

Department of Natural Resources**Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2016 Elk Season****6232.4300 SEASONS 2016 SEASON DATES AND OPEN AREAS QUOTAS FOR TAKING ELK.**

Subpart 1. **Taking elk.** Elk may be taken by a licensed hunter using a legal firearm or a legal bow and arrow during seasons authorized by the commissioner.

Subp. 1a. **Season date.** In 2016, licensed hunters may take elk September 10 to 18.

Subp. 2. **Open areas.**

A. ~~A license for the Grygla elk zones is valid for taking elk within~~ The Primary Grygla Elk Zone prescribed in part 6232.4600, subpart 1, and the Secondary Grygla Elk Zone ~~as described~~ prescribed in part 6232.4600, subpart 2, are closed in 2016.

B. A license for the Kittson County Central Elk Zone is valid for taking elk within the elk zone prescribed in part 6232.4600, subpart 3.

C. A license for the Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone is valid for taking elk within the elk zone prescribed in part 6232.4600, subpart 4.

Subp. 3. **Quota.** The number of available licenses for the 2016 elk hunting season is five licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone and two licenses in the Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone, valid for taking legal antlered bull elk only.

6232.4500 ELK LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

Subpart 1. **General provisions.** The provisions in this part apply to the elk license application process.

A. If the number of applications for any zone and season exceeds the quota, a random selection will be conducted to determine the successful applicants.

[For text of items B and C, see M.R.]

D. The application deadline is the Friday nearest ~~July~~ June 15.

[For text of items E and F, see M.R.]

[For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

Subp. 3. **Drawing procedure.**

A. A random drawing from a pool consisting of general drawing applicants must be used to distribute licenses that are offered in the Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone.

~~A. B. If one or more than one qualified landowners in either zone apply, a drawing to select one landowner in the Primary and Secondary Grygla Elk Zones, combined, and one landowner in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone shall occur first. The remaining parties shall then be selected in a general drawing to finalize successful parties. If no qualified landowners apply, all licenses shall be drawn from the general pool of applicants applies, a drawing to select one landowner licensee must occur first.~~

~~B. C.~~ There shall also be alternate parties drawn from the pool of unsuccessful parties. These parties would be offered the opportunity to purchase licenses that have been offered to a successful party, but not purchased. The pool consists of the remaining landowners, tenants, and parties from the general drawing. An alternate party shall only be notified in the event that a successful party decides not to purchase a license.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.4300 and 6232.4500, expire March 1, 2017. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to the amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.