

Department of Natural Resources

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Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6232

2021 BEAR SEASON

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to the 2021 bear season.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

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1.3 **6232.2800 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING BEARS.**

1.4 Subpart 1. **Bag limit.** Except as provided in part 6232.3300, a person may not take
1.5 more than one bear in quota areas and ~~two bears~~ one bear in no-quota areas during any
1.6 calendar year whether by firearm or archery. Bears taken may be of either sex or any age
1.7 except that bear cubs may not be taken.

1.8 *[For text of subparts 2 to 8, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.9 **6232.3000 BEAR QUOTA AREAS.**

1.10 Subpart 1. **Quota area licenses.** Licenses for bear quota areas are limited in number
1.11 and are issued through a drawing as provided in part 6232.2900. Quota area licenses are
1.12 valid only in the quota area specified on the license except when validated by a wildlife
1.13 manager or conservation officer for a nuisance bear under part 6232.3300.

1.14 Subp. 1a. **Bear Quota Area 12.** Bear Quota Area 12 consists of that portion of the
1.15 state lying within the following described boundary:

1.16 Beginning at ~~the intersection~~ a point along the state boundary due north of the junction
1.17 of State Trunk Highway (STH) 72 and the northern boundary of the state STH 11;
1.18 thence due south to said junction; thence along STH 72 to the Tamarac River; thence
1.19 along the southerly shore of said river to Upper Red Lake; thence along the southeasterly
1.20 shore of said lake to the eastern boundary of the Red Lake Indian Reservation; thence
1.21 along the easterly, ~~southerly~~ northerly, and westerly boundaries of said reservation to
1.22 the point where the Clearwater River leaves the reservation boundary; thence along
1.23 the south shore of said river to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 2, Polk County;
1.24 thence along CSAH 2 to CSAH 27, Pennington County; thence along CSAH 27 to
1.25 STH 1; thence along STH 1 to CSAH 28, Pennington County; thence along CSAH 28
1.26 to CSAH 54, Marshall County; thence along CSAH 54 to CSAH 6, Marshall County;
1.27 thence along CSAH 6 to STH 89; thence along STH 89 to County Road (CR) 134,
1.28 Marshall County; thence along CR 134 to ~~STH~~ CSAH 54; thence along ~~STH~~ CSAH
1.29 54 to CSAH 9, Roseau County; thence along CSAH 9 to CSAH 2, Roseau County;
1.30 thence along CSAH 2 to STH 89; thence along STH 89 to STH 310; thence along STH
1.31 310 to the Roseau River; thence along the south shore of said river to STH 89; thence

2.1 along STH 89 to the northern boundary of the state; thence along the northern boundary
2.2 of the state to the point of beginning.

2.3 Subp. 2. **Bear Quota Area 13.** Bear Quota Area 13 consists of that portion of the
2.4 state lying within the following described boundary:

2.5 ~~Beginning on the northern boundary of the state at a point along the state boundary~~
2.6 ~~due north of the junction of State Trunk Highway (STH) 72 and STH 11; thence along~~
2.7 ~~the northern boundary of the state to a point due north of the intersection of STH 11~~
2.8 ~~and U.S. Highway 71; thence due south to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway~~
2.9 ~~71 to STH 6; thence along STH 6 to STH 1; thence along STH 1 to STH 72; thence~~
2.10 ~~north along STH 72 to the point of beginning.~~

2.11 *[For text of subparts 3 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

2.14 Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and State Trunk Highway (STH) 65;
2.15 thence along STH 65 to STH 1; thence along STH 1 to STH 72; thence along STH 72
2.16 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along
2.17 U.S. Highway 2 to ~~the point of beginning.~~ County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 46,
2.18 Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 46 to CSAH 4, Beltrami County; thence along
2.19 CSAH 4 to CSAH 25, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 25 to CSAH 8, Beltrami
2.20 County; thence along CSAH 8 to CSAH 27, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 27
2.21 to CSAH 12, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 12 to CSAH 27, Beltrami County;
2.22 thence along CSAH 27 to CSAH 20, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 20 to CSAH
2.23 39, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 39 to the intersection of the north boundary
2.24 of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; thence along the north and east boundaries of
2.25 the Leech Lake Indian Reservation to County Road (CR) 133, Itasca County; thence
2.26 along CR 133 to STH 6; thence along STH 6 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S.
2.27 Highway 2 to the point of beginning.

