

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 2340

REGULATIONS FOR THE TAKING OF COMMON CROWS;
SUPERSEDING COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 2308

Pursuant to authority vested in me by Minn. Stat. § 97B.731, subd. 3, and other applicable law, I, Joseph N. Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, hereby prescribe the following regulations for the taking of common crows (Corvus brachyrhynchos).

Section 1. CROW SEASON.

(a) Dates and Hours. Common crows may be taken from July 1 through November 1, both dates inclusive, from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Bag Limits. Crows may be taken and possessed without limit. Crows taken must be retrieved and removed from the field. Crows must be killed before being removed from the site where taken.

(c) Eligibility. Residents and nonresidents may take crows with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and falconry without a license. A person age 14 or 15 must possess a firearms safety certificate; a person age 13 must possess a firearms safety certificate and be accompanied by a parent or guardian; and a person age 12 or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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(d) Open Zone. Crows may be taken statewide during the prescribed dates and hours.

Sec. 2. METHODS OF TAKING.

(a) Legal Firearms. A person may take crows with shotguns not larger than 10 gauge or with a handgun or rifle of any caliber.

(b) Legal Bow and Arrow. Bows may not be drawn, held or released by mechanical means except under permits issued under Minn. Stat. § 97B.315, or except that a person may use a mechanical device attached to the bowstring if the person's own strength draws, holds and releases the bowstring. A person may not hunt with an arrow that is poisoned or has an explosive tip.

(c) Electronic Calls and Radios. Crows may be taken by the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified crow calls or sounds. Electronic devices may not be left unattended. The use of radio equipment to take crows is prohibited.

(d) Prohibited Methods. A person may not take crows:

- (1) with a trap, net, or snare;
- (2) using bird lime;
- (3) with a swivel or set gun;
- (4) by dragging a rope, wire or other device across a field; or
- (5) by using fire.

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Sec. 3. DEPREDATION.

(a) Taking When Causing Damage. Persons may take crows state wide at any time of year when found committing or about to commit depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock or wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute health problems or other nuisances. All provisions of this order not inconsistent with this section apply to such taking.

(b) Nests and Eggs. Crow nests and crow eggs may not be disturbed at any time.

Sec. 4. PUBLIC LANDS AND REFUGES.


(a) Game Refuges, Wildlife Management Areas, and Waterfowl Production Areas. Crows may be taken from September 1 through the last day of the open season on State Wildlife Management Areas, unless otherwise closed to hunting. Federal Waterfowl Production Areas are open to hunting, except where posted otherwise. Crows may also be taken in State Game Refuges open to small game hunting, except refuges closed to waterfowl hunting are closed to taking crows.

(b) None of the provisions of this order shall be construed as modifying or superseding any order establishing game refuges or permitting the taking of any wild animals within such refuges or within state parks.

Sec. 5. Commissioner's Order No. 2308 is hereby superseded.

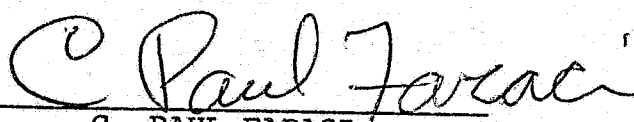
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Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 27 day of June,
1989.


JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner
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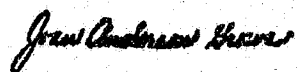
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