

CHAPTER 6232
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BIG GAME

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6232.0100 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING BIG GAME.

[For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 34 SR 621]

[For text of subps 6 and 7, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.535*

History: *34 SR 621*

6232.0200 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subps 1 to 9, see M.R.]

Subp. 10. **Antler point.** "Antler point" means an antler projection measuring at least one inch in length when measured from the base to the tip.

Subp. 11. **Earn-a-buck hunt.** "Earn-a-buck hunt" means a hunt in which a hunter must tag at least one antlerless deer before tagging a legal buck.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.311*

History: *34 SR 621*

6232.0300 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING DEER.

Subpart 1. **Season options.** A firearm deer hunter may purchase a firearm license valid for the regular firearms deer season or a youth firearms license. A muzzleloader deer hunter may purchase a muzzleloader license valid for the muzzleloader season or a youth muzzleloader license. For the regular firearm season, a hunter must select either the A or B season and this option will be printed on the license at the time of purchase. A person may only hunt deer by firearms within the season option indicated on the person's firearm license, except:

- A. as prescribed in part 6232.1970, subpart 2; and
- B. a firearm license for any season option is valid in:
 - (1) the Metropolitan Deer Management Zone under part 6232.4700, subpart 158;
 - (2) deer permit areas open for early antlerless hunting; and
 - (3) the special bovine tuberculosis area (deer permit area 101).

[For text of subps 2 to 4, see M.R.]

Subp. 5. **Tagging.** The tag of the license valid for taking the deer must be affixed around the tendon or bone of a hind leg, around the base of an antler, or through a slit cut in either ear.

[For text of subps 6 and 7, see M.R.]

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Subp. 8. **Bag limit.** A person may not tag more than one legal buck per calendar year using any combination of licenses. A person may not tag more than one deer during a license year by any method, except as authorized in items A to H.

A. In deer areas designated as managed or intensive, a person may tag deer with an archery, firearms, or muzzleloader license.

B. A person may tag a deer by archery, firearm, or muzzleloader with a bonus permit in specified areas as prescribed in this chapter.

C. In no case may a person tag more than five deer per year by firearms, archery, muzzleloader, or all methods combined, except additional deer may be taken as provided in items D, subitem (4); E; F; and G.

D. Except as provided in items E, F, and G, the total bag limits by deer permit area are as follows:

(1) the total bag limit for lottery deer permit areas is one deer;

(2) the total bag limit for managed deer permit areas is two deer. Archery, firearms, and muzzleloader hunters using bonus permits may not harvest antlerless deer in more than one managed deer permit area;

[For text of subitems (3) and (4), see M.R.]

E. Up to two antlerless deer may be taken in the early antlerless deer areas as prescribed in part 6232.1750. These deer may be taken in addition to the bag limit established in item C.

F. Hunters hunting in the Metropolitan Deer Management Zone under part 6232.4700, subpart 158, may take and tag an unlimited number of deer.

G. Hunters hunting in the special bovine tuberculosis area (deer permit area 101) may take and tag an unlimited number of deer.

H. Muzzleloader and archery deer hunters hunting in deer permit areas 300 to 399 may take deer under the most liberal bag limits prescribed for the deer permit area.

[For text of subp 9, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.535; 97B.301; 97B.311*

History: *34 SR 621*

6232.1300 SEASONS FOR TAKING DEER BY FIREARMS.

[For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

Subp. 4a. **Metropolitan Deer Management Zone.** Legal bucks and antlerless deer may be taken in the Metropolitan Deer Management Zone beginning on the Saturday nearest November 6 and ending on the last day of the final firearms deer season. The Metropolitan Deer Management Zone is deer permit area 601 according to part 6232.4700, subpart 158.

[For text of subps 5 and 6, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.311*

History: *34 SR 621*

6232.1950 TAKING DEER BY FIREARMS OR MUZZLELOADERS UNDER BONUS PERMITS.

Subpart 1. **Purchase.** The purchase of a bonus permit is authorized for any person who has purchased and presents a regular firearms or muzzleloader deer license for the current year. Bonus permits may be purchased for one-half the cost of a regular license from electronic license system agents, the Department of Natural Resources License Center, and other authorized agents.

Subp. 2. Restrictions.

A. Bonus permits may be used to take antlerless deer during the regular firearms and muzzleloader seasons if the person has a valid license for that season.

B. During the regular firearms and muzzleloader seasons, one bonus permit may be used to take an antlerless deer in one managed deer permit area as prescribed in part 6232.1750. Up to four bonus permits may be used to take antlerless deer in intensive deer permit areas as prescribed in part 6232.1750 and in special hunt areas as prescribed in part 6232.1600 or 6232.2100.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.301; 97B.305; 97B.311*

History: *34 SR 621*

6232.2100 MUZZLELOADER SEASON AND AREAS.

Subpart 1. **Season.** The muzzleloader season is the 16-day deer season beginning the Saturday nearest November 27. Special permit areas may be open for less than 16 days.

