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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. **944**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; establishing an early bow fishing season; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97C.376, subdivisions 1, 2.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97C.376, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Season.** (a) The regular bow fishing season for residents and
1.7 nonresidents is from ~~May 1~~ the last Saturday in April to the last Sunday in February at
1.8 any time of the day.

1.9 (b) The early bow fishing season for residents and nonresidents is open only south
1.10 of State Highway 210 from the Monday after the last Sunday in February to the Friday
1.11 before the last Saturday in April at any time of the day. During the early season, a person
1.12 may bow fish:

1.13 (1) only from a boat; and

1.14 (2) only while on a lake or on the Mississippi, Minnesota, or St. Croix Rivers.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97C.376, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 2. **Possession of bows and arrows.** A person may possess bows and arrows for
1.17 the purposes of bow fishing on or within 100 feet of waters at any time from ~~May 1~~ the last
1.18 Saturday in April to the last Sunday in February and at other times on lakes and the rivers
1.19 south of State Highway 210 as specified in subdivision 1, paragraph (b), subject to local
1.20 ordinances. A person must take reasonable measures to retrieve arrows and wounded fish.