

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to game and fish; authorizing commissioner of natural resources to
1.3 extend the season for up to two weeks to take fish species in certain waters;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 97C.001, subdivision 3; 97C.005,
1.5 subdivision 3.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97C.001, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. **Seasons, limits, and other requirements.** The commissioner may, in
1.9 accordance with the procedures in subdivision 2 or by rule under chapter 14, establish
1.10 open seasons, limits, methods, and other requirements for taking fish on experimental
1.11 waters. Notwithstanding the limits on seasons in section 97C.395, subdivision 1, the
1.12 commissioner may extend the end of a season for up to two weeks to take a fish species in
1.13 an experimental water when the harvest level for the species in that season is less than the
1.14 harvest goal of the experimental regulations.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97C.005, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 3. **Seasons, limits, and other rules.** The commissioner may, in accordance
1.17 with the procedures in subdivision 2, paragraphs (c) and (e), or by rule under chapter
1.18 14, establish open seasons, limits, methods, and other requirements for taking fish on
1.19 special management waters. Notwithstanding the limits on seasons in section 97C.395,
1.20 subdivision 1, the commissioner may extend the end of a season for up to two weeks to
1.21 take a fish species in a special management water when the harvest level for the species in
1.22 that season is less than the harvest goal of the special management regulations.