

Subject Spear Gun Fishing
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Overview

This bill would allow a person to use a spear gun to take fish if the person purchases a spearing license.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Night diving with spear prohibited. Applies spear guns to the prohibition on night diving with a spear.
2	Resident fishing. Sets the fee for a resident license to spear with a spear gun at \$6 (the current resident fee to spear from a dark house).
3	Nonresident fishing. Sets the fee for a nonresident license to spear with a spear gun at \$12 (the current nonresident fee to spear from a dark house).
4	Spearing. Requires a person to have a spearing license and an angling license in order to take fish with a spear gun.
5	Spear guns. Subd. 1. Definition. Defines “spear gun” as a device used to nonmanually propel a spear underwater. Subd. 2. Spear guns. Allows a person to use a spear gun to take fish during the open season if the person has an angling and spearing license, is completely submerged in water, and complies with all applicable game and fish laws. Subd. 3. Nighttime restrictions. Prohibits a person from using a spear gun at night.

Section	Description
	Subd. 4. Possession. Allows a person to possess a spear gun during the day on or near waters where spear gun fishing is allowed.
	Subd. 5. Rules. Allows the commissioner of natural resources to adopt rules to regulate spear gun fishing.
6	Species allowed. Provides an exception to the provision allowing only certain fish to be taken by spear for fish taken with a spear gun under the new spear gun fishing provision.
7	Dark houses required for certain species. Provides an exception to the provision allowing certain fish to be taken by spear only from a dark house for fish taken with a spear gun under the new spear gun fishing provision.



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