

**Department of Natural Resources****Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2021 Elk Season****6232.4300 ~~SEASONS~~ 2021 SEASON DATES AND OPEN AREAS QUOTAS FOR TAKING ELK.**

*[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 1a. **Season dates.** Licensed hunters may take elk during the following 2021 seasons:

- A. season A either sex: August 28 to September 5;
- B. season B either sex: September 11 to 19;
- C. season C either sex: September 25 to October 3;
- D. season D either sex: October 9 to 17;
- E. season E antlerless only: August 28 to September 5;
- F. season F antlerless only: September 11 to 19;
- G. season G antlerless only: September 25 to October 3;
- H. season H antlerless only: October 9 to 17;
- I. season I bulls only: September 11 to 19.

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 2021.

*[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

Subp. 3. **Quotas.** The number of available licenses for the 2021 elk-hunting season is 28 in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone and two in the Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone, distributed as follows:

A. season A: two licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for either-sex elk;

B. season B: two licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for either-sex elk;

C. season C: two licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for either-sex elk;

D. season D: two licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for either-sex elk;

E. season E: five licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for legal antlerless elk;

F. season F: five licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for legal antlerless elk;

G. season G: five licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for legal antlerless elk;

H. season H: five licenses in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone valid for legal antlerless elk; and

I. season I: two licenses in the Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone valid for legal antlered elk.

Subp. 4. **Extension of hunt.** If the harvest is not sufficient to lower elk populations, the commissioner may reopen the Kittson County Central Elk Zone for legal antlerless elk

hunting December 20 to 31 by notifying individuals who purchased a 2021 elk license but did not tag an elk.

#### **6232.4400 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING ELK.**

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

Subp. 7. **Orientation required.** A successful applicant may only obtain an elk license by attending an orientation session at the Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area headquarters designated by the commissioner of natural resources.

Subp. 8. **Registration.** Within 24 hours of taking an elk, a person must present the elk for mandatory biological sampling and register the elk in person at an elk-registration station designated by the commissioner of natural resources.

#### **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 Minnesota Rules]*

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

*[For text of items E and F, see Minnesota Rules]*

*[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

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 Central and Northeast Elk Zones.

~~A. B.~~ B. If ~~one or more~~ than five 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.~~ apply, the commissioner must first hold a drawing to select up to 20 percent of available permits for landowner licenses.

~~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, 6232.4400, and 6232.4500, expire March 1, 2022. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read before the amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.