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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control No. 220 Department or Agency Conservation and Natural Resources

**Rule No.: 220-2-.03**

**Rule Title: Legal Specifications for Bow and Arrow**

New  Amend  Repeal (of Existing Rule)  Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the rule? N/A

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? NO

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Does the proposed rule have any economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975 and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Alabama Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of Certifying Officer Ryan D. Carley  
Secretary of Administrative Procedure

Date 5/22/18

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

RULE NO. & TITLE: 220-2-.03 Legal Specifications for Bow and Arrow

INTENDED ACTION: Amendment.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To not allow electronic or electrically assisted devices to be attached to the bow, except illuminated sight pins/beads/markings, sights with magnification on crossbows, or laser type range finders with computational capabilities.

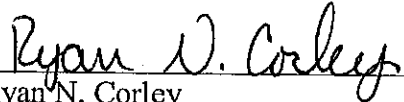
TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Director of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries at any time during the period stated below, or orally if requested in writing 48 hours in advance to the Director of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, and then by personally appearing at Room 474, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 5, 2018.

If ADA accommodations are needed, please contact Daisy Perry at (334) 242-3165 or [daisy.perry@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:daisy.perry@dcnr.alabama.gov). Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least seven days prior to the date of a personal appearance to present views regarding the proposed rules.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Thursday, July 5, 2018.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Chuck Sykes, Director, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, 5th Floor, 64 N. Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130, 334-242-3465.

  
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Ryan N. Corley  
Secretary of Administrative Procedure

**Christopher M. Blankenship**

**220-2-.03      Legal Specifications for Bow and Arrow**

- (1) A legal bow for hunting is defined as either a long bow, a recurve bow, a compound bow, or a crossbow.
- (2) It shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, for any person to hunt deer and turkey with bow and arrows that are not in conformance with the following specifications:
  - (a) Bows must have a minimum peak tension (within the user's normal draw length) of 30 pounds. Crossbows must have a minimum peak tension of 85 pounds at normal draw length.
  - (b) Arrows shall be equipped with a broadhead which has a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8 inch and 2 sharpened edges.
- (3) Crossbows must be equipped with a working safety.
- (4) There shall be no electronic or electrically assisted devices attached to the bow, except:
  - (a) Illuminated sight pins/beads/markings,
  - (b) sights with magnification on crossbows, or
  - (c) laser type range finders with computational capabilities.

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**Statutory Authority:** §§ 9-2-7, 9-2-8, and 9-2-12  
Code of Alabama 1975

**Penalty:** As provided by law.

**History:** Filed September 30, 1982. **Emergency amendment** effective August 18, 1988. **Amended:** December 3, 1988; November 16, 1990; October 23, 1991; January 18, 1992; May 5, 1993; effective June 15, 1993. **Amended:** Filed November 10, 1994; effective December 15, 1994. **Amended:** Filed August 11, 1997; effective September 16, 1997. **Amended:** Filed July 21, 1998; effective August 26, 1998. **Amended:** Filed October 12, 1999; effective November 16, 1999. **Amended:** Filed August 10, 2000; effective September 14, 2000. **Amended:** Filed October 25, 2001; effective November 29, 2001. **Amended:** Filed July 16, 2002; effective August 20, 2002. **Amended:** Filed August 10, 2004; effective September 14, 2004. **Amended:** Filed July 28, 2010; effective September 1, 2010. **Amended:** Filed July 21, 2011, effective

August 25, 2011. **Amended:** Filed June 10, 2015; effective July 15, 2015. **Amended:** Filed June 14, 2016; effective July 29, 2016. May 22, 2018.

ECONOMIC IMPACT  
STATEMENT FOR APA RULE  
(Section 41-22-23(f))

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         New   X   Amend          Repeal          Adopt by Reference

  X   This rule has no economic impact.

         This rule has an economic impact, as explained below:

1. NEED/EXPECTED BENEFIT OF RULE:
  
2. COSTS/BENEFITS OF RULE AND WHY RULE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND FEASIBLE MEANS FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES AND ACHIEVING THE STATED PURPOSE:
  
3. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COMPETITION:
  
4. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COST-OF-LIVING AND DOING BUSINESS IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:
  
5. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:
  
6. SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING THIS RULE:

7. THE SHORT-TERM/LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS RULE ON AFFECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF PERSONS WHO WILL BEAR THE COSTS AND THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE RULE:
8. UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTIMATED BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF THE RULE, INCLUDING QUALITATIVE/QUANTITATIVE BENEFITS AND BURDEN COMPARISON:
9. THE EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH:
10. DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED: