

**COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 262-97**  
**Natural Resources**

A Commissioner's Order to regulate the opening and closing of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa hunting seasons for the year 1997.

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Natural Resources has the power to open and close hunting seasons within the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa through 11 MLBSA § 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the Spiritual Advisor and the Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians concur that the seasons should be open; and,

WHEREAS, the hunting of animals or birds should be done with preservation of the species foremost; and,

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, pursuant to 11 MLBSA § 2003, I, Don Wedll, Commissioner of Natural Resources, with the concurrence of the Spiritual Advisor, establish the following hunting seasons effective for the year of 1997.

**SEASON DATES**

1. Deer - Bucks ONLY September 15, 1997 -  
December 31, 1997  
Does/fawns October 22, 1997 -  
December 31, 1997
2. Ducks September 24, 1997-September 30, 1997  
Closed: September 30 (sunset)  
  
Open: October 4, 1997 (noon)-  
November 18, 1997
3. Geese, Coots, Common Snipe, Woodcock, Rails  
September 15, 1997 - November 18, 1997  
Closed: October 3, (sunset) -  
  
Open: October 4 (noon) - November 18, 1997
4. Mourning Doves Closed
5. Small game September 15, 1997 -  
December 31, 1997

These season dates are subject to the Regulations established by Commissioner's Orders. This includes the number of species, areas of hunting and method of taking games.

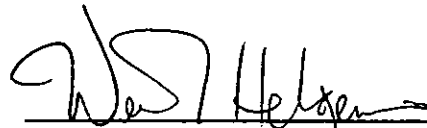
DATED at Vineland, Minnesota this 12th day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.



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Don Wedll  
Commissioner of Natural Resources

APPROVED AND NUMBERED AS TO  
FORM AND EXECUTION



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Jim Genia  
Solicitor General

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