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		Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
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A bill for an act

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relating to game and fish; requiring an open season for wolves; amending Minnesota

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Statutes 2024, section 97B.645, subdivision 9.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.645, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

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Subd. 9. **Open season.** ~~There shall be no~~ (a) The commissioner must prescribe an annual

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open season for wolves ~~until after~~ unless the wolf is ~~delisted~~ listed under the federal

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Endangered Species Act of 1973. ~~After that time, the commissioner may prescribe open~~

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~~seasons and restrictions for taking wolves but must provide opportunity for public comment.~~

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The season, restrictions, and any other requirements must be consistent with the goals

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identified in the wolf management plan adopted under section 97B.646.

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(b) The commissioner must annually consult with the commissioner of agriculture and

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the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service,

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before determining the season, restrictions, and other requirements of the open season

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required under this section. The consultation must include a review of available data on

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wolf depredation on livestock and pets and other incidents of human conflict.