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#### 2018-2019 Hunting Seasons

The following 2018-2019 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manner, and means, are hereby established:

(a) **DEER:**

ANTLERED BUCKS are defined as those male deer with bare antlers visible above natural hairline.
UNANTLERED DEER are defined as all deer without bony antlers visible above the natural hairline.

WHITE-TAILED ANTLERED BUCK LIMIT – Three per hunter during all combined seasons. One of the three must have at least 4 antler points 1” or longer on one antler (except for Barbour County). A point is defined as an antler projection of at least one inch in length from base to tip. Main beam tip shall be counted as a point regardless of length. EXCEPTIONS: (1) BARBOUR COUNTY ANTLER RESTRICTION – white-tailed deer antlered bucks must have a minimum of three points on one side, (except on the statewide special youth deer hunting dates during which any antlered buck may be taken). (2) WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) BONUS BUCK – One per hunter during all WMA combined seasons will be allowed to be harvested from a select collection of WMA’s on specific hunt dates depicted on the WMA map permits that will not count towards the hunter’s State 3 buck limit. Must be validated at WMA check station by WFF personnel.

WHITE-TAILED UNANTLERED DEER LIMIT – During the unantlered deer gun, special muzzleloader, bow and arrow, and special youth (under 16) seasons, one unantlered deer may be taken per day in addition to one antlered buck per day. See Special Exception #3 for selected areas with one deer per day limit on U.S. Forest Service Lands.

SPECIAL YOUTH (UNDER 16) DEER HUNTING – Statewide, (includes all Privately Owned, Leased Lands and Open Permit – Public Lands (except Wildlife Management Areas) on November 9 – 12. Dog hunting in those counties or parts of counties where and how it is allowed during the regular dog deer hunting season. Same legal arms and ammunition apply as in Deer season, in accordance with Rule 220-2-.119. See the 2018 – 2019 Wildlife Management Area Map Permits for youth deer hunting dates and other information.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: If notes 1, 2, or 3 appear by the county listed, see the special exceptions at the end of this chart. Note (1) relates to dog deer hunting. Note (2) relates to U.S. Corp of Engineers Lands. Note (3) relates to U.S. Forest Service Lands.
DEER SEASON ZONES:
ZONE A (see map): Those areas north or east of a line described as: Beginning at the intersection of the Mississippi state line and US Hwy. 80 in Sumter County follow US Hwy. 80 east to the US Hwy. 80 Bypass and Alabama River; upstream along the Alabama River to I-65; south along I-65 to the intersection with I-85; north along I-85 to AL Hwy. 169 (exit 60); south along AL Hwy. 169 to AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431; south along AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431 to AL Hwy. 26; west along AL Hwy. 26 to Russell County Rd. 65; south along Russell County Rd. 65 to Russell County Rd. 4; west along Russell County Rd. 4 to Russell County Rd. 49; south along Russell County Rd. 49 to US Hwy. 82; east along US Hwy. 82 to the Chattahoochee River; south along the Chattahoochee River to AL Hwy. 10; west along AL Hwy. 10 to Henry County Rd. 57; south along Henry County Rd. 57 to Henry County Rd. 99; south along Henry County Rd. 99 to US Hwy. 431; south along US Hwy. 431 to Ross Clark Circle (bypass around Dothan); east along Ross Clark Circle to US Hwy. 231 to the Alabama/Florida state line. Excludes Zone C description below.

ZONE B (see map): Those areas south or west of a line described as: Beginning at the intersection of the Mississippi state line and US Hwy. 80 in Sumter County follow US Hwy. 80 east to the US Hwy. 80 Bypass and Alabama River; upstream along the Alabama River to I-65; south along I-65 to the intersection...
with I-85; north along I-85 to AL Hwy. 169 (exit 60); south along AL Hwy. 169 to AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431; south along AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431 to AL Hwy. 26; west along AL Hwy. 26 to Russell County Rd. 65; south along Russell County Rd. 65 to Russell County Rd. 4; west along Russell County Rd. 4 to Russell County Rd. 49; south along Russell County Rd. 49 to US Hwy. 82; east along US Hwy. 82 to the Chattahoochee River; south along the Chattahoochee River to AL Hwy. 10; west along AL Hwy. 10 to Henry County Rd. 57; south along Henry County Rd. 57 to Henry County Rd. 99; south along Henry County Rd. 99 to US Hwy. 431; south along US Hwy. 431 to Ross Clark Circle (bypass around Dothan); east along Ross Clark Circle to US Hwy. 231; south along US Hwy. 231 to the Alabama/Florida state line.

ZONE C- UNANTLERED DEER SEASON: Those areas of Blount, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Morgan, Marshall, St. Clair, Walker, and Winston Counties inside the following boundaries: begin at the intersection of US Hwy 431 and AL Hwy. 79 in Marshall County; north on US Hwy. 431 to Paint Rock River; Paint Rock River (Marshall County/Madison County line) to Tennessee River; west on Tennessee River to US Hwy. 43; south on US Hwy. 43 to intersection with AL Hwy. 13; south on AL Hwy. 13 to AL Hwy. 5; south on AL Hwy. 5 to Nauvoo, Walker County; east/north on Poplar Springs Road to Winston County Road 21; north on Winston County Road 21 to AL Hwy. 195; north on AL Hwy 195 to Clear Creek; south on Clear Creek to Sipsey Fork; south on Sipsey Fork to US Hwy. 69; north on US Hwy. 69 to Interstate 65; south on Interstate 65 to Interstate 59; north on Interstate 59 to US Hwy. 11; north on US Hwy. 11 to AL Hwy. 68; west on AL Hwy. 68 to AL Hwy. 227; north on AL Hwy. 227 to AL Hwy. 75; north on AL Hwy. 75 to AL Hwy. 35; north on AL Hwy. 35 to US Hwy. 72; west on US Hwy. 72 to AL Hwy. 279; south on AL Hwy. 279 to AL Hwy. 79; south on AL Hwy. 79; ending at the junction of US Hwy. 431 and AL Hwy. 79.

(1) DOG DEER HUNTING RESTRICTIONS:
Dog Deer Hunting Prohibited Except by Special Permit from the Department:

**Baldwin; Chambers; Choctaw** (that area south of AL Hwy. 10 and west of AL Hwy. 17 and north of County Road 18 from AL Hwy. 17 to County Road 14 then north of County Road 14 to the Mississippi state line); **Colbert** (that area inside the following boundaries: from the intersection of the Natchez Trace Parkway and US Hwy. 72 west along US Hwy 72 to the Mississippi State line, north along the Mississippi State line to the Tennessee River, east along the Tennessee River to the intersection of the Natchez Trace Parkway, south along the Natchez Trace Parkway to the intersection of US Hwy. 72); **Coosa; Covington** (north of US Hwy. 84); **Elmore** (that area inside the following boundaries: from the Coosa County/Elmore County line at the east bank of Lake Jordan, to AL Hwy. 9, south along AL Hwy. 9 to the intersection of US Hwy. 231, south along US Hwy. 231 to the intersection of AL Hwy. 14, west along AL Hwy. 14 to the east bank of the Coosa River, north along the east bank of the Coosa River to Lake Jordan, back to the Coosa County/Elmore County line); ** Geneva; Henry; Macon** (that area inside the following boundaries: from County Road 24 at the Lee County line, west and south to County Road 26, west to County Road 10, southeast to County Road 47, south to County Road 4, south to County Road 1, east to the Russell County line); **Marengo; Monroe; Pickens** (north of US Hwy. 82); **Tallapoosa and Wilcox** counties. Individual property owners in **Chambers and Coosa** counties may hunt with dogs on their own property without special permit. No dog deer hunting allowed on Open Permit—Public Land (see 220-2-.85).

**By Stalk Hunting Only, (No Dogs):** **Bibb and Perry:** (that area inside the following boundaries: east of AL Hwy. 219, south of US Hwy. 82 and north of AL Hwy. 183); **Butler** (that area south of AL Hwy. 106 and east of I-65); **Cherokee; Chilton; Cleburne; Coffee** (that area inside the following boundaries: AL Hwy. 134 from the Covington County Line, east to County Road 460, south to the Geneva County line, east to the Dale County line, north to AL Hwy. 134, west to AL Hwy. 87, north to US Hwy. 84, west to AL Hwy. 189, south to AL Hwy. 141, north to US Hwy. 84, west to the Covington County line); **Crenshaw** (north of AL Hwy. 10 and that area inside the following boundaries, from the east city limit of Luverne, US Hwy. 29 east to the junction of County Road 57, County Road 57 south to the junction of Davis Road, Davis Road west to County Road 41, County Road 41 south to US Hwy. 331, US Hwy. 331 north to County Road 41, County Road 41 north to County Road 39, County Road 39 north to the Luverne city limit); **Dale** (that area inside the following boundaries: Judy
Creek south to Dale County Road 36, east to AL Hwy. 27, north to the Henry County line, north to the Barbour County line, west to Judy Creek); **DEKALB; ELMORE** (that area inside the following boundaries: east of US Hwy. 231, south of AL Hwy. 14, west of Tumkeehatchee Creek and north of the Tallapoosa River); **FAYETTE** (that area inside the following boundaries: west of US Hwy 43 and north of AL Hwy. 18); **FRANKLIN; HALE and PERRY**: (that area inside the following boundaries: from Hale County Road 32 at the Hale County Line, west to the intersection of AL Hwy. 25, AL Hwy. 25 north until it intersects with the Talladega National Forest boundary, following the boundary south until it intersects the Perry County line, following the National Forest boundary east to Perry County Road 23, south to the intersection of Perry County Road 29, south to the Spring Hill Church Road, Spring Hill Church Road west to the junction of Perry County Road 23 and AL Hwy. 14, west to the Hale County line); **GREENE; PICKENS**; and **TUSCALOOSA**: (that area inside the following boundaries: in Pickens County from the intersection of US Hwy. 82 and County Road 63, south on County Road 63 to Benevola, County Road 2 (commonly known as the Romulus Road) east through Greene County to US Hwy. 82 in Tuscaloosa County); **HOUSTON; JACKSON; LAMAR; LAUDERDALE; LAWRENCE; LIMESTONE; MADISON; MARION; MARSHALL; MORGAN; RANDOLPH; TUSCALOOSA** (that area north of US Hwy. 82); and **WINSTON** (that area east of AL Hwy. 5 from the Walker County line to Natural Bridge and all that area north of US Hwy. 278).

(2) **U.S. CORP OF ENGINEERS LANDS:**

U.S. Corp of Engineers Lands in Chambers, Greene; Pickens; Randolph and Sumter counties special muzzleloader and air rifle and unantlered deer season same as privately owned or leased lands in those counties.

Be aware to consult U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulations regarding hunting activities and boat ramp use prior to hunting USACE regulated areas. Special Permits from the USACE may be required and some USACE refuge areas are closed to hunting. For complete information concerning hunting on the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway (TTWW), visit the website at [http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/TennesseeTombigbee-Waterway/](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/TennesseeTombigbee-Waterway/) or contact the TTWW office at (662)327-2142.

(3) **U. S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS)** (same as open permit for county), except Wildlife Mgmt. Areas – one deer per day.
Stalk Hunting Only- No Dogs (except for USFS Lands within Calhoun, Clay & Talladega counties): Same season and dates as open permit-public lands (see page 4).

Calhoun, Clay & Talladega counties during the Dog Deer Season (same as open permit-public lands) - Antlered bucks only; on Thursday’s and Friday’s until 2:00 pm; on weekends during legal shooting hours. No Dog Deer hunting on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of each week unless a holiday falls on those days; No Dog Deer hunting on the Piney Woods/Ivory Mountain Area, the borders of which are defined as: bounded by the Cleburne County line to the north running east and west, then to the west by Clay CR 3 running south to State Rte. 49; The south border is Clay CR 66 running east and west from State Rte. 49 to Hwy. 9; The eastern border is Hwy. 9 running north from Clay CR 66 to the Cleburne County line.

(b) TURKEY: GOBBLERS ONLY—Limit One a Day, Five During Combined Fall and Spring Seasons.

SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT: SATURDAY & SUNDAY THE WEEK PRIOR TO OPENING OF THE SPRING SEASON, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 220-2-.119.

SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT: ONE DAY PRIOR TO ALL OPENING DAYS. Participants must meet medical requirements of regulation 220-2-.109(2)(d).

