

2023-2024 Hunting and Trapping Seasons.

The RBC has approved the fall hunting seasons for the FDL Reservation and the 1854 and 1837 Ceded Territories of Minnesota. Important dates and information are listed here. Complete copies of the seasons and limits will be available at the Resource Management Division's office and posted online on the Division's webpage.

There will be 70 moose permits available for FDL hunters. Applications for permits are available from July 17 – August 11 with a drawing held on August 14. Moose season opens on Sept. 23 and up to 30 bull moose can be taken by FDL hunters. The season will close when 30 moose are taken or December 31, whichever comes first.

Deer season opens the day after Labor Day on Sept. 5 and closes Dec. 31. Following the severe winter and late spring of 2022-23, conservation measures are in place to protect and recover the Reservation's deer herd. In 2023 band hunters may only harvest 2 deer on the FDL Reservation. There are no upper limits on deer harvest in the ceded territories and up to 4 ceded territory deer tags are available at a time. Information on 2023 state park hunts will be provided as it becomes available.

Bear baiting opens on August 12 and hunting season on August 26 on the FDL Reservation and in the 1854 Ceded Territory. Bear hunting in the 1837 Ceded Territory opens on Sept. 1. Waterfowl hunting opens on Sept. 1 although closures may be in effect on the Reservation's rice lakes. Hunting for turkey and other species opens the day after Labor Day on Sept. 5.