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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3968

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; requiring an open season for wolves; amending Minnesota
1.3 Statutes 2022, section 97B.645, subdivision 9.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.645, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 9. Open season. ~~There shall be no~~ (a) As authorized by the Tenth Amendment
1.7 to the United States Constitution, the commissioner must prescribe an annual open season
1.8 for wolves ~~until after~~ irrespective of whether the wolf is ~~delisted~~ listed under the federal
1.9 Endangered Species Act of 1973. ~~After that time, the commissioner may prescribe open~~
1.10 ~~seasons and restrictions for taking wolves but must provide opportunity for public comment.~~
1.11 The season, restrictions, and any other requirements must be consistent with the goals
1.12 identified in the wolf management plan adopted under section 97B.646.

1.13 (b) The commissioner must annually consult with the commissioner of agriculture and
1.14 the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
1.15 before determining the season, restrictions, and other requirements of the open season
1.16 required under this section. The consultation must include a review of available data on
1.17 wolf depredation on livestock and pets and other incidents of human conflict.