WMA DELAYED SPRING TURKEY SEASON: Barbour, J.D. Martin-Skyline, Hollins, Oakmulgee, Lowndes, Choctocolocco, Perdido River March 23, 2019 – April 30, 2019

FALL SEASON (decoys not permitted): Clarke; Clay; Covington; Monroe; Randolph; and Talladega. November 17 –November 29 December 15 – January 1

SPRING SEASON (decoys permitted): Autauga; Baldwin; Barbour; Bibb; Blount; Bullock; Butler; Calhoun; Chambers; Cherokee; Chilton; Choctaw; Clarke; Clay; Cleburne; Coffee; Conecuh; Coosa; Covington; Crenshaw; Cullman (except north of Lewis Smith Lake and north of Cullman County Road 437 and west of I-65.); Dale; Dallas; DeKalb; Elmore; Escambia; Etowah; Fayette; Geneva (except south of AL Hwy. 52, east of AL Hwy. 167, west of Houston County line and north of the Florida line); Greene; Hale; Henry; Houston; Jackson; Jefferson; Lamar; Lee; Lowndes; Macon; Marengo; Marion; Marshall; Mobile; Monroe; Montgomery;
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Perry; Pickens; Pike; Randolph; Russell; Shelby; St. Clair; Sumter; Talladega; Tallapoosa; Tuscaloosa; Walker; Washington; and Wilcox.

March 16 - April 30

Colbert; Franklin; Lauderdale (west of US Hwy. 43); Lawrence (south of AL Hwy. 24); Limestone (north of US Hwy. 72); Madison; and Winston.

March 30 - April 30

Cullman (north of Lewis Smith Lake and north of Cullman County Road 437 and west of I-65.); Geneva (south of AL Hwy. 52, east of AL Hwy. 167, west of Houston County line and north of the Florida line); Lawrence (north of AL Hwy. 24); Lauderdale (east of US Hwy. 43); and Morgan.

April 20 - April 24

(c) MOURNING and WHITE-WINGED DOVE:

NORTH ZONE: All counties except those listed below. Limit 15 a Day - (90 Days)

Supp. 6/30/19
Split Season with Shooting Hours:
12 O’clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)  
September 8
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)  
September 9 – October 14
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)  
November 8 – November 25
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)  
December 15 – January 27

SOUTH ZONE: Baldwin; Barbour; Coffee; Covington; Dale;
Escambia; Geneva; Henry; Houston; and Mobile.
Limit 15 a Day – (90 days)

Split Season with Shooting Hours:
12 O’clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)  
September 15
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)  
September 16 – October 21
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)  
November 17 – November 25
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)  
December 15 – January 27

(d)  
BOBWHITE QUAIL:
Limit 8 a Day – 8 in Possession  
November 3 – February 28

(e)  
RABBIT:  Limit 8 a Day – 8 in Possession  
September 15 – March 3
No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

(f)  
SQUIRREL:
Limit 8 a Day – 8 in Possession  
September 15 – March 3

(g)  
RACCOON:
No Bag Limit - Private Owned and Leased Lands  
No Closed Season
Limit 5 Per Party - Open Permit–Public Land  
No Closed Season
No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season. **Note: Check with USFS for further restrictions.**

| (h) | OPOSSUM: No Bag Limit No Closed Season |

No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season. **Note: Check with USFS for further restrictions.**

| (i) | ALLIGATOR (2018): By Special Permit Only |

Must register on-line at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com) between June 5 (8:00 a.m.) and July 11 (8:00 a.m.). Must be a resident or lifetime hunting license holder to register.

**West Central Zone:** Dallas; Monroe (north of US Hwy. 84) and Wilcox (nighttime only)

- Sunset August 9 - Sunrise August 12
- Sunset August 16 - Sunrise August 19

**Southwest Zone:** Baldwin; Clarke; Mobile; Monroe (east of US Hwy. 43 and south of US Hwy. 84); and Washington counties (nighttime only)

- Sunset August 9 - Sunrise August 12
- Sunset August 16 - Sunrise August 19

**Southeast Zone:** Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Russell counties (nighttime only)

- Sunset August 11 - Sunrise September 3

**Lake Eufaula Zone:** Alabama State Waters Only (daytime and nighttime)

- Sunset August 17 - Sunrise October 1

| (j) | BOBCAT: No Bag Limit - Daylight Hours Only No Closed Season |

See 220-2-.07 for legal hunting hours.

Dogs cannot be used to hunt during and in areas of spring turkey season.

See tagging requirement under regulation 220-2-.30
Trapping is limited to legal fur bearer season.

Note: Permit may be obtained through your local district office for the trapping of nuisance furbearers outside the dates of trapping seasons.

-Check with USFS for further restrictions

(k) **COYOTE:** No Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only

See 220-2-.07 for legal hunting hours.

Dogs cannot be used to hunt during and in areas of spring turkey season.

Trapping by landowner or his agent.

-Check with USFS for further restrictions

(l) **FERAL SWINE:** No Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only

See 220-2-.07 for legal hunting hours.

Dogs cannot be used to hunt during and in areas of spring turkey season.

Upon capture, it shall be unlawful to release any live feral swine. See regulation 220-2-.86.

Trapping by landowner or his agent.

**Privately owned and leased lands only**

Special Nighttime Season

May 1 – August 31

No Bag Limit – May be hunted daytime or nighttime hours

Dogs only – no firearms allowed.

Note: Permit may be obtained through your local district office for nighttime nuisance control hunting outside of the dates of deer gun season.
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-Check with USFS for further restrictions

(m) **FOX:** No Bag Limit - Daylight Hours Only
No Closed Season

See 220-2-.07 for legal hunting hours.

Dogs cannot be used to hunt during and in areas of spring turkey season.

Trapping is limited to legal fur bearer season.

Note: Permit may be obtained through your local district office for the trapping of nuisance furbearers outside the dates of trapping seasons.

-Check with USFS for further restrictions

(n) **BEAVER, NUTRIA, AND GROUNDHOG:**
No Bag Limit - Daylight Hours Only
No Closed Season

(o) **STARLINGS, CROWS, AND ENGLISH SPARROWS:**
No Bag Limit - Daylight Hours Only
No Closed Season

(p) **BEAR, MOUNTAIN LION AND RUFFED GROUSE**
No Open Season

(q) **WOODCOCK:** Limit 3 a Day
Shooting Hours - One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.
December 14 - January 27

Note: Contingent upon federal register

(r) **SNIPE:** Limit 8 a Day
Shooting Hours - One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.
November 10 - February 24

Note: Contingent upon federal register

(s) **CLAPPER RAIL, VIRGINIA RAIL, SORA, AND GALLINULE:**
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Limit 15 a Day
Shooting Hours - One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

September 8 - September 23
November 23 - January 15

Note: Contingent upon federal register

(t) BULLFROG AND PIG FROG: No Closed Season
Limit 20 frogs in aggregate per person from 12 Noon to 12 Noon the following day.

May be hunted daytime or nighttime hours.

(u) TRAPPING:
BOBCAT, FOX, MINK, MUSKRAT, OTTER, AND STRIPED SKUNK:

November 3 - February 28

Note: See tagging requirements for Bobcat and Otter under Rule 220-2-.30

Note: Permit may be obtained through your local District Office for the trapping of nuisance furbearers outside the dates of trapping season.

BEAVER, COYOTE, NUTRIA, RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FERAL SWINE:

No Closed Season

Note: All bobcat and otter, regardless of method of harvest, are required to be tagged by a representative of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division within 14 days of harvest or may be left with a taxidermist with a completed tagging form, and the taxidermist is required to have the bobcat or otter tagged within 14 days of receipt.

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220-2-.02  Legal Arms, Ammunition, And Equipment For Hunting.

(1)(a) GENERAL PROHIBITIONS: It shall be unlawful for any person to use any method or have in their possession any weapon or
ammunition contrary to this regulation while hunting or attempting to hunt game birds and animals or other species provided for herein unless expressly provided for by duly enacted laws of the State of Alabama.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to submit firearms and ammunition or any device, instrument or accessory used in hunting to Conservation Officers for inspection.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by Rule 220-2-.03 for laser type range finders with computational capabilities on bows and by (d) listed below, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt with a bow or gun that has a light source attached that is capable of casting a beam of light (including a laser sight) forward of said bow or gun or to possess such a light source adapted for attachment to said bow or gun while hunting.

(d) Legally blind hunters may use laser sighting devices to take game, subject to all other regulations if the following conditions are met:

- The person is accompanied by a sighted person who is a member of the immediate family or at least 16 years of age;
- The sighted person possesses proof of a current hunting license, or legal exemption (under no circumstances shall the sighted person be a holder of a “supervision required” license)
• The sighted person shall not discharge any gun or bow with laser sighting device.

• The legally blind person possesses the appropriate hunting license and proof of impairment (a physician’s signed statement or equal)

“Legally blind”, as used in this regulation, shall mean central vision that does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses or a visual field that subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

(e) It shall be unlawful to possess any equipment that uses electronics to increase the ability to see in the dark (night vision equipment) while hunting any species of wildlife, both protected or unprotected species.

(f) It shall be unlawful to possess fully automatic firearms while hunting any species of wildlife.

(2) **DEER:** Rifles using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition.
Air powered guns, .30 caliber or larger.
Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using buckshot, slugs, or single round ball.
Muzzle-loaders and Black Powder Handguns—.40 caliber or larger.
Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03.
Handguns or pistols using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition.

(3)(a) **TURKEY:** Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or
smaller. Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03.

(b) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the possession of rifles, shotgun/rifle combinations (drilling) or buckshot and slugs when the hunter is stalk hunting both deer and turkey provided no person shoots or attempts to shoot turkey with the rifle or shotgun using buckshot or slugs.

(4) **MIGRATORY BIRDS:** Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, plugged with a one piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun or otherwise incapable of holding more than 3 shells using standard No. 2 shot or smaller, except waterfowl must be hunted with steel shot or other shot compositions and shot sizes that are approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Waterfowl hunters shall not possess any other size shot or size lead shot. Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows. Raptors by properly permitted falconers.

(5) **RACCOON & OPOSSUM:** Nighttime hunting—Shotguns using No. 6 shot or smaller; .22 caliber rimfire firearms. Daytime hunting — See "(7) OTHER GAME BIRDS OR ANIMALS".

(6) **BOBCAT, GROUNDHOG, UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE, FOX, COYOTE & FERAL SWINE:** Rifles of any caliber. Handguns or pistols. Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller. Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows. Muzzleloaders and black powder
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handguns of any caliber.
Spear or sharpened blade.
Raptors by properly permitted falconers

(7) OTHER GAME BIRDS OR ANIMALS:
Rifles using rimfire ammunition or those operated by air.
Muzzleloaders and black powder handguns of any caliber.
Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows.
Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, using standard No. 4 shot or smaller.
Handguns or pistols.
Blowguns using darts propelled by the hunter’s breath only.
Sling shots.
Raptors by properly permitted falconers

(8) BULLFROG and PIG FROG
Air powered rifles. 25 caliber or smaller
Gig or spear
Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows
Hand or dip net

(9) Falconry:

(a) For the purpose of permitting the practice of falconry as a legal means of taking game in Alabama, and for no other purpose, live migratory birds of the order Falconiformes, the order Accipitriformes (other than the bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus), and the order Strigiformes, are hereby designated as game birds.

(b) As used in this regulation, the word:

1. "Raptor" means a live migratory bird of the order Falconiformes, the order Accipitriformes [other than the bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus)], or of the order Strigiformes.

2. "Take" means to trap or capture, or attempt to trap or capture, a raptor for the purpose of falconry.

3. "Falconry" means the sport of taking quarry by
means of a trained raptor.


5. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

6. "Department" means the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

7. "Division" means the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(c) An applicant who wishes to practice falconry in Alabama must submit a request for an application to practice falconry along with a non-refundable $7.50 fee to the Commissioner. If a permittee desires to renew his permit an additional $7.50 fee shall be due with each renewal request.

(d) A falconry permit is required before any person may take, transport, or possess wild-taken or captive bred raptors for falconry purposes. The use for falconry or the possession of any raptor species not covered by the Federal Falconry Regulations and listed above is controlled by these regulations.

Every permit issued shall be subject to the following special conditions:

1. A permittee may not take, transport, or possess any species designated as endangered by the State unless authorized in writing by the Commissioner.

