

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; requiring an elk management plan.

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

1.4 Section 1. **ELK MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

1.5 (a) By July 31, 2009, the commissioner of natural resources shall:

1.6 (1) develop an elk management plan;

1.7 (2) present the elk management plan to the Kittson, Marshall, and Roseau County
1.8 Boards; and

1.9 (3) begin implementing the plan.

1.10 (b) If the commissioner fails to meet all the requirements in paragraph (a), the
1.11 commissioner shall implement the following elk management strategies:

1.12 (1) establish an open season for elk in Kittson, Marshall, and Roseau Counties to
1.13 begin in 2009 and continue until the elk population reaches 55 or less; and

1.14 (2) fence all properties of property owners in Roseau, Kittson, and Marshall
1.15 Counties that request fencing.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.