

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6232

SPECIAL HUNTS FOR MANAGING CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) IN DEER

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to December 2020 and January 2021 special deer hunts to manage chronic wasting disease (CWD) in deer.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Special Hunts for Managing**
1.3 **Chronic Wasting Disease in Deer**

1.4 **6232.0400 REGISTRATION OF DEER.**

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

1.6 *[For text of subpart 2, see State Register, volume 45, page 209]*

1.7 *[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.8 *[For text of subparts 4 to 8, see State Register, volume 45, page 209]*

1.9 **Subp. 9. Deer taken during disease management hunts.**

1.10 **A. Except as provided in items C and D, within 24 hours after a hunt ends, a hunter**
1.11 **must register a deer taken during a disease management hunt described in part 6232.1600,**
1.12 **subpart 8, and must submit the deer's head for mandatory testing for chronic wasting disease**
1.13 **at a self-service testing station.**

1.14 **B. Except as provided in items C and D, transporting carcasses taken during the**
1.15 **disease management hunts must comply with subparts 7 and 8.**

1.16 **C. Enrolled members of the Prairie Island Indian Community who take deer on**
1.17 **lands held in trust for the Prairie Island Indian Community are exempt from item A. Enrolled**
1.18 **members of the Prairie Island Indian Community are exempt from item B for deer harvested**
1.19 **on lands held in trust for the Prairie Island Indian Community.**

1.20 **D. Enrolled members of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community who take**
1.21 **deer on lands held in trust for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community are exempt**
1.22 **from item A. Enrolled members of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community are**
1.23 **exempt from item B for deer harvested on lands held in trust for the Shakopee Mdewakanton**
1.24 **Sioux Community.**

2.1 **6232.1600 SPECIAL HUNT PROCEDURES.**2.2 [For text of subparts 1 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]2.3 [For text of subpart 7, see State Register, volume 45, page 209]2.4 **Subp. 8. Disease management hunts.**2.5 A. Except as provided in subitem (6) and item C, the following areas are open
2.6 December 26 and 27, 2020, and January 2 and 3, 2021, for taking an unlimited number of
2.7 either-sex deer by firearms, muzzleloader, and archery or by the method otherwise specified:2.8 (1) deer permit areas 343, 605, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, and 655 as
2.9 described in part 6232.4700, subparts 96, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 164, 165, and 169, published
2.10 in the State Register, volume 45, page 209;2.11 (2) portions of Cherry Grove Blind Valley Scientific and Natural Area in
2.12 deer permit area 647;2.13 (3) portions of Rushford Sand Barrens Scientific and Natural Area in deer
2.14 permit area 648;2.15 (4) portions of Cannon River Turtle Reserve Scientific and Natural Area in
2.16 deer permit area 605;2.17 (5) portions of Savage Fen Scientific and Natural Area in deer permit area
2.18 605 for taking deer by archery only;2.19 (6) portions of Vermillion Highlands Research, Recreation, and Wildlife
2.20 Management Area in deer permit area 605 are open for taking deer January 2 and 3 only
2.21 for no more than 40 permitted hunters selected during the 2020 special deer hunt drawing
2.22 for the Vermillion Highlands Research, Recreation, and Wildlife Management Area special
2.23 deer hunt 925 and special deer hunt 944; and

3.1 (7) the Carver Rapids Unit of the Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area
3.2 in deer permit area 605 for taking deer by archery only.

3.3 B. To participate in the hunts authorized in item A, a hunter must purchase a
3.4 disease management permit according to part 6232.1980 or possess unused tags from a
3.5 2020 Minnesota landowner license, youth or adult firearm license, youth or adult
3.6 muzzleloader license, youth or adult archery license, or early-season antlerless license.
3.7 During the hunts authorized in item A:

3.8 (1) a hunter may tag deer of either sex with disease management tags or
3.9 unused tags from a 2020 landowner license, youth or adult firearm license, youth or adult
3.10 muzzleloader license, or youth or adult archery license;

3.11 (2) bonus tags and early-season antlerless tags may be used only on antlerless
3.12 deer;

3.13 (3) a firearm hunter in deer permit areas 343, 605, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648,
3.14 655, and 649 may use only a legal shotgun loaded with single-slug shotgun shells, legal
3.15 muzzle-loading long gun, legal handgun, or legal crossbow for taking deer; and

3.16 (4) a person hunting with unused tags from a 2020 firearms license must use
3.17 a firearm or crossbow; a person hunting with unused tags from a 2020 muzzleloader license
3.18 must use a muzzleloader; a person hunting with unused tags from a 2020 archery license
3.19 must use archery equipment; and a person hunting with a disease management permit may
3.20 use archery equipment, a firearm, a muzzleloader, or a crossbow.