2. A permittee may not sell, purchase, barter, or offer to sell, purchase, or barter any raptor unless the raptor is marked on the metatarsus by a seamless, numbered band supplied by the Service.

3. A permittee may not propagate raptors without prior acquisition of a valid raptor propagation permit issued under Federal Regulation 50CFR21.30.

4. A permittee may not take, possess or transport a raptor in violation of restrictions, conditions, and requirements of the State Falconry Permit Regulations or Federal
regulations listed in 50 CFR, Part 21.

5. A permittee must report the take, loss, or transfer of a falconry bird within five days by entering the required information in the electronic database at https://migbirdapps.fws.gov/Falconry/ or by submitting a paper form 3-186A to the State falconry permit administrator.

(e) A permit or the renewal of a permit is valid when issued by the State and expires on August 31 of the third calendar year after it is issued, unless a different period is specified on the permit or renewal. A fee of $7.50 shall be required with each renewal.

(f) Three classes of falconry permits shall be issued. These include:

1. APPRENTICE CLASS - Conditions of this class include:

   (i) A permittee shall be at least 12 years old; if under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign permittee application and is legally responsible for activities of the permittee.

   (ii) A sponsor who is a holder of a General or a Master Falconry Permit is required for the first two years in which an apprentice permit is held, regardless of the age of the permittee. A sponsor may not have more than three apprentices at one time;

   (iii) A permittee shall not possess more than one raptor and may not obtain more than two raptors during a calendar year;

   (iv) A permittee shall possess only the following raptors, less than 1 year old but not nestlings, which must be taken from the wild by the apprentice: a red-tailed hawk (Buteo jamaicensis), or a red-shouldered hawk (Buteo lineatus).

2. GENERAL CLASS - Conditions of this class include:

   (i) A permittee shall be at least 16 years old; if 16 or 17 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign permittee application and is legally responsible for activities of the permittee.
(ii) A permittee shall have at least two years experience in the practice of falconry at the apprentice level or its equivalent; including maintaining, training, flying, and hunting the raptor(s) for at least 4 months in each year, and submit a document from a General or Master class falconer (preferably the sponsor) stating such experience;

(iii) A permittee may not possess more than three raptors and may not obtain more than two raptors taken from the wild during a calendar year;

(iv) A permittee may not take, transport, or possess any golden eagle or any species listed as threatened or endangered by the Service or any species listed as endangered by the State except as provided by the Federal and State Falconry Permit Regulations.

3. MASTER CLASS - Conditions of this class include:

(i) An applicant shall have at least five years experience in the practice of falconry at the general class level or its equivalent;

(ii) A permittee may not possess more than five wild raptors, and may not obtain more than two raptors taken from the wild during a calendar year;

(iii) A permittee may not take, transport or possess any species listed as endangered by the Service or any species listed as endangered by the State except as provided by the Federal and State Falconry Permit Regulations;

(g) Before any falconry permit is issued, the applicant shall be required to answer correctly at least 80 per cent of the questions on a supervised examination approved by the Service relating to the basic biology, care, and handling of raptors, literature, laws, regulations, and other appropriate subject matter. An opportunity for retaking the examination shall be provided in the event of failure.

(h) Before any falconry permit is issued, the applicant's raptor housing facilities and falconry equipment shall be inspected and certified by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as meeting the following standards:

1. Facilities - The primary consideration for raptor
housing facilities, whether indoors (mews) or outdoors (weathering area), is protection from the environment, predators, or undue disturbance. The applicant shall have the following facilities, which may be in the form of separate structures or an approved hybrid design fulfilling requirements of both:

(i) Indoor facilities (mews) shall be large enough to allow easy access for caring for raptors housed in the facility. If more than one raptor is to be housed in the facility, the raptor shall be tethered or separated by partitions and the area for each bird shall be large enough to allow each bird to fully extend its wings. There shall be at least one window, protected on the inside by vertical bars, spaced narrower than the width of the bird's body and a secure door that can be easily closed. The floor of the mews shall permit easy cleaning and shall be well drained. Adequate perches shall be provided;

(ii) Outdoor facilities (weathering area) shall be fenced and covered with netting or wire or roofed to protect the birds from disturbance and attack by predators. The enclosures shall be wide enough to insure that the birds wings shall not strike the fence when flying from the perch. Protection from excessive sun, wind, and inclement weather shall be provided for each bird. Adequate perches shall be provided with at least one perch covered to protect a raptor from the weather.

2. Equipment - The following items shall be in the possession of the applicant before he can obtain a permit:

(i) Jesses - At least one pair of Aylmeri jesses of pliable leather or suitable synthetic material to be used when any raptor is flown free. Traditional type one-piece jesses may be used on raptors when not being flown; and

(ii) Leashes and Swivels - At least one flexible, weather resistant leash and one swivel of acceptable falconry design; and

(iii) Bath Container - At least one container, 2 to 6 inches deep and wider than the length of the raptor, for drinking and bathing for each raptor; and

(iv) Outdoor Perches - At least one weathering area perch of an acceptable design shall be provided for each raptor; and
(v) Weighing Device - A reliable scale or balance suitable for weighing the raptor and graduated in increments of not more than ½ ounce (15 grams) shall be provided.

3. Maintenance - All facilities and equipment shall be kept at or above the preceding standards at all times.

4. Transportation - Temporary Holding - Temporarily, a raptor may be transported or held in temporary facilities, which shall be provided with an adequate perch and protection from extreme temperatures and excessive disturbance for a period not to exceed 120 days.

(i) Special restrictions are as follows:

(I) Young raptors not yet capable of flight (eyasses) may only be taken by General or Master Falconry Permit, and no more than two eyasses may be taken by the same permittee during one calendar year;

(II) First year passage raptors may be taken during any month;

(III) Only American Kestrels (Falco sparverius) and great horned owls (Bubo virginianus) may be taken when over one year old, except that any raptor other than endangered or threatened species taken under a depredation (or special purpose) permit may be used for falconry by General or Master Falconry Permit holders;

(IV) A raptor wearing falconry equipment may be retrapped at any time.

(j) Another person may care for the birds of a permittee if written authorization from the permittee accompanies the birds when they are transferred. If that period of care will exceed 45 days, the permittee shall inform the Division's falconry permit administrator within three days of the transfer, of the reason for the transfer, where the birds are being held, who is caring for them, and approximately how many days they will be under the care of the second person.

(k) Feathers that are molted or those feathers from birds held in captivity that die, may be retained and exchanged by permittees only for imping purposes. Feathers of golden eagles not retained for imping purposes shall be sent to the National Eagle Repository.
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(1) Non-transfer, interstate import and export conditions:

1. Non-residents of the State which are permit holders from States which are recognized as falconry states by the Service may transport into Alabama raptors for personal falconry use (i.e. Falconry Meets, etc.) provided the laws and regulations concerning hunting and falconry are observed;

2. Residents of the State who are falconry permittees may transport their raptors into other states which are recognized by the Service as falconry states for personal falconry use provided hunting and falconry laws and regulations are observed.

3. This section does not prevent the importation, exportation, or exchange between permittees of legally acquired raptors taken from the wild or produced by captive propagation, if the permittees who import, export, or exchange raptors notify the Department in writing and as provided for elsewhere within these regulations.

(m) Permittees holding the proper licenses may hunt, pursue and kill game birds and game animals during any of the established hunting seasons in accordance with existing regulations under the following provisions:

1. Persons desiring to hunt with raptors must obtain proper hunting licenses along with proper falconry permits before attempting to take game birds and game animals;

2. Persons hunting with raptors may hunt, pursue and kill game birds and game animals as follows:

   □ Migratory game birds - during the gun seasons for birds pursued.

   □ Resident game birds and animals - from the opening date of the gun season for the species pursued through March 31.

3. A permittee, whose hunting raptor accidentally kills game that is out of season or of the wrong species or sex, shall leave the dead quarry where it lies, except that the raptor may feed upon the quarry prior to leaving the site of the kill.
4. Regular season bag limits for migratory game birds do not apply to falconry. Falconry bag limits shall not exceed 3 birds for all migratory game birds in the aggregate, whether or not an extended season is selected. Regular season bag limits for resident game birds and animals shall apply to falconry.

(n) It shall be lawful for a nonresident to take or attempt to take raptors from the wild in Alabama, subject to the same restrictions and limitations as apply to resident permit holders, if the nonresident has a valid general or master level falconry permit from such person’s state of residence, a valid Alabama nonresident hunting license, and if such person’s state of residence provides the same privileges to residents of Alabama.

(o) Violation of this regulation or federal regulation is just cause for revocation of permits by the Department.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

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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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.04 Game Birds Designated.

Resident Game Birds: Bobwhite Quail, Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey;


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220-2-.05 Legal Hunting Hours For Game Birds. Legal hunting hours for game birds during the open season shall be daylight hours only, except as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.06 Game Animals Designated. The following animals are hereby designated as game animals: Bear, Beaver, Coyote, Deer, Opossum, Eastern Cottontail and Swamp Rabbit, Raccoon, Squirrel, Nutria, Fox, Mountain Lion (Cougar), Groundhog, Bobcat, Red Wolf, Feral Swine (Wild Hog or Wild Pig), and
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Alligator.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.07 Legal Hunting Hours For Game Animals Protected By Rule Or Regulation. It shall be unlawful to hunt all protected animals during nighttime hours except as otherwise provided by law or rule promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. Legal hunting hours for all game animals during the open season for same shall be daylight hours only, except fox may be hunted during nighttime hours with light and dogs only, and raccoon and opossum may be hunted during nighttime hours with the use of a light and legal arms and ammunition as provided in rule 220-2-.02 when hunter or hunters are accompanied by dog or dogs free of leash.

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220-2-.08 Hunting Of Raccoon, Opossum, Squirrel, Rabbit And Deer During Closed Gun Season. It is hereby made lawful to run raccoon, opossum, squirrel, and rabbit with dogs during the closed gun season on raccoon, opossum, squirrel, and rabbit by licensed hunters, provided, however, that under no circumstances shall anyone take, kill or have in his possession any raccoon, opossum, squirrel, or rabbit, or possess any device that could aid in capturing or killing other than light in conjunction with the running of raccoon, opossum, squirrel, and rabbit as permitted under this regulation during the closed gun season. Provided, further, that deer may be run with dogs only from the period October 1 until the opening of gun deer season in counties having a scheduled gun dog deer season. In addition it is also provided further that each cast participating in a
raccoon night hunt field trial having a permit issued pursuant to Rule 220-2-.17 may possess one raccoon squaller during the closed season on raccoons. Nothing in this regulation prohibits the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for personal protection, provided the hangings are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife in violation of law.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.09 Specification Of Firearms For Hunting.
(Repealed)

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.10 The Possession Of Firearms By Bow Hunters Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess both gun and bow while hunting any species of game, bird or animal, except during and in areas of the either sex gun deer season. This prohibition shall not apply to the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for their personal protection,
provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

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220-2-.11 Prohibited Methods And Devices For Hunting. It shall be unlawful to concentrate, drive, rally, molest or to hunt, take, capture or kill or attempt to hunt, take, capture or kill any bird or animal from or by the aid of:

(1) Any automobile, motorcar, airplane, train, motorboat, sailboat or any type mechanically propelled device, or any other device being operated in conjunction with any of the above mentioned devices of transportation. Provided, however, that nothing in this regulation shall prevent hunting from a floating craft (except a sinkbox), including those propelled by motor, sail and wind, or both, when the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, its progress therefrom has ceased, and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or it is being propelled by paddle, oars or pole, and provided further that nothing in this regulation shall prevent the taking of game birds and game animals from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor driven land conveyance provided any forward motion is ceased and engine is shut off. Nothing in this regulation allows the hunting, taking or killing or attempting to hunt, take or kill any bird of animal from any vehicle on a public road.

(2) Any electrically amplified turkey, dove or waterfowl calls or sound whether real or imitation. Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the use of electrically amplified crow calls. The possession of any electrical device and/or records capable of producing real or imitation turkey, dove or waterfowl calls of any type in the woods, field, or on the waters of this State shall be a violation of this regulation.

(3) Fire or smoke whether man-made or natural.

(4) Any live decoys, except when hunting unprotected birds or animals, provided that banded live pen raised quail may
be used in a recovery pen as a call bird when such recovery pen is used to recover pen raised quail as provided for in Regulation 220-2-.16.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person while engaged in hunting turkey in this State to use or have in his possession a decoy which has mechanical or electronic parts which makes the decoy capable of movement or producing sound or which can be manipulated to produce movement or sound. It is further provided, however, that no turkey decoys shall be lawful except during spring turkey season in the area of use.

