

OUTDOORS

TOO COLD TO TRY



STAFF PHOTO BY EMILY GEDDE

A pair of geese walk along the edge of open water on Rainy River Wednesday. It may have been 59 degrees outside, but it appears the water is still too cold for these two to take a dip, even though a flock of geese was seen floating farther down stream.

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DNR STAFF REPORT

Applications for Minnesota bear hunting licenses are being accepted now through May 2, at any Minnesota Department of Natural Resources license agent, online at www.mndnr.gov/buyalicense and by telephone at 888-665-4236.

A total of 3,750 licenses are available in 11 permit areas, the same number of licenses available last year. Bear licenses cost \$44 for residents and \$250 for nonresidents. The season opens Sept. 1, and closes Oct. 12.

Notification to successful lottery winners will be made in mid-to late May. The deadline to purchase licenses

awarded by lottery will be Aug. 1. Any remaining unpurchased licenses will be available to those eligible starting at noon on Aug. 6.

An unlimited number of bear licenses will be sold over-the-counter for no-quota areas in east-central and far northwestern Minnesota. No-quota licenses are valid only in a no-quota area. Hunters with a no-quota license can harvest one bear.

By offering the same number of licenses as last year, the DNR continues to work toward its goal of gradually increasing Minnesota's bear population. The state's bear population was estimated at 17,000 in 2008.

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