

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

GOVERNOR'S ORDER NO. 26

ORDER PROVIDING FOR ADEQUATE CONTROL
AND CONSERVATION OF DEER IN MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Game and Fish of the Minnesota Department of Conservation has caused an investigation and survey to be made of conditions affecting deer in Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, it has been found by such survey that deer are and have been increasing in numbers throughout the greater portion of the deer range and such increase has resulted in an over-browsed condition in most of the deer range allowing insufficient opportunity for reproduction of young forest growth or vegetation suitable for deer food, and

WHEREAS, it is further found by the Department of Conservation that this general shortage of available natural winter food for deer has thus caused widespread starvation among deer in past winters and this unfavorable condition has become a serious menace throughout the greater portion of the deer range, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation has further found that the greater loss occurs among young deer, because young deer, by reason of their smaller stature and comparative weakness are unable to withstand combined conditions of rigorous winter and an insufficient food supply, and

WHEREAS, I am advised that deer weakened by starvation are more readily preyed upon by predators, and are more susceptible to diseases which endanger the vitality of the herd and seriously affect their ability to produce vigorous and healthy offspring, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation states that a reasonable reduction in numbers of the present deer herd throughout the greater portion of the present deer range where danger of starvation among deer exists or threatens to exist is necessary in order to properly protect propagating and immature deer, thus making adequate provision for the future welfare of the deer herd,

THEREFORE, I, Elmer A. Benson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, pursuant to authority vested in me by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 5640, do hereby order that an open season of six (6) days be declared on deer in the State of Minnesota during 1937, from November 20th at sunrise to November 25th at sunset, in the counties of Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Carlton, Pine, Aitkin, Koochiching, Hubbard, Clearwater, Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, all of that portion of Kittson and Marshall Counties lying East of the Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad line from the Northern boundary of Kittson County to the Southern boundary of Marshall County, all of that portion of Cass County lying North of the Crow Wing County line and Townships 138, Ranges 29, 30, and 31, but not including these townships, and the Northernmost six townships of Kanabec County, and that portion of the State Game Refuge known as the Superior Game Refuge in St. Louis, Lake, and Cook Counties within five miles of the roads known as the Gunflint Trail, the Ely-Finland Road (State Highway No. 1), the Fernberg Road, the Ely-Buyek Road, and any other regularly maintained State, County, or Township roads within or adjacent to this refuge.

It is further ordered that one deer, of either sex or of any age, may be taken on each license. Deer taken must be removed from the point where taken and transported to final destination within two days after the close of the open season.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 1st day of October, 1937.

ATTEST:


Wm. H. Johnson
Secretary,
State of Minnesota.

Elmer A. Benson
Governor,
State of Minnesota.

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