(6) From floodwater. It shall be a violation of this regulation to hunt or attempt to hunt or take any species of resident bird or animal taking refuge in, swimming through, flying over, or resting in a tree, bush, or log standing or floating in any floodwaters or backwaters or taking refuge on any island less than forty acres in size created by any such flood or backwaters. Provided, however, that nothing in this regulation shall prevent the taking of migratory waterfowl from such areas.

(7) Any area where feeding has taken place, until all the feed has been removed or consumed for at least 10 days prior to such hunting.

(8) Gasoline or any noxious chemical or gaseous substance to drive wildlife from their burrows, dens, or retreats.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by Rule 220-2-.03 for laser type range finders with computational capabilities on bows and conditional use of laser sighting devices by legally blind hunters, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt with a bow or gun that has a light source attached that is capable of casting a beam of light (including a laser sight) forward of said bow or gun or to possess such a light source adapted for attachment to said bow or gun while hunting.

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PENALTY: As provided by Law.

220-2-.12 Game Bag, Hunting Coat, Etc. Shall Be Open To Inspection. Pursuant to the Code of Ala. 1975, Sections 9-11-85 and 9-11-259, which provided in effect that all game birds, animals or fish taken or killed in this State must at all times be carried or transported openly and that all game birds, animals or fish carried or transported in an illegal manner shall be confiscated and disposed of under regulations by the Commissioner; any live box, holding box, game bag, hunting coat, camping equipment, or like receptacles, or any automobile or boat used for the carrying or holding of any fish, game birds, or game animals or any gun or fishing tackle used in hunting or fishing shall be subject to inspection by officers of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at all times upon proper identification of said officer. Any person who refuses to allow inspection of the above named articles shall be in violation of this regulation and shall be punished as provided by law.

Author: John W. Hodnett

220-2-.13 Reasonable Effort Must Be Made To Retrieve Crippled Birds, Animals And Fish. It shall be illegal for any person, firm, or corporation to kill or cripple any species of game bird, game animal or game fish without making a reasonable effort to retrieve same and include it in his daily bag or creel limit. Nothing in this regulation permits or requires a person to enter upon the land or waters of another for the purpose of retrieving game or fish without the permission of the landowner.

Author: Richard C. Liles
220-2-.14 **Deer Hunting Confined To Bucks Only With Bare Antlers Visible Above Hairline.** (REPEALED)  
**Author:** n. Gunter Guy, Jr.  
**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-12.  

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220-2-.15 **Destroying Sex Of Deer Or Wild Turkey Prohibited.**  
It is hereby made unlawful for any person who kills, captures, or possesses a deer or wild turkey, in order to evade or attempt to evade any law or regulation, to destroy or attempt to destroy the evidence of sex, or to mutilate the carcass of such deer or wild turkey so as to make the determination of the legal status of the deer or turkey uncertain. Nothing in this regulation is intended to prevent any person from dressing for consumption any deer or wild turkey which has been killed legally. This regulation is designed to prohibit the killing or capturing of illegal deer and wild turkey hens.  
**Author:**  
**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-12.  
**History:** Filed September 30, 1982.

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220-2-.16 **Period For Training Bird Dogs.**

(1) Any licensed dog trainer may train bird dogs and any licensed hunter may train his own bird dog during the closed hunting season. Any licensed dog trainer, any licensed hunter may train his bird dogs with the aid of a recovery pen to recover the pen raised quail used in training bird dogs. Provided all pen raised quail used, shall be banded and any unbanded birds taken in the recovery pen shall be immediately released.

(2) Under no circumstances, however, shall such training be accomplished or allowed with the use of a gun during the closed hunting season other than as outlined below. Such trainer or owner may train such dogs by using a pistol loaded with blanks only. The training of bird dogs through the use of shotguns and live ammunition shall be allowed at any time of the year, provided that such training be restricted to a specific location predesignated to and approved by the Conservation Officer assigned to the area where the training is to take
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place; that the dogs being so trained be controlled by leash in a manner restricting them to the specified training area; that only unprotected birds be involved and that written permission for such training be obtained from said Conservation Officer assigned to such area.

Author:


History: Filed September 30, 1982.

220-2-.17 Organized Field Trials. It shall be unlawful for any resident or nonresident of this State to participate in any organized field trial without a hunting license unless approved in writing by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and conducted pursuant to a valid permit from the Department. In the process of such organized field trial events, no guns using live ammunition shall be used nor shall any game animals or birds be taken or killed. Further, during the course of approved hunting dog field trials (which trials shall only be conducted pursuant to possession of a valid permit from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources), only properly marked pen-raised quail or mallard ducks may be shot. Provided the organization receives a permit as provided for herein, the shooter, or person bearing the gun, will not be required to have a hunting license. Only one person at a time may possess a gun during the course or stations of a permitted field trial where such quail or ducks will be shot. An organized field trial permit where such quail or ducks are taken will only be issued for a predesignated marked course or hunting dog trial stations. Approval of the local conservation officer (or Commissioner’s designee) will be required prior to the issuance of a hunting dog field trial permit where such quail or ducks are to be taken. Permits for organized field trials will be limited to three permits per organization per year and will only be issued for periods from September 1 through May 15. These date restrictions do not apply to raccoon or fox field trials. An administrative fee of Fifty Dollars ($50) will be required for each permit to cover the Department’s costs associated with organized field trial activities. Applicants will be required to submit the name of the organization, name of the organization’s manager, driver’s license and social security numbers and date of birth of the organization’s manager, as well as additional addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Applicants will also be required to provide the physical address or GPS coordinates of the location of the field trial, and the
date and type of the field trial event. Organized fields trials on Wildlife Management Areas and Open Permit-Public Land (as defined in rule 220-2-.85(2)), such as national forests lands, will not be approved under field trial permits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, organized field trials may be held at the Barnett Lawley Field Trial Facility managed by the State Lands Division.

Author: Christopher M. Blankenship


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.18 Possession Limit. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take or have in possession more than the daily bag limit of any game bird, game or furbearing animals except as listed in numbers (1) and (2) of this rule.

(1) Possession limit does not apply on deer and/or turkey provided not more than the daily bag limit on deer and/or one (1) turkey is taken on any one day.

(2) Possession limit of one day bag does not apply on legally taken game birds or game animals after they have been processed and stored in a cooler or freezer at one's residence or at a commercial processing plant.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


220-2-.19 Permit For Shipping 2-Days Bag Limit. (REPEALED)

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


220-2-20  Hunting And Trapping In State Parks, Forests, State Game Farms And Sanctuaries Prohibited. The hunting, taking, killing, capturing or having in possession of any wild bird or animal in any state park, state forest, forest fire tower area, or any state or federal game sanctuary, except Geneva State Forest Choccolocco Corridor, Lawrence Fire Tower area and Wheeler Wildlife Refuge, is hereby prohibited.


220-2-21  Possession Of Firearms Or Bow And Arrow In Any Sanctuary Prohibited. No person shall take, carry, or possess any firearms or bow of any description whatsoever (except handguns possessed by lawfully authorized persons for personal protection) in any state sanctuaries established as a sanctuary by Rule 220-2-22; provided, however, that this rule shall not apply to the possession of firearms by State Conservation Officers, state or county enforcement officers, or federal agents, when they are on active duty in the performance of their duties in the enforcement of the laws of this State.

Author:  N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


PENALTY:  As provided by law.

220-2-22  Wildlife Management Areas And Sanctuaries Established. (Editor's Note:  See Maps - Appendix A - at end of Chapter)

(1)  The areas and refuges described in paragraph (2) hereof are hereby established as "wildlife management areas." The boundary lines of these areas and refuges shall be as they are described on the revised maps attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set out herein in full.
(2) The names and counties of these areas and refuges are as follows: Charles D. Kelley - Autauga County Wildlife Management Area (Autauga); Barbour Wildlife Management Area (Barbour, Bullock); Black Warrior Wildlife Management Area (Winston, Lawrence); Blue Spring Wildlife Management Area (Covington); Boggy Hollow Wildlife Management Area (Covington); William R. Ireland, Sr. - Cahaba River Wildlife Management Area (Bibb, Shelby); Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area (Cleburne, Calhoun); Coosa Wildlife Management Area (Coosa); Crow Creek Management Area (Jackson); David K. Nelson Wildlife Management Area (Sumter, Greene, Hale, Marengo); Freedom Hills Wildlife Management Area (Colbert); Geneva State Forest Wildlife Management Area (Geneva, Covington); Grand Bay Savanna Community Hunting Area (Mobile); Hollins Wildlife Management Area (Talladega, Clay); James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife Management Area (Jackson); Lauderdale Wildlife Management Area (Lauderdale); Little River Wildlife Management Area (DeKalb, Cherokee); Lowndes Wildlife Management Area (Lowndes); Mallard-Fox Creek Wildlife Management Area (Morgan, Lawrence); Martin Community Hunting Area (Tallapoosa); Mud Creek Management Area (Jackson); Mulberry Fork Wildlife Management Area (Walker, Tuscaloosa); Oakmulgee Wildlife Management Area (Bibb, Perry, Hale, Tuscaloosa); Perdido River Wildlife Management Area (Baldwin); Raccoon Creek Management Area (Jackson); Riverton Community Hunting Area (Colbert); Sam R. Murphy Wildlife Management Area (Lamar, Marion); Seven Mile Island Wildlife Management Area (Lauderdale); Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area (Limestone); Upper Delta Wildlife Management Area (Baldwin, Mobile); W. L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta Wildlife Management Areas (Baldwin, Mobile); Forever Wild Gothard - AWF Yates Lake Wildlife Management Area (Elmore); North Sauty Refuge (Jackson); Crow Creek Refuge (Jackson); Crow Creek Special Opportunity Area (Jackson); Cedar Creek Special Opportunity Area (Dallas); and Uchee Creek Special Opportunity Area (Russell); Fred T. Stimpson Special Opportunity Area (Clarke).

(3) In addition, the following Federal refuges exist in the State of Alabama: Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge (Bibb); Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge (Choctaw); Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge (Barbour); Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun); Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge (Morgan, Limestone, Madison); Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge (Baldwin, Mobile); Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Mobile) and Key Cave Refuge (Lauderdale). The boundary lines and areas for these refuges are established by Federal authorities.
Rule No. 220-2-.22, as previously promulgated, is hereby expressly repealed.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


Rule and Appendix): Filed September 8, 2017; effective September 8, 2017.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.23 **Licenses And Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Must Be In Possession.** Every person hunting, trapping or fishing in the State, who is required by law to have a hunting, fishing or trapping license and migratory bird hunting stamp, must have said license or licenses in his or her possession at all times. When hunting, fishing or trapping, and such license or licenses must be presented for inspection to any authorized officer of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources upon demand.


History: September 30, 1982.

220-2-.24 **Possession Of Carcass, Untanned Hides Or Skins.** It shall be a violation of this regulation to have in possession the carcass, untanned hide, or skin of any bird or animal, or any part of said bird or animal if it has been taken, caught or killed in violation of the laws and regulations of this State. It shall be unlawful to have in possession any freshly killed bird or animal protected by law or regulation of this State except during the open season for the taking of same.


History: Filed September 30, 1982.

220-2-.25 **Imported Game Birds, Game Animals, Wildlife And Raw Furs Subject To State Laws.**

(1) All wildlife game or fur-bearing animals, game birds, or the dead bodies or parts thereof transported into the State of Alabama from any other state, territory or foreign country for use, consumption, sale or storage in the State of Alabama shall, upon arrival, be subject to the operation and effect of the laws and regulations of the State of Alabama enacted in the exercise of its police powers to the same extent.
and in the same manner as though such animals or birds had been produced or taken in the State of Alabama.

(2) The importation of body parts of any member of the family Cervidae, is prohibited from all states, territories, or possessions of the United States of America. Importation of body parts is also prohibited from all foreign countries. The family Cervidae includes but is not limited to white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, caribou, fallow deer, axis deer, sika deer, red deer, and reindeer.

(3) This regulation shall not apply to importation of: meat from the species listed in (2) above that has been completely deboned; cleaned skull plates with attached bare antlers, if no visible brain or spinal cord tissue is present; unattached bare antlers or sheds; raw capes, if no visible brain or spinal cord tissue is present; upper canine teeth, if no root structure or other soft tissue is present; and finished taxidermy products or tanned hides.

