

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

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

**6232**

**2020 ELK SEASON**

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2020 elk season.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2020 Elk Season**

1.3 **6232.4300 ~~SEASONS~~ 2020 SEASON DATES AND OPEN AREAS QUOTAS FOR**  
1.4 **TAKING ELK.**

1.5 *[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.6 Subp. 1a. Season dates. Licensed hunters may take elk during the following 2020  
1.7 seasons:

1.8 A. season A either sex: August 22 to 30;

1.9 B. season B either sex: September 5 to 13;

1.10 C. season C either sex: September 19 to 27;

1.11 D. season D either sex: October 3 to 11;

1.12 E. season E either sex: October 24 to November 1;

1.13 F. season F either sex: December 5 to 13;

1.14 G. season G antlerless only: August 22 to 30;

1.15 H. season H antlerless only: September 5 to 13;

1.16 I. season I antlerless only: September 19 to 27;

1.17 J. season J antlerless only: October 3 to 11;

1.18 K. season K antlerless only: October 24 to November 1;

1.19 L. season L antlerless only: December 5 to 13; and

1.20 M. season M bulls only: September 5 to 13.

2.1 Subp. 2. **Open areas.**

2.2 A. ~~A license for the Grygla elk zones is valid for taking elk within~~ The Primary  
2.3 Grygla Elk Zone prescribed in part 6232.4600, subpart 1, and the Secondary Grygla Elk  
2.4 Zone ~~as described~~ prescribed in part 6232.4600, subpart 2, are closed in 2020.

2.5 *[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

2.8 Subp. 3. **Quotas.** The number of available licenses for the 2020 elk-hunting season  
2.9 is 42 in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone and two in the Kittson County Northeast Elk  
2.10 Zone, distributed as follows:

2.11 A. season A: three licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for  
2.12 either-sex elk;

2.13 B. season B: three licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for  
2.14 either-sex elk;

2.15 C. season C: three licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for  
2.16 either-sex elk;

2.17 D. season D: three licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for  
2.18 either-sex elk;

2.19 E. season E: three licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for  
2.20 either-sex elk;

2.21 F. season F: three licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for  
2.22 either-sex elk;

2.23 G. season G: four licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for legal  
2.24 antlerless elk;

3.1 H. season H: four licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for legal  
 3.2 antlerless elk;

3.3 I. season I: four licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for legal  
 3.4 antlerless elk;

3.5 J. season J: four licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for legal  
 3.6 antlerless elk;

3.7 K. season K: four licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for legal  
 3.8 antlerless elk;

3.9 L. season L: four licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for legal  
 3.10 antlerless elk; and

3.11 M. season M: two licenses in the Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone valid for  
 3.12 legal antlered bull elk.

3.13 Subp. 4. **Extending hunt.** If the harvest is not sufficient to lower elk populations, the  
 3.14 commissioner must reopen the Kittson County Central Elk Zone to take legal antlerless elk  
 3.15 December 21 to 31 by notifying individuals who purchased a 2020 elk license but did not  
 3.16 tag an elk.

3.17 **6232.4400 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING ELK.**

3.18 *[For text of subparts 1 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

3.19 Subp. 7. **Orientation required.** A successful applicant may only obtain an elk license  
 3.20 by attending an orientation session either online or at the Thief Lake Wildlife Management  
 3.21 ~~Area headquarters~~ a location designated by the commissioner of natural resources.

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

4.1 **6232.4500 ELK LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.**

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

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

4.6 *[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

4.8 *[For text of items E and F, see Minnesota Rules]*

4.9 *[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

4.10 Subp. 3. **Drawing procedure.**

4.11 A. The commissioner must use a random drawing from a pool consisting of general  
4.12 drawing applicants to distribute licenses that are offered in the Kittson County Central and  
4.13 Northeast Elk Zones.

4.14 ~~A. B. If one or more than eight qualified landowners in either zone apply, a drawing~~  
4.15 ~~to select one landowner in the Primary and Secondary Grygla Elk Zones, combined, and~~  
4.16 ~~one landowner in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone shall occur first. The remaining~~  
4.17 ~~parties shall then be selected in a general drawing to finalize successful parties. If no qualified~~  
4.18 ~~landowners apply, all licenses shall be drawn from the general pool of applicants~~ apply, the  
4.19 commissioner must first conduct a drawing to select up to 20 percent of available permits  
4.20 for landowner licensees.

4.21 ~~B. C.~~ C. There shall also be alternate parties drawn from the pool of unsuccessful  
4.22 parties. These parties would be offered the opportunity to purchase licenses that have been  
4.23 offered to a successful party, but not purchased. The pool consists of the remaining

5.1 landowners, tenants, and parties from the general drawing. An alternate party shall only be  
5.2 notified in the event that a successful party decides not to purchase a license.

5.3 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts  
5.4 6232.4300, 6232.4400, and 6232.4500, expire March 1, 2021. After the expedited emergency  
5.5 amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read before the amendments again take  
5.6 effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.