

Department of Natural Resources**Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2023 Elk Season****6232.4300 ~~SEASONS~~ 2023 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 2023 seasons:

- A. season A either sex: September 9 to 17;
- B. season B either sex: September 23 to October 1;
- C. season C either sex: October 7 to 15;
- D. season D antlerless only: September 9 to 17;
- E. season E antlerless only: September 23 to October 1;
- F. season F antlerless only: October 7 to 15;
- G. season G either sex: September 9 to September 17; and
- H. season H either sex: September 23 to October 1.

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 2023.

[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 2023 elk-hunting season is 12 in the Kittson County Central Elk Zone and five 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 legal antlerless elk;

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

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

G. season G: three licenses in the Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone for either-sex elk; and

H. season H: two licenses in the Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone for either-sex 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 to legal antlerless elk hunting December 17, 2023, to January 1, 2024, by notifying individuals who purchased a 2023 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~~ a location 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. If one or more than two 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 and more than one qualified landowner in the Kittson Northeast Elk Zone apply, a drawing to select up to 20 percent of available permits for landowner licenses must occur before the drawing from the pool of general drawing applicants in item A.~~

~~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.

6232.4600 ELK ZONES.

[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **Kittson County Central Elk Zone.** The Kittson County Central Elk Zone consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of ~~County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 1 and State Trunk Highway (STH) 175; thence north along CSAH 1 to 380th Street; thence east to 250th Avenue; thence north along 250th Avenue to the section line between Sections 29 and 30, Township 164 North, Range 48 West; thence north on the section line between Sections 29 and 30, Township 164 North, Range 48 West, to the United States/Canadian border~~ U.S. Highway (US) 75 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 30, Kittson County; thence north along CSAH 30 to County Road (CR) 70, Kittson County; thence north along CR 70 to the section line between Section 25, Township 164, Range 50 West, and Section 30, Township 164, Range 49 West; thence north along said section line to the United States/Canadian border; thence east along the United States/Canadian border to the northeast corner of Section 30, Township 164 North, Range 46 West; thence south along the east section line of Section 30, Township 164 North, Range 46 West, to 370th Avenue, Kittson County; thence south along 370th Avenue to County Road (CR) 51, Kittson County; thence south along CR 51 to CSAH 4, Kittson County; thence west along CSAH 4 to State Ditch 85 (330th Street, Kittson County); thence east along State Ditch 85 to State Ditch 72 (310th Street); thence east

along State Ditch 72 to ~~480th~~ 100th Avenue, Roseau County (Kittson/Roseau County line); thence south along ~~480th~~ 100th Avenue to 220th Street, Kittson County; thence west along 220th Street to CSAH 10, Kittson County; thence west along CSAH 10 to U.S. Highway 59; thence north along U.S. Highway 59 to ~~STH 175~~ CSAH 22, Kittson County; thence west along ~~STH 175~~ CSAH 22 to CSAH 5, Kittson County; thence north on CSAH 5 to CSAH 22, Kittson County; thence west on CSAH 22 to US 75; thence along US 75 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 4. **Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone.** The Kittson County Northeast Elk Zone consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 4, Kittson County and County Road (CR) 51, Kittson County; thence north along CR 51 to 370th Avenue, Kittson County; thence north along 370th Avenue to the west section line of Section 29, Township 164 North, Range 46 West; thence north along the west section of Section 29, Township 164 North, Range 46 West, to the United States/Canadian border; thence east along the United States/Canadian border to the ~~northeast corner of Section 25, Township 164 North, Range 45 West~~ Kittson/Roseau County line; thence south along the ~~eastern section line of Section 25, Township 164 North, Range 45 West~~ Kittson/Roseau County line to 480th Avenue; thence south along ~~480th Avenue to State Ditch 72 (310th Street), Kittson County~~; thence west along State Ditch 72 to State Ditch 85 (330th Street); thence west along State Ditch 85 to CSAH 4, Kittson County; thence north along CSAH 4 to the point of beginning.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.4300, 6232.4400, 6232.4500, and 6232.4600, expire March 1, 2024. 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.