(4) The importation of velvet-covered antlers is prohibited unless part of a finished taxidermy product.

Author: Christopher M. Blankenship


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2.26 Restrictions On Possession, Sale, Importation And/Or Release Of Certain Animals And Fish.

(1) No person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association shall possess, sell, offer for sale, import, bring, release or cause to be brought or imported into the State of Alabama any of the following live fish or animals:

Any Walking Catfish or any other fish of the genus Clarias;
Any Piranha or any fish of the genera Serrasalmus, Pristobrycon, Pygocentrus, Catorprion, or Pygopristus;

Any Nile Perch, Asian Seabass, Barramundi, or any fish from the genus Lates or Macquaria;

Any Giant African Snail or Giant African Land Snail (Lissachtina fulica or Achatina fulica);

Any Black Carp of the genus Mylopharyngodon;

Any species of sturgeon not native to Alabama;

Any species of Chinese perch (Siniperca spp.);

Any species of Snakehead fish (Channa spp.);

Any species of Mud carp (Cirrhinus spp.);

Blue back herring (Alsoa aestivalis);

Any species of fish “rudd” (Scardinius erythrophthalmus) or “roach” (Rutilus rutilus) or any hybrids of either species;

Any species of nonindigenous venomous reptile;

Any species of Mongoose;

San Juan Rabbits, Jack Rabbits or any other species of wild rabbit or hare; or

Any of the following from any area outside the state of Alabama; any member of the family Cervidae (to include but not be limited to deer, elk, moose, caribou), species of coyote, species of fox, species of raccoon, species of skunk, wild rodent, or strain of wild turkey, black bear (Ursus americanus), mountain lion (Felis concolor), bobcat (Felis rufus), Pronghorn Antelope (Antelocapridae), any nondomestic member of the families Suidae (pigs), Tayassuidae (peccaries), or Bovidae (except bison).

No person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association, shall transport within the state, any member of the above-stated species (whether such member originated within or without the state), except for properly licensed game-breeders pursuant to Section 9-11-31, Code of Ala. 1975, or persons engaged in the
interstate transport of any of the above-stated species through the state who are otherwise specifically authorized by permit of the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries or his designee.

(2) It shall be unlawful to release any tame turkey, or any other turkey, whether wild or tame, into any of the wild areas of this State.

The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to any turkeys kept by any farmer or landowner of this State for normal agricultural purposes or for personal consumption.

(3) Except as authorized by permit issued by the Department prior to the date of this amendment, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession any live, protected wild bird or wild animal or live embryo or eggs of these protected wild birds or animals. “Possession” in this section does not include deer restricted by natural or man made barriers as long as the deer remain wild and are not subject to management practices of domesticated animals.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to release any form of mammal, reptile, or amphibian which did not originate from this state, or any captive raised mammal, reptile, or amphibian other than those species raised under a license or permit from the Commissioner.

(5) It shall be unlawful to release any non-indigenous seafoods, as defined by Section 9-2-80, Code of Ala. 1975, into any public waters of the state.

(6) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to the exceptions provided for in Section 9-2-13(b), Code of Ala. 1975. Accredited educational, research, and rehabilitation facilities shall be exempt from this regulation through the written permission of the Commissioner or his designee.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.27 Permit To Take Protected Wildlife Causing Crop Damage, Property Damage, Or Concern For Human Safety. Protected wildlife causing crop damage, property damage, or a reasonable concern for human safety, may be taken at times and by means otherwise unlawful by first procuring a permit from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Permits for the removal of protected wildlife will be issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or his designee if after investigation it has been determined that such protected wildlife should be removed for human safety, or to protect agricultural crops or other property from excessive damage. Feral swine and coyotes are species for which the necessity of demonstrating specific damage is not required. Such permits will only be issued to the person owning the land or his/her official agent or to any person who has a lease on such lands, provided the lessee has the permission of the landowner to remove protected wildlife. Except for feral swine, permits shall not be issued to take, capture or kill protected wildlife causing damage to crops planted for wildlife management. All wildlife taken shall be disposed of as directed by the issuing agent, and except for feral swine it may not be utilized personally. All feral swine taken under permit must be killed on site in accordance with 220-2-.86.

The means, methods and times for which a permit is valid may be stipulated.

Any person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of wildlife damage control shall obtain a permit from the Department prior to taking, capturing or killing wildlife and shall conduct wildlife damage control only under terms and conditions as specified by the Commissioner or his designee.

A property owner or tenant shall be allowed to take one squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, beaver or skunk per incident.
that is causing damage to said individual’s property without a permit. A property owner or his agent may take blackbirds without permit when found causing damage or posing a nuisance or health threat.

Persons taking, capturing or killing wildlife under the provisions of this regulation shall abide by all state and local laws and ordinances. Live caught animals may not be relocated across a county line or a major river drainage.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


220-2-.28 Metal Tag Required For Commercial Pen-Raised Quail.

Author:


220-2-.29 Open Trapping Seasons On Fur-Bearers. The open seasons during which fur-bearing animals may be trapped in Alabama during 2018-2019 are hereby established:

Bobcat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Otter, and Striped Skunk: November 3 - February 28

NOTE: See tagging requirements for Bobcat and Otter under Rule 220-2-.30.

NOTE: Permit may be obtained through your local District Office for the trapping of nuisance furbearers outside the dates of trapping season.

Beaver, Coyote, Nutria, Raccoon, Opossum & Feral Swine: No Closed Season

NOTE: All bobcat and otter, regardless of method of harvest, are required to be tagged by a representative of the Wildlife and Freshwater
Fisheries Division within 14 days of harvest or may be left with a taxidermist with a completed tagging form, and the taxidermist is required to have the bobcat or otter tagged within 14 days of receipt.

Author: Christopher M. Blankenship


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.30 Fur-Bearing Animals Designated/Trap Specifications/And Prohibited Devices/Tagging Requirement. The
following shall be named and designated as fur-bearing animals in Alabama:

Beaver, Bobcat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Nutria, Opossum, Otter, Raccoon, Striped Skunk, Coyote, and Feral Swine.

(1) Trap Specifications - It shall be unlawful for any person to set or use a leg hold trap on land that has an inside diameter jaw spread greater than six (6) inches as measured at the widest point perpendicular to the frame and parallel to the trap dog and for those traps without a dog, at the widest point parallel with the pan shank. Leg hold trap having teeth or serrated edges along the inside of one or both jaws are prohibited. All body gripping traps with jaw width exceeding 5 inches as measured from the inside of the main jaw at the trigger assembly to the inside of the opposing jaw across the entrance window, and snares (except powered foot snare with a maximum loop of 5 1/2 inches) are prohibited for use in trapping fur-bearing animals on land.

(2) Any person trapping fur-bearing animals, except for feral swine, in the State of Alabama must carry a choke stick while running traps. When trapped fur-bearing animals are dispatched with a firearm, only standard .22 caliber rimfire firearms may be used. However, feral swine may be dispatched by any firearm or sharpened blade.

(3) Tagging Bobcat/Otter Pelts - Persons taking bobcat and otter must have the fur or pelts tagged by representatives of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater within 14 days of taking and before the fur or pelt is sold or otherwise disposed of.

(a) However, a licensed fur catcher may sell untagged bobcat and otter to an authorized resident fur dealer and leave a completed signed fur tag report with said dealer. The dealer must then have the bobcat and otter tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of purchasing bobcat or otter pelts.

(b) Legally acquired bobcat and otter pelts or carcasses may be delivered untagged to a resident taxidermist for mounting if the owner leaves a completed, signed fur tag report with said taxidermist. The taxidermist must then have the bobcat and otter tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of taking delivery of said pelts and transmit the completed fur tag report.
to Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries representative at the time the pelt or carcass is tagged.

(c) Tags may be removed from bobcat and otter pelts when processed by a taxidermist for mounting. However, the removed tag must remain with the mounted specimen when it is returned to its owner and until the mount and pelt are destroyed.

(d) It shall be unlawful for anyone to ship, transport, or export bobcat and otter pelts from this state unless said bobcat and otter pelts are tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

(e) All bobcat and otter pelts shipped or imported into this state must be officially tagged by the state of origin.

(4) It shall be illegal to set a trap on top of a post or stake elevated above ground level.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a furbearer alive beyond the confines of the trap without permit from the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or his designee. Except for feral swine, all furbearers shall be immediately dispatched or released at the trap site. All feral swine must be killed at the site of capture in accordance with rule 220-2-.86.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb a legally set trap or to remove a furbearing animal from a trap without permission of the owner.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


PENALTY: As provided by law.
220-2-.31 Unlawful To Hang Or Suspend Bait. It shall be unlawful to hang or suspend bait over or within 25 feet of a steel trap.

Author:  
History: Filed September 30, 1982.

220-2-.32 Possession Or Sale Of Raw Furs After Close Of Season. REPEALED

Author:  

220-2-.33 Fur Dealers. All persons, firms, associations, or corporations dealing in storing, buying or transporting or otherwise shipping furs, skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals shall provide and keep for regular inspection:

(a) The name and address of each person from whom furs, skins and pelts of fur-bearing animals have been received or purchased.

(b) The fur catcher license number of the catcher from whom the furs, skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals have been received or purchased.

(c) The number and classification of furs, skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals with reference to kind of fur, skin or pelt.

(d) And the dates such furs, skins or pelts were sold, the person, firm, association or corporation to whom said furs, skins or pelts were sold and the gross amount in dollars and cents received from said sales.

Author: Charles D. Kelley  

PENALTY: As provided by law.
220-2-.34 **Game Fish Designated.** The following shall be named and designated as game fish:

All members of the sunfish family (Centrarchidae) to include:

**Black Bass** - largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, Alabama, shoal, and those species formerly known as “redeye” bass, which are now known separately as Coosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Tallapoosa, and Chattahoochee bass, based on their respective drainages. The Alabama bass was formerly known as spotted bass in the Mobile drainage.

**Bream** - rock bass, flier, shadow bass, warmouth, redbreast, bluegill, longear, and redeer (shellcracker).

**Crappie** - black and white crappie.

All members of the temperate bass family (Moronidae) to include:

**Temperate Bass** - saltwater striped, white, and yellow bass and any hybrids thereof.

All members of the pike family (Esocidae) to include:

**Pickerel** - chain, redfin, and grass pickerel.

The following members of the perch family (Percidae):

**Perch** - sauger (jack), walleye, and yellow perch.

The following members of the trout family (Salmonidae):

**Trout** - rainbow trout.

**Author:** N. Gunter Guy, Jr.

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.

**History:** Filed September 30, 1982. **Amended:** June 24, 1992; October 22, 1992. **Amended:** September 13, 1995; effective October 19, 1995. **Amended:** Filed December 10, 1996; effective January 14, 1997. **Amended:** Filed April 1, 1999; effective May 6, 1999. **Amended:** Filed August 10, 2000; effective September 14, 2000. **Amended:** Filed July 16, 2014; effective August 20, 2014.

**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

220-2-.35 **Seasons, Creel And Size Limits For Fish On Public Waters Or Banks Thereof.**
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(1) The following seasons for taking fish in accordance with the below stated times, places, manners and restrictions are hereby established. Unless noted below, the seasons for all designated game and commercial fish are open continuously.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or have in possession more than the daily limit for any fish as established herein. This shall not apply to fish held live for release by the sponsor or its designated agent after a bonafide fishing tournament provided they are released unharmed to the public waters from which they were taken as soon as reasonably possible on the same day they were taken. This does not obligate the sponsor or its designated agent to release dead or dying fish.

(3) Except as otherwise noted, it shall be unlawful to possess any fish less than or greater than size restrictions as established herein. Size restrictions on all fish are determined by measuring from the front of the mouth to the tip of the tail with both mouth and tail closed. Except as otherwise provided for certain State and Federally owned and/or managed fishing lakes and ponds, the daily creel, possession limits and size restrictions for fish in all public waters of this State shall be as follows:

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Chilton County, Hatchet Creek in Coosa and Clay Counties, Weogufka Creek in Coosa County, and the Mulberry Fork River or any of its tributary streams in Blount, Cullman, Lawrence, Walker, or Winston Counties. Any walleye taken in these lakes or streams shall immediately be released back into the waters from which they were taken with least possible harm.