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

2.30 Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and State Trunk Highway (STH) 6; thence
2.31 along STH 6 to County Road (CR) 133, Itasca County; thence along CR 133 to the
2.32 east boundary of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; thence along the east and north
2.33 boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation to the intersection of the north
2.34 boundary of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH)

3.1 39, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 39 to CSAH 20, Beltrami County; thence
 3.2 along CSAH 20 to CSAH 27, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 27 to CSAH 12,
 3.3 Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 12 to CSAH 27, Beltrami County; thence along
 3.4 CSAH 27 to CSAH 8, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 8 to CSAH 25, Beltrami
 3.5 County; thence along CSAH 25 to CSAH 4, Beltrami County; thence along CSAH 4
 3.6 to CSAH 46, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 46 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along
 3.7 U.S. Highway 2 to the point of beginning.

3.8 Subp. 7. **Bear Quota Area 31.** Bear Quota Area 31 consists of that portion of the
 3.9 state lying within the following described boundary:

3.10 Beginning on U.S. Highway 53 at the eastern boundary of the state; thence along U.S.
 3.11 Highway 53 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 16, St. Louis County; thence along
 3.12 CSAH 16 to the Soudan-Two Harbors Branch of the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range
 3.13 Railway Company (DM&IR); thence along said railroad to CSAH 21, St. Louis County;
 3.14 thence along CSAH 21 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 135; thence along STH 135 to
 3.15 STH 169; thence along STH 169 to the first Shagawa River bridge at Winton; thence
 3.16 along the northerly shore of said river to Fall Lake; thence along the westerly and
 3.17 northerly shores of Fall Lake to the southern boundary of the Boundary Waters Canoe
 3.18 Area (BWCA); thence easterly along said boundary of the BWCA to the northern
 3.19 boundary of the state at Magnetic Lake; thence easterly along the northern boundary
 3.20 of the state to the boundary of the BWCA on the south shore of North Lake; thence
 3.21 along the boundaries of this detached part of the BWCA to the northern boundary of
 3.22 the state at ~~South~~ North Fowl Lake; thence along the northern and eastern boundaries
 3.23 of the state to the point of beginning.

3.24 Subp. 8. **Bear Quota Area 41.** Bear Quota Area 41 consists of that portion of the
 3.25 state lying within the following described boundary:

3.26 Beginning at the junction of the northern boundary of the White Earth Indian Reservation
 3.27 and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 7, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 7
 3.28 to CSAH 6, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 6 to State Trunk Highway (STH)
 3.29 92; thence along STH 92 to STH 223; thence along STH 223 to CSAH 14, Clearwater
 3.30 County; thence along CSAH 14 to CSAH 4, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH
 3.31 4 to the west boundary of Clearwater County; thence along said boundary to the southern
 3.32 boundary of the Red Lake Indian Reservation; thence along the southern and eastern
 3.33 boundaries of said reservation to the southeasterly shore of Upper Red Lake; thence
 3.34 along said lakeshore to the Tamarac River; thence along the southerly shore of said
 3.35 river to STH 72; thence along STH 72 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway
 3.36 71 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to STH 92; thence along STH 92
 3.37 to CSAH 27, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 27 to the northern boundary of

4.1 the White Earth Indian Reservation; thence west along said reservation boundary to
4.2 the point of beginning.

