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Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Southeast Minnesota Deer Feeding Ban

6232.4800 FEEDING DEER PROHIBITED.

Subpart 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this part:

- A. "attractants" means liquid food scents, salt, minerals, or other natural or manufactured products that are capable of attracting or enticing deer, including any product that contains or purports to contain cervid urine, blood, gland oil, feces, or other bodily fluid; and
- B. "feed" means grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, or other food that is capable of attracting or enticing deer.

Subp. 2. **Prohibition.**

- <u>A.</u> This part applies in Fillmore, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona Counties.
- B. Except as provided in subparts 3 and 4, a person may not place or distribute feed or attractants in the counties listed in item A or allow another person to place or distribute feed or attractants on property under the person's ownership or lease that is located in the counties listed in item A.

Subp. 3. **Feeding wildlife.** Feeding wildlife is allowed if:

- A. the feed is placed to exclude deer from accessing the feed; or
- B. the feed is placed at least six feet above the ground.
- Subp. 4. Exceptions. The prohibition in subpart 2 does not include feed that is:

A. present solely as a result of normal agricultural, forest management, or wildlife food-planting practices; or

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- B. for agricultural or livestock purposes if the feed is:
- (1) placed for domestic livestock that are present and actively consuming the feed daily;
 - (2) covered to deter deer from accessing the feed; or
 - (3) stored consistent with normal agricultural practices.

Subp. 5. Cleanup.

- A. In addition to any other penalties imposed, a person violating subpart 2 must immediately remove any feed or attractants that were placed.
- B. The landowner or lessee must immediately remove any feed and attractants not removed according to item A.
- C. Failure to comply with this subpart is a separate violation, in addition to violation under subpart 2.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. Minnesota Rules, part 6232.4800, is effective June 28, 2018.

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