(c) **Sauger**

It is illegal to possess any Sauger less than 15 inches in total length.

(d) **White Bass**

(e) **Yellow Bass**

(f) **Saltwater Striped Bass, and Hybrids or Combinations**

No more than five of the 15 may exceed 22 inches in total length. See exceptions for Lewis Smith, Inland, Yates, and Thurlow reservoirs and Lake Martin.

(g) **Crappie**

It is illegal to possess any crappie less than nine inches in total length taken from Alabama public waters, including Aliceville Reservoir and effective October 1, 2001, Pickwick Reservoir. Waters exempt from the nine-inch crappie limit include impoundments less than 500 surface acres, and the reciprocal waters of the Chattahoochee River and Impoundments and their tributaries, Bear Creek Reservoir (Big Bear Lake of the B.C.D.A. Lakes), Lake Jackson at Florala and Weiss Reservoir.) See exception for Weiss Reservoir.

(h) **Yellow Perch**

(i) **Catfish (under 34 inches)**

(j) **Catfish (34 inches or greater)**

This size limit shall not apply to catfish harvested from the Perdido, Conecuh, Blackwater, Yellow, Choctawhatchee, Chipola, and Chattahoochee river basins. It shall be unlawful to transport live catfish 34 inches in length or greater beyond the boundaries of this state.

(k) **Bream**

(l) **Rainbow Trout**
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It shall be unlawful to cull from the creel any trout caught from the Sipsey Fork from Lewis Smith Dam downstream to the confluence with the Mulberry Fork. (See Paragraph 5).

(m) Alligator Gar

(n) Sturgeon

All sturgeon must be immediately returned to water with the least possible harm.

(o) Paddlefish or Spoonbill Catfish

Except for those holders of special commercial harvest permits, all paddlefish must be immediately returned to water with least possible harm.

(4) SIZE LIMITS - As provided for above, as posted in State and Federally owned and/or managed public fishing lakes and ponds, and as follows:

(a) Chattahoochee River Tributaries - It is illegal to possess shoal bass in Little Uchee, Uchee, Osanippa, Halawakee and Wacoochee creeks.

(b) Demopolis Reservoir - It is illegal to possess any black bass less than 14 inches in total length.

(c) Guntersville Reservoir and Its Tributary of Town Creek - It is illegal to possess any largemouth or smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

(d) Harris Reservoir - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.

(e) Lake Jackson at Florala - Creel limit of five black bass greater than 12 inches in total length. Only one of the five can be over 22 inches in total length.

(f) Inland Reservoir - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.

(g) Lewis Smith Reservoir - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit. It shall be unlawful to intentionally cull from the creel any saltwater striped bass from June 15th to October 15th. (See paragraph 5).
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(h) **Lewis Smith Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any black bass between 13 inches and 15 inches in total length unless permitted in writing by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(i) **Little Bear Creek Reservoir of the B.C.D.A. Lakes** - It is illegal to possess largemouth bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.

(j) **Lake Martin** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit. It shall be unlawful to intentionally cull from the creel any saltwater striped bass from June 15th to October 15th. (See paragraph 5).

(k) **Pickwick Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass or largemouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

(l) **Thurlow Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.

(m) **Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its Tributaries** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.

(n) **Weiss Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess crappie less than 10 inches in total length.

(o) **West Point Reservoir and its Tributaries** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.

(p) **Wheeler Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

(q) **Wilson Reservoir and Its Tributaries of Big Nance and Town Creeks** - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

(r) **Yates Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.
(s) **Chattahoochee River and Impoundments and Tributaries** - Special creel limits apply in reciprocal waters as specified under regulation 220-2-.122.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation in paragraph (3)(k), (4)(g), (4)(j), and (5), “culling” shall be defined as removing and releasing a fish from the creel (live well, stringer, basket, bucket, cooler, or other container) whether it is replaced or not.

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.36 State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes.

(1) Definition of State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes - The words "state-owned public fishing lakes" shall include and embrace all land and water under the direct supervision of the Fisheries Section of the Game and Fish Division. The lakes are as follows:

Barbour County Public Lake
Bibb County Public Lake
Chambers County Public Lake
Clay County Public Lake
Coffee County Public Lake
Crenshaw County Public Lake
Dallas County Public Lake
Dale County Public Lake
DeKalb County Public Lake
Fayette County Public Lake
Geneva County Public Lake
Leon Brooks Hines Public Lake (Escambia County)
Lamar County Public Lake
Lee County Public Lake
Madison County Public Lake
Marion County Public Lake
Monroe County Public Lake
Pike County Public Lake
Walker County Public Lake
Washington County Public Lake (J. Emmett Wood)

(2) Permit Required to Fish in State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes - Any person 12 years old or older who fishes, takes, catches, or attempts to fish, take, or catch fish in or from any state-owned or state-operated public fishing lake must have a valid permit in possession.

(3) It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to leave a child under 12 years of age unaccompanied by an adult at any state-owned public fishing lake, and it shall also be a violation of this regulation for any child under 12 years of age to be at any state owned public fishing lake unaccompanied by an adult.
(4) Daily Creel, Possession Limits and Size Limits for Game Fish in State-Owned Public Lakes - The daily creel, possession and size limits for game fish and catfish in state-owned public fishing lakes shall be as posted at each lake. Creel, possession and size limits for fish not posted shall be the same as provided for all public waters of this State.

(5) Time to Fish - Fishing in state-owned fishing lakes shall be limited to daylight hours, unless additional hours are posted, or as specified by an agent of the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.


(a) No method other than hook and line with natural or artificial bait may be used to take or attempt to take fish from state-owned public fishing lakes except by special written permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. Nothing in the regulation permits the taking of fish by "snagging," "snatching," trot lines, set hooks or jug fishing in the above mentioned areas.

(b) A person fishing shall upon demand exhibit his catch, fishing permit and fishing license to any Conservation Officer, concessionaire, or other agent or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for inspection.

(c) All fish taken from the lake must be carried to the concessionaire, who must count and weigh them.

(d) No species of fish shall be stocked in the state-owned public fishing lakes unless introduced by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(7) Unlawful to Sell Fish Taken from State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes - It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer to sell, or use for any commercial purpose any fish, regardless of species or kind, taken from any of the state-owned public fishing lakes unless expressly permitted in writing by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(8) Use of Minnows for Bait in State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes Regulated - Live minnows used for bait in any state public fishing lake shall be limited to the following
species: Goldfish minnows, commonly called "Indiana" minnows; golden shiners, commonly called "Shiners," and fathead minnows, commonly called "Toughies." No person shall release in any state-owned public fishing lake any minnow whatsoever, either dead or alive, by emptying from a minnow bucket or any other method. All minnow buckets or other receptacles for holding minnows used at state-owned public fishing lakes shall at all times be open to inspection by Conservation Officers, concessionaires, or other agents or employees of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(9) It shall be unlawful to operate any size gasoline powered outboard motor on the state-owned public fishing lakes except where expressly permitted as posted. Where gasoline powered outboard motors are allowed, they shall be operated only at slow trolling speed creating no wake.

(a) It shall be unlawful to operate such motors at any speed greater than trolling speed.

(10) No Camping - There shall be no camping on state-owned public fishing lake land unless by special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(11) No Swimming or Wading - There shall be no swimming or wading in the State-owned public fishing lakes.

(12) Personal Injuries or Accidents - The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall not be responsible for any accident or injury to any person while on public fishing lake property or when utilizing the public lake facilities. Any person coming within the boundaries of the state-owned public lakes shall, by such entrance or use, waive any claim against the State or its agents for any accident or injury occurring while on or within public lake property.

(13) It shall be unlawful to use sailboats in public fishing lakes operated by the Game and Fish Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It shall be unlawful to use any other type of boat on said lakes for any purpose other than fishing.

(14) It shall be a violation of this regulation to launch any boat on said lakes without first obtaining a launching permit and such fishing permits as may be required at each lake from the lake concessionaire.
(15) State Laws Applicable - All state laws now in force and laws, which may hereinafter be enacted by the Legislature, shall be maintained in the public lake areas.

(16) Conduct at State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes - Any person, who conducts himself or herself in an unruly or disorderly manner in any public lake area, and any person, who so conducts himself or herself in a manner which will tend to annoy or disturb any visitor or employee, shall be in violation of this regulation. Any person in violation of this regulation shall not be entitled to a refund of any fee or rental.

(17) Soliciting or Advertising in State Lake Areas - No person shall solicit, sell or advertise in any public area without the written authorization of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(18) Removal of Shrubs or Wild Flowers - In order to protect all native, wild or domesticated trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers from destruction and to conserve the same, it is hereby made unlawful for any person to cut, destroy, damage or remove any such tree, bush, shrub, plant or flower growing in any public lake area. Any person, who willfully destroys, cuts, or breaks or removes any such tree, shrub, bush, plant or flower growing in any public lake area, shall be in violation of this regulation unless given special permission to do so from the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(19) Defacing or Destroying State Property - Any person, who litters, defaces or destroys any real or personal property in any of the public lake areas of Alabama and any property belonging to the State of Alabama in any of the public lake areas, shall be in violation of this regulation.

(20) State-Owned Public Fishing Lake Land Designated as Wildlife Sanctuaries - It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill, or attempt to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal or possess any firearm, except handguns lawfully possessed for personal protection, or bow and arrow in any of the places herein mentioned without special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(21) Speed Limits for Vehicles - The maximum speed limit for any power driven vehicles shall be 25 miles per hour unless otherwise specified by signs. All motorists shall come to a complete stop before crossing any intersection in any public
lake area. This maximum speed limit shall be reduced as is reasonable when driving through any congested area; and when any person is driving through any congested area in the public lake area, he shall exercise every caution possible.

(22) Only licensed vehicles shall be allowed on public lake roads; no off-road traffic shall be permitted.

(23) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to consume alcoholic beverages at any public fishing lake during the hours of operation.

(24) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to catch, take or attempt to take or catch fish, by any means whatsoever, in the ponds and lakes located on the fish hatcheries operated by the Game and Fish Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; provided however, this provision shall not apply to that lake known as Perry Lake.

(a) It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to harass any such hatchery fish or to stock or release any fish into any such hatchery pond or lake.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person

1. to swim or wade in any pond or lake located on said hatcheries,

2. to camp on said hatcheries without the special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources,

3. to solicit, sell or advertise in any public area of said hatcheries without the written authorization of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources,

4. to cut, destroy, damage or remove any tree, shrub, bush, plant or flower growing on any such hatchery,

5. to litter, deface or destroy any real or personal property belonging to or operated by the State of Alabama on said hatcheries, or

6. to operate any motor vehicle on said hatcheries except as same is permitted by, and in accordance with, signs posted thereon.
All state-owned and/or operated fish hatcheries are designated as Wildlife Sanctuaries, and it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill or attempt to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal on any such hatchery without the special permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.


**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

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220-2-.37 **Restricted Use Of Public Access Areas.**

(1) Definition: Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, in this regulation, the term "public access area" shall include any state-owned, leased, and/or operated boat launching and/or landing access area, parking lot, ramp, pier, and any real or personal property within the boundaries of said areas.

(2) Picnicking, except at tables provided, and camping are prohibited at all public access areas. Swimming or any other activities, to the extent that swimming or any other activity may interfere with the intended use of any public access area by the public, are forbidden; provided, however, that in any event it shall be unlawful to swim or wade within fifty (50) feet of any ramp at any public access area.

(3) The mooring of boats, houseboats and other watercraft is forbidden at all public access areas. In addition, the dry-docking, storage, or abandonment, of any type of vessel, vehicle, or other personal property item, is prohibited at all public access areas.

(4) Public access areas are for the use of the pleasure boating, hunting and fishing public in general only. No commercial, industrial or construction equipment such as barges, dredges, etc., are to be loaded or unloaded without the
specific written authorization of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(5) Persons using public access areas shall park their vehicles and/or trailers in designated parking areas or, when areas are not designated, in such a way so as not to block any part of the ramp or pier or approach to the ramp or pier or interfere with the use of the public access area by other persons.

(6) It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms on all public access areas.

(7) Defacing or Destroying State Property - Any person who litters, defaces or destroys any real or personal property on any of the public access areas or any property belonging to the State of Alabama in any of the public access areas, shall be in violation of this regulation.

