

2019 DNR Policy Fact Sheet



DNR 2018 Policy Proposals

It is needed because

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing changes technical in nature for multiple programs the DNR administers.

Major program elements

This bill makes technical changes in law to enable the DNR to better manage its programs.

Policy changes include:

- changes regulations regarding all-terrain vehicles due to current standards and amends snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle permitting;
- permits the harvest of Gizzard Shad from designated infested waters for angling;
- permits the removal of infested water tags from commercial fishing nets once nets are decontaminated;
- allows lake service providers participating in the Gull and Cross Lake pilot studies to use any access on that lake;
- technical change to remove wildland firefighters from redundant licensing requirements;
- reduces the need to print excessive hunting and fishing regulation booklets;
- changes provisions for elk hunting licensing to allow landowners to sell their license and allow unsuccessful permittees to be re-entered for remaining licenses;

- creates a provisional firearms certificate for persons with a permanent physical disability;
- defines a “handheld light”; and
- permits the use of cast nets for bait harvest.

Outdoor Recreational Vehicle Policy

Sec 1. Amends M.S. 84.775 to remove all-terrain vehicle prohibition of the use of snorkel devices.

Sec 2. Amends M.S. 84.86 to permit snowmobile instructors to charge participants for the participant’s online course training.

Sec 3. Amends M.S. 84.925 to create a voluntary all-terrain vehicle online training program for ages 6-10.

Sec 4. Amends M.S. 84.9256 to modify the age at which a person is required to take a safety program from age 6 to age 10.

Sec 5. Amends M.S. 84.928 to remove a prohibition on snorkel devices on all-terrain vehicles.

Bait Harvest from Infested Waters

Sec 6. Amends M.S. 84D.03 to authorize the DNR to permit anglers to harvest Gizzard Shad from certain infested waters including the Minnesota, Mississippi, and St. Croix rivers.

Commercial Fishing Net Tagging in Infested Waters

Sec 7. Amends M.S. 84D.03 to allow removal of tags from gear used in infested waters after decontamination.

Gull and Cross Lake Pilot Studies

Sec 8. Amends M.S. 84D.108 to allow lake service provider businesses participating in the Gull Lake zebra mussel pilot study to use any access on that lake.

Sec 9. Amends M.S. 84D.108 to allow lake service provider businesses participating in the Cross Lake zebra mussel pilot study to use any access on that lake.

Technical Correction to Forestry Licensing

Sec 10. Amends M.S. 88.10 to remove wildland firefighters from state licensing, training, and certification requirements pertaining to structure fires.

Modernization of Fish and Wildlife Provisions

Sec 11. Amends M.S. 97A.051 to remove the requirement to provide a hard copy of hunting and fishing license books to each person that obtains a permit.

Sec 12. Amends M.S. 97A.433 to allow landowners to sell their elk license.

Sec 13. Amends M.S. 97A.433 to include people not successful in elk hunting license drawings in a separate selection for remaining licenses.

Enforcement Technical Corrections

Sec 14. Amends M.S. 97B.015 to include persons with a permanent physical disability for a provisional firearms safety certificate.

Sec 15. Amends M.S. 97B.081 defines a “handheld light” for hunting purposes.

Sec 16. Amends M.S. 97B.1055 to define a permanent physical disability for a provisional firearms safety certificate.

Cast Net Use in Infested Waters

Sec 17. Amends M.S. 97C.345 to allow cast nets for the taking of Gizzard Shad for use as bait for angling.

Fiscal impacts

- This proposal does not have a fiscal impact.

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