

Department of Natural Resources**Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: Special Hunts for Managing Chronic Wasting Disease in Deer****6232.0400 REGISTRATION OF DEER.**

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 2, see State Register, volume 44, page 279]

[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 4 to 9, see State Register, volume 44, page 279]

Subp. 10. Deer taken during disease management hunts.

A. Deer taken during the disease management hunts described in part 6232.1600, subpart 8, must be presented for testing for chronic wasting disease at a department testing station within 24 hours of being harvested or no later than 10:00 a.m. the Monday after the hunt ends, whichever is sooner.

B. Except as specified in item C, carcasses from deer taken during the disease management hunts described in part 6232.1600, subpart 8, must remain in the chronic wasting disease persistent infection area described in part 6232.0400, subpart 9, as published in the State Register, volume 44, page 279, unless tagged by an authorized department representative or until results of a test for chronic wasting disease show the disease has not been detected in the harvested deer.

C. Cut and wrapped meat, quarters, or other portions of meat from a deer taken during the disease management hunts may be transported outside the hunt areas described in part 6232.1600, subpart 8, if no part of the spinal column or head is attached. Antlers, hides, teeth, finished taxidermy mounts, and antlers attached to skull caps that are cleaned of all brain tissue may be transported outside the hunt areas described in part 6232.1600, subpart 8.

6232.1600 SPECIAL HUNT PROCEDURES.

[For text of subparts 1 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 7, see State Register, volume 44, page 279]

Subp. 8. Disease management hunts.

A. Except as specified in items C to I, the following areas are open December 20 through December 22, 2019, and December 27 through December 29, 2019, for taking an unlimited number of either-sex deer by firearms, muzzleloader, and archery:

(1) deer permit areas 643, 646, 647, and 648, as described in part 6232.4700, subparts 99, 100, 101, and 164, published in the State Register, volume 44, page 279;

(2) portions of Cherry Grove Blind Valley Scientific and Natural Area in deer permit area 647; and

(3) portions of Rushford Sand Barrens Scientific and Natural Area in deer permit area 648.

B. To participate in the hunt authorized in item A, hunters must purchase a disease management permit according to part 6232.1980 or possess a 2019 Minnesota landowner license, youth or adult firearm license, youth or adult muzzleloader license, youth or adult archery license, or early-season antlerless license. During the hunt authorized in item A:

(1) hunters may tag deer of either sex with disease management tags or unused tags from a 2019 landowner license, youth or adult firearm license, youth or adult muzzleloader license, or youth or adult archery license;

(2) only antlerless deer may be tagged with bonus tags or early-season antlerless tags; and

(3) firearm hunters in deer permit areas 643, 646, 647, and 648 may use only legal shotguns loaded with single-slug shotgun shells, legal muzzle-loading long guns, legal handguns, or legal crossbows for taking deer.

C. To participate in the special hunts authorized in items D to I, hunters must obtain a free disease-hunt surplus permit from an electronic license system agent, the Department of Natural Resources License Center, or other authorized agents. Permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunt participants must stay within any boundaries that are posted, that are prescribed by the hunt administrator, or that are depicted on maps provided by the hunt administrator. Hunters may select only one hunt from the special hunts described in items D to I. During the special hunts authorized in items D to I:

(1) hunters may tag deer of either sex with disease management tags or unused tags from a 2019 landowner license, youth or adult firearm license, or youth or adult muzzleloader license;

(2) only antlerless deer may be tagged with bonus tags or early-season antlerless tags; and

(3) firearm hunters may use only legal shotguns loaded with single-slug shotgun shells, legal muzzle-loading long guns, legal handguns, or legal crossbows for taking deer.

D. Portions of Forestville Mystery Cave State Park in Fillmore County are open December 20 through December 22, 2019, for taking an unlimited number of either-sex deer by firearms. This is special hunt 801.

E. Portions of Forestville Mystery Cave State Park in Fillmore County are open December 27 through December 29, 2019, for taking an unlimited number of either-sex deer by firearms. This is special hunt 802.

F. Portions of Pin Oak Prairie Scientific and Natural Area in Fillmore County are open December 20 through December 22, 2019, for taking an unlimited number of either-sex deer by firearms. This is special hunt 803.

G. Portions of Pin Oak Prairie Scientific and Natural Area in Fillmore County are open December 27 through December 29, 2019, for taking an unlimited number of either-sex deer by firearms. This is special hunt 804.

H. Portions of Great River Bluffs State Park and King's and Queen's Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area in Winona County are open December 20 through December 22, 2019, for taking an unlimited number of either-sex deer by firearms. This is special hunt 805.

I. Portions of Great River Bluffs State Park and King's and Queen's Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area in Winona County are open December 27 through December 29, 2019, for taking an unlimited number of either-sex deer by firearms. This is special hunt 806.

6232.1980 TAKING DEER BY ANY WEAPON USING DISEASE MANAGEMENT PERMITS.

Subpart 1. **Purchase.** An unlimited number of disease management permits may be purchased ~~by a person who has purchased a valid deer license. Disease management permits may be purchased~~ for \$1.50 from an electronic license system ~~agents~~ agent, the Department of Natural Resources License Center, ~~and~~ or other authorized agents.

Subp. 2. **Restrictions.** Disease management permits are valid for taking either-sex deer only in deer area 101 as described in part 6232.4700, subpart 1a the hunts described in part 6232.1600, subpart 8. Outside of the hunts described in part 6232.1600, subpart 8, disease management permits are valid for taking only antlerless deer in deer permit areas 604, 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, and 655, as described in part 6232.4700, subparts 98 to 102 and 163 to 165, published in the State Register, volume 44, page 279.

Subp. 3. **Disease management hunts.** Disease management permits are valid in the special hunt areas described in part 6232.1600, subpart 8. Disease management permits may be purchased without first purchasing an archery, firearms, or muzzleloader license only for the special hunts described in part 6232.1600, subpart 8. Outside of the special hunts described in part 6232.1600, subpart 8, disease management permits may not be purchased without first purchasing an archery, firearms, or muzzleloader license.

REPEALER. The expedited emergency amendment to Minnesota Rules, part 6232.1980, subpart 2, published in the State Register, volume 44, page 279, August 26, 2019, is repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.0400, 6232.1600, and 6232.1980, expire January 1, 2020.