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

4.5 Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 59 and the northern boundary of the White
4.6 Earth Indian Reservation; thence along said boundary to County State-Aid Highway
4.7 (CSAH) 27, Clearwater County; thence along CSAH 27 to State Trunk Highway (STH)
4.8 92; thence along STH 92 to U.S. Highway 2; thence along U.S. Highway 2 to STH 6;
4.9 thence along STH 6 to STH 18; thence along STH 18 to U.S. Highway 169; thence
4.10 along U.S. Highway 169 to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to the Mississippi River;
4.11 thence upstream along the easterly shore of said river to STH 27 at Little Falls; thence
4.12 along STH 27 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to U.S. Highway
4.13 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to U.S. Highway 59; thence along U.S. Highway
4.14 59 to the point of beginning. CSAH 45, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 45 to
4.15 CSAH 9, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 9 to CSAH 69, Cass County; thence
4.16 along CSAH 69 to CSAH 5, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 5 to CSAH 39,
4.17 Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 39 to County Road (CR) 94, Hubbard County;
4.18 thence along CR 94 to CSAH 31, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 31 to STH
4.19 200; thence along STH 200 to STH 371; thence along STH 371 to the south boundary
4.20 of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; thence along the south and east boundaries of
4.21 the reservation to the White Oak public access road; thence along the public access
4.22 road to STH 6; thence along STH 6 to CSAH 1, Crow Wing County; thence along
4.23 CSAH 1 to CSAH 1, Cass County; thence along CSAH 1 to STH 84; thence along
4.24 STH 84 to STH 371; thence along STH 371 to STH 87; thence along STH 87 to U.S.
4.25 Highway 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to U.S. Highway 59; thence along U.S.
4.26 Highway 59 to the point of beginning.

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

4.28 Subp. 9a. [See repealer.]

4.29 Subp. 9b. **Bear Quota Area 45**. Bear Quota Area 45 consists of that portion of the
4.30 state lying within the following described boundary:

4.31 Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 10 and State Trunk Highway (STH) 87;
4.32 thence along STH 87 to STH 371; thence along STH 371 to STH 84; thence along STH
4.33 84 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) ~~2~~ 1, Cass County; thence along CSAH ~~2~~ 1
4.34 to CSAH 1, Crow Wing County; thence along CSAH 1 to STH 6; thence along STH
4.35 6 to STH 18; thence along STH 18 to U.S. Highway 169; thence along U.S. Highway

5.1 169 to STH 23 27; ~~thence along STH 23 to the Mississippi River; thence upstream~~
5.2 ~~along the Mississippi River along the easterly shore of said river to STH 27; thence~~
5.3 ~~along STH 27 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 thence along STH~~
5.4 ~~27 to STH 25; thence along STH 25 to CSAH 48, Morrison County; thence along~~
5.5 ~~CSAH 48 to the junction with STH 371; thence due west of said junction to the~~
5.6 ~~Mississippi River; thence downstream along the west bank of the Mississippi River to~~
5.7 ~~U.S. Highway 10; thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the point of beginning.~~

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

5.10 Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH)
5.11 45, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 45 to CSAH 9, Hubbard County; thence along
5.12 CSAH 9 to CSAH 69, Cass County; thence along CSAH 69 to CSAH 5, Hubbard County;
5.13 thence along CSAH 5 to CSAH 39, Hubbard County; thence along CSAH 39 to County
5.14 Road (CR) 94, Hubbard County; thence along CR 94 to CSAH 31, Hubbard County; thence
5.15 along CSAH 31 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 200; thence along STH 200 to U.S. Highway
5.16 371; thence along U.S. Highway 371 to the south boundary of the Leech Lake Indian
5.17 Reservation; thence along the south and east boundaries of the reservation to the White Oak
5.18 public access road; thence along the public access road to U.S. Highway 2; thence along
5.19 U.S. Highway 2 to the point of beginning.

5.20 Subp. 9d. **Bear Quota Area 451.** Bear Quota Area 451 consists of that portion of the
5.21 state lying within the following described boundary:

5.22 Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 10; thence along
5.23 U.S. Highway 10 to the Mississippi River; thence upstream along the west bank of the
5.24 Mississippi River to a point due west of the junction of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH)
5.25 48, Morrison County, and State Trunk Highway (STH) 371; thence due east to said junction;
5.26 thence along CSAH 48 to STH 25; thence along STH 25 to STH 27; thence along STH 27
5.27 to U.S. Highway 169; thence along U.S. Highway 169 to STH 23; thence along STH 23 to

6.1 the Mississippi River; thence upstream along the east bank of said river to STH 27; thence
6.2 along STH 27 to U.S. Highway 71; thence along U.S. Highway 71 to the point of beginning.

