

484C.5 Minimum enclosed acreage — exceptions.

1. A hunting preserve must include at least three hundred twenty contiguous acres which are enclosed by a fence certified pursuant to section 484C.6. However, the hunting preserve may include a fewer number of enclosed acres if any of the following applies:

a. The commission grants a waiver for the hunting preserve according to terms and conditions required by the commission. The hunting preserve must include at least one hundred sixty contiguous acres.

b. (1) The hunting preserve was operated as a business on January 1, 2005.

(2) If the hunting preserve operated as a business on January 1, 2005, the landowner or the landowner's successor in interest may sell or otherwise transfer ownership of the hunting preserve to another person who may continue to operate the hunting preserve in the same manner as the landowner. However, this subparagraph shall not apply if the owner of the hunting preserve or any successor in interest fails to register with the department as provided in section 484C.7 for three or more consecutive years.

c. (1) The hunting preserve was not operated as a business on January 1, 2005, and all of the following apply:

(a) The hunting preserve has at least one hundred contiguous acres.

(b) The hunting preserve's fence is certified by the department not later than September 1, 2005.

(2) If the hunting preserve complies with subparagraph (1), the landowner or the landowner's successor in interest may sell or otherwise transfer ownership of the hunting preserve to another person who may continue to operate the hunting preserve in the same manner as the landowner. However, this subparagraph shall not apply if the owner of the hunting preserve or any successor in interest fails to register with the department as provided in section 484C.7 for three or more consecutive years.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or chapter 484B, a person may keep whitetail and elk together on a hunting preserve that includes less than three hundred twenty enclosed acres if the person receives a waiver as provided in subsection 1, paragraph "a" or meets the conditions specified in subsection 1, paragraph "b".

2005 Acts, ch 139, §18; 2012 Acts, ch 1118, §18, 21

Referred to in §484C.6