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- 1 - 8** **All terrain vehicles.** Pertain to differentiating and defining class 1 and 2 all-terrain vehicles, who may ride on them, and where they can go.
- 9 9** **Property donations.** Expand the types of donations that can be accepted for the critical habitat private sector matching account.
- 10** **Bonus permit.** Defines the term for taking deer.
- 11** **Deer definition.** Define the term "deer" in the game and fish laws.
- 12 - 16** **Definitions.** Defines "intensive, lottery, managed deer areas," "muzzle-loader" and "regular firearms season."
- 17 17** **Technical.** Clarify deposit of various receipts into the game and fish fund.
- 18** **Technical.** Eliminate potential diversionary language related to game and fish violations and expense of keeping prisoners.
- 19** **Technical.** Clarify the deposit of portions of deer license revenue in dedicated accounts.
- 20** **Game refuge petition.** Mandates that if the owners of 75% of private land within proposed game refuge oppose it by petition, it can't happen.
- 21** **WMA regulation.** Provide additional authority to regulate motorized watercraft and motorized recreational vehicles on lakes designated for wildlife management purposes.
- 22** **C.O. authority.** Clarify enforcement officer authority to inspect equipment used to take wild animals in the field.
- 23** **Technical.** Specify the civil penalty for dogs pursuing or killing big game animals.
- 24** **Technical.** Clarify provisions for obtaining replacement deer licenses.
- 25** **Military special hunts.** Authorizes by rule special hunts for military personnel.
- 26** **Youth deer license.** Authorize youth firearms deer license use in any regular season zone or time period and clarify multi zone and all season licenses.

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- 27 **Nonresident hunting.** Clarify nonresident multi zone license.
- 28 **Game animal tagging.** Allows someone to drag, carry or cart a big game animal from a legal kill site before putting the tag on the animal at the deer camp, hanging from a tree, or being placed on a vehicle for transportation.
- 29 **Fish authority.** Provide additional authority to regulate transport of special fish management species (i.e. sturgeon).
- 30 **Firearms safety certificate.** Exempts police officers and armed forces personnel from the range and shooting exercise in order to obtain a firearms safety certificate.
- 31 - 32 **Youth hunting.** Clarify requirements for a parent or guardian accompanying a youth under age 16 hunting with a firearm, and providing penalties for a parent or guardian who knowingly allows a youth under age 16 to unlawfully possess a firearm.
- 33 33 **Lights in fox hunting.** Prescribes conditions when a hand-held light may be used in hunting fox or coyote from January 1 to March 15.
- 1 34 **Shed antlers.** Clarify that it is legal to collect naturally shed antlers and prohibit use of devices intended to artificially pull antlers.
- 35 **Buck tag.** Modify the all season deer license to allow the "buck" tag to be used for taking a deer of either sex under certain conditions.
- 36 **Muzzle-loaders.** Defines muzzle-loaders during muzzle-loading season, and prohibits smokeless gunpowder then.
- 37 **Reporting deer taken.** Requires reporting to the DNR non-white tail or mule deer taken.
- 38 - 42 **Fishing contents.** Modify fishing contest provisions to expand purposes for developing rules; move application deadline earlier; define "traditional" contests; provide specific criteria for contests on rivers; and clarify authorities for permit restrictions.
- 43 43 **Fish transportation.** Establish and clarify restrictions and authorities for transporting live fish.
- 44 **Fishing hooks.** Allows the Commissioner of Natural Resources to prescribe, besides what in statute (97C.315, subdivision 2), other conditions when an angler may have more than one hook on a line.
- 45 **Fish houses.** Clarify that restrictions related to removal of fish houses and dark houses apply to any type of shelter on the ice.
- 46 **Fishing and spearing.** Allows fishing and spearing together in a dark house under certain conditions.
- 47 **Spearing season.** Make closure of the spearing season consistent with the 2005 change in closure of the angling season.
- 48 **Technical.** To conform to section 30.
- 49 **Aquaculture moratorium.** Establish a temporary moratorium on the use of new public waters for fish rearing.
- 50 **Deer season ATV use.** Requires DNR rules to be amended to allow a person to operate an ATV or snowmobile on land they own during the legal shooting hours of the deer season.
- 51 **Spring turkeys.** Requires DNR rules to be amended so the spring turkey season ends at daily sunset.
- 52 **Technical.** To conform with section 46 for good cause rules change.
- 53 **Technical.** Provides consistency for all-terrain vehicle registration because of sections 1 to 8.
- 54 **Nonresident fish house.** Repeals the provision preventing a nonresident from leaving a fish house unattended on the ice.
- 55 **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 8 effective December 12, 2006.