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 34 SR 621]

Subp. 3. **Legal deer by muzzleloader.** Antlerless deer and legal bucks may be taken by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season in any managed or intensive area. Muzzleloader hunters may take antlerless deer in a lottery area only if the person has obtained an either-sex permit through the procedure described in part 6232.1800.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.311*

History: *34 SR 621; 35 SR 505*

6232.2800 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING BEARS.

Subpart 1. **Bag limit.** A person may not take more than one bear in quota areas and two bears in no-quota areas during any calendar year whether by firearm or archery. Bears taken may be of either sex or any age except that bear cubs may not be taken.

[For text of subps 2 to 8, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.411*

History: *34 SR 621*

6232.3100 BEAR NO-QUOTA AREA.

Licenses for the no-quota area are not limited in number and may be purchased at an electronic licensing system (ELS) agent, ELS-Internet, or ELS-Telephone. A person may purchase a license for both a quota area and the no-quota area in the same year. No-quota licenses are valid only in the no-quota area.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.411*

History: *34 SR 621*

6232.3200 BAIT STATIONS AND GARBAGE DUMPS.**Subpart 1. Bait station restriction.**

A. A person may not establish, service, maintain, or sign any bear bait station prior to the Friday nearest August 14.

B. In order to establish, service, maintain, or sign any bear bait station, a person must have a valid bear hunting license or be operating under the direction of a person with a valid bear hunting license.

C. No more than three bait stations may be placed at one time for each licensed bear hunter. If a hunter wishes to establish a different bait station, one of the hunter's three existing bait stations must be removed. Each licensed bear hunting outfitter may establish up to three bait stations in addition to bait stations placed for licensed hunters.

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Subp. 2. **Registration of bait station.** A person may not establish a bear bait station without registering the site as provided in this subpart.

A. The following information must be provided on a form provided by the commissioner or on an 8-1/2 inch by 11 inch sheet of paper:

(1) name, address, Minnesota DNR number, and telephone number of person who established the bear bait station; and

[For text of subitem (2), see M.R.]

[For text of item B, see M.R.]

Subp. 3. **Display of sign.** A person establishing a bear bait station must display a sign at the site meeting the following requirements.

A. The sign must be made of plastic, wood, or metal and must be at least six inches by ten inches in size and, on public land, no more than 18 inches by 24 inches in size.

B. The sign must contain:

(1) for unguided hunters, the full name and either the Minnesota DNR number or Minnesota driver's license number of the person on whose behalf the bait is placed; or

(2) if placed by a bear hunting outfitter for a client, the outfitter's Minnesota driver's license number or bear hunting outfitter license number.

[For text of items C to E, see M.R.]

F. Only signs prescribed in items A to D may be used. Warning or other signs used to mark generic locations of bait stations or advise people of bait stations on public land are prohibited.

[For text of subps 4 to 7, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.411; 97B.425*

History: *35 SR 505*

6232.3500 BEAR HUNTING OUTFITTERS.

Subpart 1. **Application for bear hunting outfitter and master bear hunting outfitter licenses.** An application for a bear hunting outfitter or master bear hunting outfitter license can be obtained from the License Center.

Subp. 2. **Deadline for license issuance.** A bear hunting outfitter or master bear hunting outfitter license may not be issued after August 31 in any year.

Subp. 2a. **Adding persons to a master bear hunting outfitter license.**

A. A person may be added to a master bear hunting license through the License Center.

B. The licensee may add additional persons to a master bear hunting outfitter license at any time.

C. Any person listed under a master bear hunting license remains on that license for the entire license year. No person may be substituted for a person listed under a master bear hunting outfitter license.

Subp. 3. **Required reporting by bear hunting outfitters and master bear hunting outfitters.**

A. All licensed bear hunting outfitters and master bear hunting outfitters must complete the report form provided with the license and return it to the specified address no later than ten days after the close of the bear season. Failure to submit this report or failure to provide all requested information may result in ineligibility for a bear hunting outfitter or master bear hunting outfitter license for the following bear season.

B. The report must show for each outfitter:

(1) the names and addresses of all hunters guided;

- (2) the Minnesota DNR number of all hunters guided;
- (3) the bear zones hunted;
- (4) whether a bear was harvested;
- (5) the date the bear was harvested; and
- (6) the sex of the bear harvested.

C. Information required under item B, subitems (1) to (3), must be recorded on the report form before any bear hunting activity takes place.

D. Information required under item B, subitems (4) to (6), must be recorded on the report form within 24 hours of a bear being harvested by a guided hunter or within 24 hours of the completion of a hunt when a bear is not harvested.

E. The records required under this subpart must be available for inspection by the commissioner. The records must be preserved and available for three years after the expiration of the license.

Subp. 4. **Eligibility requirements.** To be eligible for a bear hunting outfitters license or master bear hunting outfitters license, an applicant must be at least 16 years of age and submit proof that the applicant:

- A. is certified for standard first aid and CPR by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association or through an equivalent course;
- B. has completed a department-approved advanced hunter education/bear hunting outfitter clinic;
- C. is eligible to possess a Minnesota big game hunting license; and
- D. has scored at least 70 percent on a written bear hunting outfitter exam, administered by the commissioner.

This subpart is effective October 4, 2011.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.431*

History: *35 SR 505*