(8) Only licensed vehicles shall be allowed on public access areas, except that mobility-impaired persons may utilize other power-driven mobility devices (subject to the applicable assessment factors), pursuant to and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and 28 CFR 35.137. Off-road traffic is prohibited. Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the use of properly licensed motorcycles on public access area roads or parking lots.

(9) Soliciting or Advertising on Public Access Areas - No person shall solicit, sell, advertise, or install any sign on any public access area without the written authorization of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(10) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person(s) to build, tend, or maintain any fire at any public access area.

(11) Except as otherwise permitted by written permission of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, it is hereby made unlawful for any person to cut, destroy, damage or remove any such tree, bush, shrub, plant or flower growing at any public access area.

(12) Personal Injuries or Accidents - The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall not be responsible for any accident or injury to any person while at or in public facilities. Any person coming within the boundaries of the
public access areas shall, by such entrance or use, waive any
claim against the State of Alabama, its employees, or its agents
for any accident or injury to person or property occurring while
on or within the said public access areas.

(13) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to
consume alcoholic beverages at any public access area.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-38 Taking Of Suckers Permitted In Certain Counties.
It shall be legal for sport fishermen holding a valid sport
fishing license to take all species of suckers during any hour
of the day or night by the use of gill or trammel nets with a
mesh of one inch (1") or more measured from knot to knot
(stretch of two inches) in the public waters of Butler, Coffee,
Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Pike
Counties during the months of February, March, and April,
provided such nets are marked with buoys of floats visible above
the waterline on which the owner's sport fishing license number
is listed. Such nets may not be used for taking of suckers or
any other fish in the following rivers and impoundments thereof
located in the above counties: Conecuh River, Chattahoochee
River, Choctawhatchee River; Patsaliga River, Pea River, Sepulga
River, and Yellow River. Suckers taken under the provisions of
this regulation are for personal use only and may not be sold,
traded or bartered.

Author:


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220-2-39 Legal Methods Of Taking Minnows, Shad, And
Suckers For Bait And Mullet In Freshwater. It is hereby made
lawful to take minnows, shad, the following species of suckers:
spotted sucker, Minytrema melanos; black redhorse, Moxostoma
duquesnei; golden redhorse, Moxostoma erythrurum; and the
blacktail redhorse, Moxostoma poecilurum; by the use of a cast
net, minnow jug, minnow basket, not to exceed 24 inches in length, 12 inches in diameter, with funnel entrance not more than one inch in diameter, or dip net or seine, commonly known as a minnow seine, the length of which shall not exceed 25 feet and the width or depth of which shall not exceed 4 feet for the purpose of taking shad, minnows, or the sucker species identified above for the exclusive use as fish bait. However, no seines may be used in un-impounded tributary streams and creeks. Seines are legal gear only in man-made impoundments and in major rivers to include the Alabama, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Tombigbee, Black Warrior, Mobile, Tensaw and Tennessee Rivers. It is illegal to transport suckers caught in the Tennessee River watershed for bait to waters outside the Tennessee River watershed. Further, no suckers caught for bait outside the Tennessee River watershed shall be transported for bait into the Tennessee River watershed. The use of any seine of larger proportions than herein provided is illegal, and the possession of a seine of larger proportions than herein provided in any public freshwater or on the bank of any such waters shall be prima facie evidence that such net is being used illegally. It is further made lawful to take mullet by cast net in freshwater. The daily creel and possession limit for mullet taken with a cast net will be the same as permitted under Marine Resources Regulation 220-3-.03. All game fish and all commercial or non-game fish, except mullet, as listed under Rules 220-2-.34 and 220-2-.45 taken by nets or seines as allowed under this regulation shall be immediately returned to the water from whence they came with the least possible injury.

Author: James D. Martin

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.40 Taking Fish In Waterfowl Management Areas And Certain State Lakes.

(1) Whenever the Director of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall announce in writing that a waterfowl feeding pond or lake located on any wildlife management area or a State Lake operated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is to be drained or pumped...
dry, resulting in the death of fish located in any such pond or lake, such fish of any species may be taken, or attempt to be taken, in any number regardless of creel limits by any holder of a valid fishing license, and in the case of WFF managed state lakes as defined in 220-2-.36, possession of a daily permit, by the use of hands, nets, seines, gigs, spears, or snatch hooks. Such fish shall not be taken by the use of explosives, poison, or firearms of any type or description.

(2) Only those holders of a valid commercial fishing license may sell Commercial or non-game fish except catfish. The sale or barter of any game fish or catfish of any species taken by anyone from any area covered under this regulation is hereby prohibited.

(3) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed or interpreted to legalize any type of fishing equipment for the taking of fish under any circumstances other than those outlined in this regulation. Provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to the Swan Creek Management Area in Limestone County.

(2) It shall be unlawful to take fish for commercial purposes and/or to use commercial fishing gear within any dewatering unit within the state during waterfowl season.

Author: N, Gunter Guy, Jr.


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.41 Trolling In Certain Areas Prohibited During Duck Hunting Season.

Author:


220-2-.42 Division Of Wildlife And Freshwater Fisheries And Marine Resources Division Jurisdictional Lines For Certain Fishing Licenses And Operations; Use And Possession Of Certain Nets.
(1) For the purposes of the freshwater fishing licensing requirements of Sections 9-11-53, 53.4, 55, and 56, Code of Ala. 1975, said licenses shall be applicable to such activities as provided for therein which occur north of the below-described line, as well as below said line in those ponds or lakes containing freshwater fish. For the purposes of the saltwater fishing licensing requirements of Sections 9-11-53.1, 53.5, and 55.2, Code of Ala. 1975, said licenses shall be applicable to such activities as provided for therein which occur south of the below-described line. The line is described as follows:

Beginning at the Mississippi State line, a meandering line following U.S. Highway 90 eastwardly to its junction with State Highway 188; State Highway 188 eastwardly to its junction with State Highway 193; State Highway 193 northwardly to its junction with State Highway 163; State Highway 163 northwardly to its intersection with Interstate Highway 10 (except all of the Theodore Industrial Canal); Interstate Highway 10 eastbound lane (except that portion of Interstate Highway 10 which lies north of State Highway 90 Battleship Parkway, in which case the line follows the Battleship Parkway) to Interstate Highway 10's intersection with U.S. Highway 98; U.S. Highway 98 southwardly and eastwardly to its intersection with State Highway 59; State Highway 59 southwardly to its intersection with Baldwin County Highway 20; Baldwin County Highway 20 eastwardly to its intersection with Baldwin County Highway 95; Baldwin County Highway 95 northwardly to its intersection with U.S. Highway 98; U.S. Highway 98 eastwardly to its intersection with the western shore of Perdido Bay; then the western shore of Perdido Bay northwardly to the intersection of the Florida State Line and the mouth of the Perdido River.

(2)(a) All commercial fishing operations, as well as recreational netting operations, and all gear used in any of such operations, in state jurisdictional waters north of Interstate 10 eastbound lane (except that portion of Interstate Highway 10 which lies north of State Highway 90 Battleship Parkway, in which case the line follows the Battleship Parkway) shall be subject to those laws, rules and regulations of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Provided further, it shall be unlawful to use any net (other than hoop and fyke nets) with mesh size of less than three inches (3") knot to knot with a stretch or spread of less than six inches (6") in the public
impounded waters and navigable streams in the state of Alabama north of the line described in this paragraph except as provided for in other regulations or laws of this state.

(b) All commercial fishing operations, as well as recreational netting operations, and all gear used in any of such operations, in state jurisdictional waters south of Interstate 10 eastbound lane (except that portion of Interstate Highway 10 which lies north of State Highway 90 Battleship Parkway, in which case the line follows the Battleship Parkway) shall be subject to those laws, rules, and regulations of the Marine Resources Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(3) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, however, from September 1 to December 31, it shall be unlawful to possess a gill net, trammel net, or other entangling net aboard a boat in the Mobile Delta south of L&N Railroad and north of a line running two hundred fifty (250) yards north of and parallel to Highway 90 (Battleship Parkway).

(4) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, however, it shall be lawful for any person (provided such person complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations) to take, catch, or possess commercial or non-game fish as defined in the laws of Alabama or regulations of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in accordance with the below stated times, places, manners, and means:

(a) From January 1 to September 1, in Grass Bay, Chuckfey Bay, Choccolata Bay, Gustang Bay, Big Bay John, Bay Minette Basin and Bay, Little Bay John, Big Bay Bateau, Little Bay Bateau, and John's Bend, Monday through Friday, except official State of Alabama holidays, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, by the use of nets with a mesh size of not less than three inches (3") knot to knot with a stretch or spread of not less than six inches (6"). These nets shall be constantly attended.

(b) From January 1 to May 31, in Grand Bay, Polecat Bay, and Bay Delvan, Monday through Friday, except official State of Alabama holidays, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, by the use of nets with a mesh size of not less than the general minimum mesh size for fish other than menhaden for “inside waters” under the jurisdiction of the Marine Resources Division as provided in 220-3-.03; provided that any person in these areas possessing, using, or attempting to use, a gill net
with a mesh size less than three inches (3”) know to knot is required to be licensed and permitted under 9-11-141, 9-11-142, and 9-12-113, and shall have such licenses and permit in possession. These nets shall be constantly attended.

(5) Rule 220-2-.42, as previously promulgated, is hereby expressly repealed in its entirety.

(6) Violations of the provisions of paragraphs 2(a), (3) and (4) shall be punished as provided by Section 9-11-156, Code of Ala. 1975, or as otherwise provided by law.

Author: M. Barnett Lawley

PENALTY: As provided by Code of Ala. 1975, §9-11-156.

220-2-.43 Unlawful To Willfully Waste Paddlefish. No person shall take paddlefish from the public waters of this state, remove the roe and willfully waste the remainder of the fish.

Author:
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220-2-.44 Prohibited Methods Of Taking Fish. It shall be unlawful:

(1) to drag any hoop net, fyke net, gill net, trammel net or seine, except a legal minnow seine, through any public waters of this State;

(2) to take or attempt to take, catch or kill any species of fish from public waters by the use of any firearms;
(3) to take or attempt to take, catch or kill any species of fish from the public waters by use of any seine, except minnow seine, wire basket, cast net, or any stationary fish trap except as otherwise provided by law;

(4) to take or attempt to take, catch, or kill any species of fish by means of any trotlines, set lines, snag lines, commercial fishing net, slat box, or wire basket within one-half mile below any lock, dam, or power house on any public water of this State;

(5) to remove or attempt to remove fish from any hoop net, gill net, fyke net, trammel net, slat trap or slat basket, or to move, set or reset any of the said fishing gear listed in this regulation between the hours of sunset and sunrise;

(6) to fish or attempt to fish in any of the public waters of this State on or from the posted lands of another without first obtaining the permission of the landowner or his agent;

(7) to fish a slat box or basket without having a metal tag permanently affixed thereto stating thereon the name, address, and license number or tax identification number of the licensee operating and using each slat box.

(8) to leave any set line or bush hook unattended for more than 48 hours. Further, any set line or bush hook unattended for more than 48 hours may be removed by Game and Fish Division personnel and destroyed.

(9) to filet a fish while fishing, or to possess filets or to remove the heads of fish while on public waters except when fish are being prepared for immediate cooking and consumption; provided however, that fish may be drawn or gutted with heads left attached.

(10) to utilize more than three rods and reels or poles or any combination thereof while fishing Weiss Reservoir or Neely Henry Lake.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.45 Commercial Or Non-Game Fish Designated. The following shall be designated as commercial or non-game fish: Drum, Buffalo, Carp, Channel Catfish, all members of the Catfish family, Paddlefish (Spoonbill), Spotted Sucker, all members of the Sucker family including the species known as Red Horse and Black Horse, Bowfin and all members of the Gar family, and mullet taken or attempted to be taken north of the line specified in paragraph (1) of 220-2-.42 subject to the exception provided in paragraph (3) thereof.

Author: James D. Martin
Amended: September 13, 1995; effective October 19, 1995.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.46 Legal Methods And Equipment For The Taking Of Commercial Or Non-Game Fish. The following are hereby designated as legal fishing equipment and methods for the taking of commercial or non-game fish or other unprotected fish in the fresh waters of this State. Any other equipment or methods used in the taking of commercial or non-game fish or other unprotected fish is a violation of this regulation.