6.3 *[For text of subpart 10, see Minnesota Rules]*

6.4 **6232.3100 BEAR NO-QUOTA AREA.**

6.5 Licenses for the no-quota area are not limited in number and may be purchased at an
6.6 electronic licensing system (ELS) agent, ELS-Internet, or ELS-Telephone. A person may
6.7 purchase a license for both a quota area and the no-quota area in the same year. No-quota
6.8 licenses are valid only in the no-quota area, except when validated by a wildlife manager
6.9 or conservation officer for a nuisance bear in the quota area under part 6232.3300. When a
6.10 no-quota license is purchased after the start of the bear season, the license is valid only if
6.11 issued before legal shooting hours on the day the license is first used.

6.12 **6232.3200 BAIT STATIONS AND GARBAGE DUMPS.**

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

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

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

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

6.20 (2) if established for someone else, name and Minnesota DNR number of the
6.21 person for whom the bear bait station is established; and

6.22 ~~(2)~~ (3) global positioning system coordinates where or county, township,
6.23 range, and section in which the bear bait station is established.

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

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

7.3 *[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]*

7.4 B. The sign must contain:

7.5 (1) for unguided hunters, the full name and ~~either~~ address, the Minnesota
7.6 DNR number, or the Minnesota driver's license number of both the person on whose behalf
7.7 the bait is placed and the person who is placing the bait; or

7.8 *[For text of subitem (2), see Minnesota Rules]*

7.9 *[For text of items C to F, see Minnesota Rules]*

7.10 *[For text of subparts 4 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]*

7.11 **6232.3300 NUISANCE BEARS.**

7.12 Nuisance bears may be taken by licensed bear hunters ~~from July 1 to August 31~~ under
7.13 the conditions in this part.

7.14 A. Wildlife managers or conservation officers may authorize any licensed hunters
7.15 hunter to take nuisance bears after the manager or officer has verified that a nuisance problem
7.16 exists.

7.17 B. ~~Only hunters licensed for the area where damage is occurring will be authorized~~
7.18 ~~to take bears. Only one hunter may hunt under a license. Authorized hunters are restricted~~
7.19 ~~to the location specified on the license. Only one hunter may be authorized for each location~~
7.20 identified with nuisance bear. The verifying conservation officer or wildlife manager must
7.21 specify the location and valid period for taking the nuisance bear on the hunter's license.
7.22 Hunters authorized under this subpart may take nuisance bear only during the period and
7.23 in the area specified by the conservation officer or wildlife manager.

8.1 C. Any available hunters who hold a quota area license for the area where the
8.2 nuisance bear activity is confirmed and who indicated interest in taking a nuisance bear
8.3 must be authorized first to take nuisance bear under this subpart.

8.4 ~~C. A licensee taking a nuisance bear prior to the season must register it with the~~
8.5 ~~authorizing wildlife manager or conservation officer within 48 hours after taking.~~

8.6 ~~D. A licensee who takes a nuisance bear may not take another bear in that year.~~
8.7 If no licensed hunter is available under item C, a hunter who holds a license valid for a
8.8 different quota area or a no-quota area must be authorized.

8.9 E. The bear-hunting license of a hunter authorized to take nuisance bear under
8.10 this subpart is valid during the regular bear season if the hunter does not take a nuisance
8.11 bear under this subpart.

8.12 ~~E. F.~~ F. A licensee taking a nuisance bear is subject to all provisions of parts
8.13 6232.2600 to 6232.3500 not inconsistent with this subpart and all laws relating to the taking
8.14 of wild animals.

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

8.16 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
8.17 6232.2800, 6232.3000, 6232.3100, 6232.3200, and 6232.3300, expire December 31, 2021.
8.18 After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read before the
8.19 amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.