3.21 C. The following areas are open on the dates specified for taking an unlimited
3.22 number of either-sex deer by the method specified:

3.23 (1) portions of Forestville Mystery Cave State Park in Fillmore County are
3.24 open December 26 and 27, 2020, for taking by firearms. This is special hunt 801;

4.1 (2) portions of Forestville Mystery Cave State Park in Fillmore County are
4.2 open January 2 and 3, 2021, for taking by firearms. This is special hunt 802;

4.3 (3) portions of Pin Oak Prairie Scientific and Natural Area in Fillmore County
4.4 are open January 2 and 3, 2021, for taking by firearms. This is special hunt 804;

4.5 (4) portions of Great River Bluffs State Park and Kings and Queens Scientific
4.6 and Natural Area in Winona County are open December 26 and 27, 2020, for taking by
4.7 firearms. This is special hunt 805;

4.8 (5) portions of Great River Bluffs State Park and Kings and Queens Scientific
4.9 and Natural Area in Winona County are open January 2 and 3, 2021, for taking by firearms.
4.10 This is special hunt 806;

4.11 (6) portions of Nerstrand Big Woods State Park and Prairie Creek Woods
4.12 Scientific and Natural Area in Rice County are open December 26 and 27, 2020, for taking
4.13 by firearms. This is special hunt 807;

4.14 (7) portions of Nerstrand Big Woods State Park and Prairie Creek Woods
4.15 Scientific and Natural Area in Rice County are open January 2 and 3, 2021, for taking by
4.16 firearms. This is special hunt 808; and

4.17 (8) portions of the Cannon River Wilderness Park in Rice County are open
4.18 December 26 and 27, 2020, and January 2 and 3, 2021, for taking by archery. This is special
4.19 hunt 809.

4.20 D. To participate in the special hunts authorized in item C, a hunter must obtain
4.21 a free disease-hunt surplus permit from an electronic license system agent, the Department
4.22 of Natural Resources License Center, or other authorized agents. Permits are available on
4.23 a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters must stay within any boundaries that are posted or
4.24 that are prescribed by the hunt administrator or depicted on maps provided by the hunt

5.1 administrator. A hunter may select only one hunt from the special hunts described in item
5.2 C. During the special hunts authorized in item C:

5.3 (1) a hunter may tag deer of either sex with disease management tags or
5.4 unused tags from a 2020 landowner license, youth or adult firearm license, or youth or adult
5.5 muzzleloader license;

5.6 (2) bonus tags and early-season antlerless tags may be used only on antlerless
5.7 deer; and

5.8 (3) a firearm hunter may use only a legal shotgun loaded with single-slug
5.9 shotgun shells, legal muzzle-loading long gun, legal handgun, or legal crossbow for taking
5.10 deer.

5.11 **6232.1980 TAKING DEER BY ANY WEAPON USING DISEASE MANAGEMENT**
5.12 **PERMITS.**

5.13 Subpart 1. **Purchase.** An unlimited number of disease management permits may be
5.14 ~~purchased by a person who has purchased a valid deer license. Disease management permits~~
5.15 ~~may be purchased~~ for \$1.50 from an electronic license system ~~agents~~ agent, the Department
5.16 of Natural Resources License Center, ~~and~~ or other authorized agents.

5.17 Subp. 2. **Restrictions.** Disease management permits are valid ~~only in deer area 101~~
5.18 ~~as described in part 6232.4700, subpart 1a.~~ for taking either-sex deer in the hunts described
5.19 in part 6232.1600, subpart 8. Outside of the hunts described in part 6232.1600, subpart 8,
5.20 disease management permits are valid only for taking antlerless deer in deer permit area
5.21 604, as described in part 6232.4700, subpart 163, published in the State Register, volume
5.22 45, page 209.

5.23 Subp. 3. **Disease management hunts.** Only for the special hunts described in part
5.24 6232.1600, subpart 8, disease management permits may be purchased without first purchasing
5.25 an archery, firearms, or muzzleloader license. Outside of the special hunts described in part

6.1 6232.1600, subpart 8, disease management permits may not be purchased without first
6.2 purchasing an archery, firearms, or muzzleloader license.

6.3 **REPEALER.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, part 6232.1980,
6.4 subpart 2, published in the State Register, volume 45, page 209, September 8, 2020, are
6.5 repealed.

6.6 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
6.7 6232.0400, 6232.1600, and 6232.1980, expire January 5, 2021.