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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to game and fish; requiring annual open season for wolves; amending
- 1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.645, subdivision 9.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.645, subdivision 9, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 9. **Open season.** ~~There shall be no~~ (a) The commissioner must prescribe an annual
- 1.7 open season for wolves until after unless the wolf is delisted listed under the federal
- 1.8 Endangered Species Act of 1973. After that time, the commissioner may prescribe open
- 1.9 seasons and restrictions for taking wolves but must provide opportunity for public comment.
- 1.10 The season, restrictions, and any other requirements must be consistent with the goals
- 1.11 identified in the wolf management plan adopted under section 97B.646.
- 1.12 (b) The commissioner must annually consult with the commissioner of agriculture and
- 1.13 the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service,
- 1.14 before determining the season, restrictions, and other requirements of the open season
- 1.15 required under this section. The consultation must include a review of available data on
- 1.16 wolf depredation on livestock and pets and other incidents of human conflict.