drawing procedure.**

3.3 A. A random drawing from a pool consisting of general drawing applicants must
3.4 be used to distribute licenses that are offered in the Kittson County Central and Northeast
3.5 Elk Zones.

3.6 ~~A. B. If one or more than four qualified landowners in either zone apply, a drawing~~
3.7 ~~to select one landowner in the Primary and Secondary Grygla Elk Zones, combined, and~~
3.8 ~~one landowner in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone shall occur first. The remaining~~
3.9 ~~parties shall then be selected in a general drawing to finalize successful parties. If no qualified~~
3.10 ~~landowners apply, all licenses shall be drawn from the general pool of applicants. apply, a~~
3.11 drawing to select up to four landowner licensees must occur first.

3.12 ~~B. C.~~ There shall also be alternate parties drawn from the pool of unsuccessful
3.13 parties. These parties would be offered the opportunity to purchase licenses that have been
3.14 offered to a successful party, but not purchased. The pool consists of the remaining
3.15 landowners, tenants, and parties from the general drawing. An alternate party shall only be
3.16 notified in the event that a successful party decides not to purchase a license.

3.17 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.4300,
3.18 6232.4400, and 6232.4500, expire March 1, 2019. After the emergency amendments expire,
3.19 the permanent rules as they read before the amendments again take effect, except as they
3.20 may be amended by permanent rule.