

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

RULE NO. & TITLE: 220-2-.55 Wildlife Management Areas, Community Hunting Areas, Public Hunting Areas, and Refuges of Alabama.

INTENDED ACTION: Amendment.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: Amend certain paragraphs to: require anyone under the age of 16 to be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years old or the parent, and who is in possession of all required hunting licenses to hunt on a WMA; to allow archery stalk hunting on the Grand Bay WMA; require any person hunting on Boggy Hollow, Hollins, Coosa AREA to possess a daily permit available from kiosk self-service boxes at the WMA; to change the Geneva WMA dog hunt to December 1-2 and limit it to 100 standers; to require deer and turkey killed during hunts from any AREA to be checked at the checking station or reported as specified for each Area, except on David K. Nelson, Grand Bay Savanna, Riverton, Upper Delta, W.L. Holland, Mobile-Tensaw Delta, and Forever Wild Gothard – AWF Yates Lakes AREAS; to only allow unlicensed motor vehicles on any AREA when utilized to retrieve game animals, travel to or from a hunting location, or any other hunting related activity (unless noted above or excluded by the cooperating landowner and excluding Geneva State Forest Zone B); to prohibit the possession of alcohol on campgrounds of Coosa WMA and in counties where the possession of alcohol is prohibited; to require all deer and turkey harvested to be reported through Gamecheck and on the hunter's Antlered Buck and Turkey Harvest Record form; to prohibit hunting waterfowl in Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek dewatering units, Crow Creek AREAS, and Swan Creek WMA on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, except for the last two weeks of waterfowl season and to prohibit all activity in the Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek dewatering units, Crow Creek AREAS, and Swan Creek WMA on those days unless authorized by WFF personnel; to limit possession of shotgun shells while hunting waterfowl to 25 on Swan Creek WMA and Mallard-Fox AREAS; prohibit the use of gasoline-powered motors in Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek (North of Hwy 117) dewatering units; to prohibit the launching of vessels in Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek dewatering units and Swan Creek WMA prior to 2 AM daily, hunters are prohibited from entering the water until that time as well; blinds must be removed from the Swan Creek and Mallard-Fox Creek WMAS by the second Sunday in February; and to provide rules for hunting on Cedar Creek, Crow Creek, Fred T. Stimpson, and Uchee Creek Special Opportunity Areas.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Director of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division at any time during the period stated below, or orally if requested in advance by personally appearing at Room

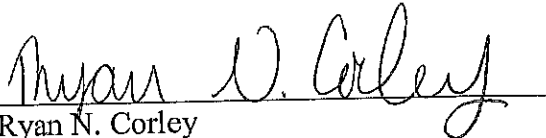
474, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, 2017.

If ADA accommodations are needed, please contact Daisy Perry at (334) 242-3165 or 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:

August 4, 2017.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Chuck Sykes, Director, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, 5th Floor, 64 N. Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130, 334-242-3848.


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Secretary of Administrative Procedure