(1) By Licensed or License-Exempt Sport Fishermen
   (a) Rod and Reel
   (b) Hook and Line
   (c) Trot Line
   (d) Set Line, including limb lines and jug lines
   (e) Snag Line or Snare Line

1. It shall be unlawful to fish any trotline, snag or snare line without plastic or metal tag attached containing the owners name and either their address or fishing license number or phone number.
2. It shall be unlawful for any fisherman other than a licensed commercial fisherman to fish one or more trotline, snag or snare line or combination thereof containing more than 100 hooks.

   (f) Bowfishing with any longbow, recurve bow, compound bow, crossbow equipped with a working safety or sling bow using barbed arrows attached by line to the bow, float, vessel or shooter.

   (g) Spear or Similar Instruments (underwater) by Special License

   (h) Gigs or Grabbling

   (i) It shall be unlawful to set and leave unattended in the public waters of the State of Alabama for more than seven consecutive days all fishing gear provided, however, that any set line or bush hook left unattended for 48 hours may be removed by Game and Fish Division personnel and destroyed.

   (2) By Licensed Commercial Fishermen (All commercial gear is required to be tagged pursuant to §9-11-147, Code of Ala. 1975).

   (a) Trot Line

   (b) Snag Line

   (c) Set Line, including limb lines and jug lines

   (d) Hoop and Fyke Nets the mesh of which is not less than 1 1/4 inches from knot to knot with a stretch or spread of not less than 2 1/2 inches after said net has been tarred and/or shrunk.

   (e) Gill and Trammel Nets the mesh of which is not less than 3 inches knot to knot with a stretch or spread of not less than 6 inches after net has been shrunk.

   (f) Slat Trap or Slat Basket made entirely of wood or plastic strips or slats in a boxlike or cylinder shape. At least 18 inches of the slat trap opposite the muzzle, including the end, shall be constructed with wood or plastic slats or strips of a width not greater than 3 inches running lengthwise or vertically of the trap and with a space between strips or slats of not less than one and one-eighth inches (1 1/8"), and
provided further that any restrictions (which must be wood or plastic) between muzzle and back of trap or basket contain an opening of at least two (2) inches square to permit free passage of fish within said box or basket.

Provided further it shall be legal to use a trap made of round solid plastic, provide at least eighteen inches of the trap opposite the muzzle, including the end, shall have parallel openings a minimum of 1 1/8 inches wide running lengthwise or vertically of the trap. There shall be a maximum of three inches of solid material between the 1 1/8 inch parallel openings. The muzzle of such trap shall be constructed of netting with a mesh of at least 1 1/4 inches knot to knot with a stretch of 2 1/2 inches. Only a single muzzle may be used and the muzzle shall be attached to the trap with 100% cotton material only. There shall be a minimum opening of two inches square between the muzzle and the back of the fish trap. Any round plastic trap not conforming to these guidelines shall be illegal.

(3) By Licensed Wire Basket Fishermen - Any person who possesses a valid wire basket license shall fish such baskets in compliance with Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-11-190 through 9-11-198.

(a) In the following counties a maximum of four (4) wire baskets with a mesh of one (1) inch or larger:

Autauga  Dale  Perry
Barbour   Dallas  Pickens
Bibb      Escambia  Pike
Butler    Fayette  Randolph
Calhoun   Franklin  Russell
Chambers  Greene  St. Clair
Chilton   Hale  Sumter
Choctaw   Henry  Talladega
Clarke    Lamar  Tallapoosa
Cleburne  Lee  Tuscaloosa
Coffee    Lowndes  Walker (except Lewis M. Smith Reservoir)
Coosa     Marengo  Washington
Covington  Marion  Wilcox
Crenshaw  Monroe

(b) In Elmore County a maximum of three (3) wire baskets with a mesh of one (1) inch or larger may be fished provided that only one (1) wire basket may be fished in Lake Jordan and only two (2) wire baskets may be fished in Lake
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Martin. Wire baskets may not be used in any other areas of Elmore County except as listed above.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.47 Commercial Fishing Restrictions.

(1) Areas Restricted to Use of Nets and/or Slat Boxes-

(a) Public Waters: It is hereby made illegal for any person to place any gill net, trammel net, hoop net or fyke net in the public waters of this State, in such a way that it extends more than half way across any river, creek, stream, slough or bayou and no net shall be placed closer than 50 feet to any other net.

(b) Public Impounded Waters: It is hereby made illegal for any person to place any gill net, trammel net, hoop net, fyke net or slat box closer than 25 feet from the water's edge in any public impounded water of this State, and provided further that on the Tennessee River, or its impoundments no person shall place a net closer than 100 feet from the water's edge and no person shall place any net or slat box within 300 feet above or below any tributary of the Tennessee River.
(c) It shall be unlawful to use nets of any type for fishing purposes in all impounded public waters and tributaries thereto of Alabama in which Morone saxatilis, commonly known as saltwater striped bass, have been stocked. Nothing in this regulation shall be construed so as to preclude the lawful use of set lines, trot lines, or snag lines for the taking, killing or catching of commercial or non-game fish from said waters. The following lakes have been stocked: Lake Martin, Lake Jordan, Lake Mitchell, Lay Lake, Jones Bluff (name changed to R. E. "Bob" Woodruff Lake), Logan Martin, Neeley Henry and Weiss Lake. (These bodies of water were stocked prior to the original enactment of this regulation dated December 12, 1972.)

(d) It shall be unlawful to use nets of any type for commercial fishing purposes in all public impounded waters of Alabama having 3,000 or less surface acres. A list of these lakes is as follows:

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(2) It shall be unlawful to set and leave unattended in the public fresh waters of the State of Alabama for more than seven (7) consecutive days all fishing gear, including but not limited to, trot, snag and snare lines, hoop, fyke, gill and trammel nets, and slat traps and/or baskets; provided however, that any set line or bush hook left unattended for 48 hours may be removed by Game and Fish Division personnel and destroyed.

(3) It shall be unlawful to use nets of any type for commercial fishing purposes in the area of Wheeler Wildlife
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Refuge between Interstate 65 and U.S. Highway 31 and in the area of Limestone Bay, during the period of October 15 through February 15 of each year.

Author: James D. Martin


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.48 Legal Methods And Equipment For Taking Of Freshwater Mussels. The following is hereby designated as legal fishing equipment and methods for taking of freshwater mussels or other freshwater bivalved mollusca in the freshwaters of this State. Any other equipment or methods used in the taking of freshwater mussels or other mollusca is in violation of this regulation.

(1) By use of brails with hooks and constructed of wire 14 gauge or larger and with prongs not longer than 2 inches from the tip of point to point where prongs are wrapped or joined.

(2) By hand and/or with the use of diving equipment.

(3) By the use of a shell bar with a limit of six (6) feet in length.

(4) Licensed fishermen may use a rake or dip net no wider than 24 inches to collect Asiatic clam Corbicula for fish bait. Harvest of any other species of freshwater bivalved mollusca with such equipment or sale of Corbicula harvested with such equipment will be a violation of this regulation.

Author: James D. Martin


PENALTY: As provided by law.
Size Restrictions On Freshwater Mussels Or Their Shells. It is hereby made illegal for any person or persons to take, catch, kill, buy, possess or transport for commercial purposes freshwater mussels or any type of freshwater bivalved mollusca listed below or the shells of such mussels or bivalved mollusca, less than the following sizes in diameter:

- Washboard (Megalonaias nervosa)........ 4 inches
- Threeridge (Amblema plicata)............ 2 5/8 inches
- Pistol Grip (Tritogonia verrucosa) .... 2 5/8 inches
- Elephant Ear (Elliptio crassidens)..... 2 5/8 inches
- Mapleleaf (Quadrula quadrula)......... 2 5/8 inches
- Ebony Shell (Fusconaia ebenus)......... 2 3/8 inches
- Pink Heel Splitter (Potamilus alatus) 4 inches
- Three Horn (Obliquaria reflexa)........ 1 3/4 inches
- Southern Mapleleaf (Quadrula apiculata) 2 5/8 inches
- Bankclimber (Plectomerus dombeyanus) 3 inches
- Bleufer (Potamilus purpuratus) 3 inches

With the exception of Asiatic Clam Corbicula harvested from below the full pool elevation of impounded waters. All mussels or their shells less than the legal diameter must be immediately released and placed back in the waters from whence they came with the least possible injury. Mussels or their shells shall be measured from their dorsal to ventral surfaces by passing or attempting to pass the mussel or mussel shell by the weight of the mussel or mussel shell through a ring of the appropriate inside diameter. There shall be no allowance for undersize mussels or their shells.

Author: M. Barnett Lawley

PENALTY: As provided by law.

Harvest Of Freshwater Mussels Restricted To Day-Light Hours Only. It shall be unlawful to take, catch, kill, or to attempt to take, catch or kill mussels from freshwater.
between the hours of sunset and sunrise (nighttime).

**Author:**

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-12, 9-11-371.

**History:** Filed September 30, 1982.

220-2-.51 **Harvest Of Freshwater Mussels For Commercial Purposes In All Open Areas Restricted To Five Days A Week.**

Mussel fishing for commercial purposes in the freshwaters of this State in all open areas shall be restricted to five days each week (Monday through Friday), unless specifically provided otherwise by law or regulation.

**Author:** James D. Martin

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-11-371, 9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.

**History:** Filed September 30, 1982. **Amended:** August 20, 1992.

**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

220-2-.52 **Restricted Areas For The Taking Of Freshwater Mussels.** It shall be unlawful to take, catch, kill, or attempt to take, catch, or kill mussels in the following areas:

(1) Wheeler Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from Guntersville Dam downstream to the mouth of Shoal Creek (approximately 347 miles above the mouth of the Tennessee River).

(2) Wheeler Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River from the upstream end or head of Hobbs Island downstream to Whitesburg Bridge.

(3) Pickwick Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from Wilson Dam downstream to the upper end or head of Seven Mile Island.

(4) Wilson Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from Wheeler Dam downstream to the mouth of Town Creek on the South Bank and the mouth of Bluewater Creek on the north bank.

(5) The Cahaba River.
220-2-.53 Mussel Buyers Required To Report.

(1) Standardized receipts must be completed by all resident and non-resident mussel buyers for all mussels purchased in the state of Alabama, including mussels originating from waters outside of the state of Alabama. The receipts shall be completed at the time of transaction and include the signature of the buyer. A copy of the receipt shall be issued to the mussel catcher at the time of transaction. Each receipt must be complete and legible, and include the following and any other information specified by the Commissioner: (1) buyer’s license number; (2) mussel catcher’s license number; (3) mussel catcher’s name; (4) date of transaction; (5) body of water from which the mussels originated (in the form of numerical codes provided by the Department); (6) species taken (in the form of alphabetical codes provided by the Department); (7) pounds of each species purchased; (8) total pounds of mussels purchased; and (9) amount paid for the mussels. The same standardized receipts shall be used whether the shells originated from the waters of Alabama or another state.

(2) All mussels imported into the state of Alabama by a person, firm or corporation shall be accompanied by a bill of lading which provides the following information: (1) name of person, firm or corporation importing the mussels; (2) name(s) of person, firm or corporation that sold the mussels being imported; (3) date of shipment of mussels being imported; (4) weight of mussels by species; (5) origin of shipment; and (6) destination of shipment. A copy of the bill of lading shall remain with the importing person, firm or corporation and made available to authorized Department employees at any reasonable time.

(3) Each person who purchases mussels shall be at the
time of any purchase have proof on his person of possession of a current mussel buyer’s license.

(4) Any mussel catcher who exports, or causes to be exported, mussels from the State of Alabama without first going through a buyer shall make payment of 5 cents per pound of mussel shell, with or without meat, to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries before such mussels are exported. Any such shipment shall be accompanied by a bill of lading as prescribed previously in this regulation for mussels imported and a receipt for said payment. A copy of the bill of lading and receipt for payment of tax shall be retained by the mussel catcher for a period of two years and subject to inspection by agents of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries at any reasonable time.

(5) Rule 220-2-.53, as previously promulgated, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Author: Riley Boykin Smith

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.54 Hunting Dates, Etc. On State Wildlife Management Areas. (REPEALED)

Author:

220-2-.55 Wildlife Management Areas, Community Hunting Areas, Public Hunting Areas, And Refuges Of Alabama.

(1) It shall be unlawful on ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, COMMUNITY HUNTING AREAS, SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREAS, PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS, AND REFUGE AREAS, all of which are established as "wildlife management areas" by Rule 220-2-.22 and
all of which are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to herein as "AREAS" or "AREA":

(a) To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except on open designated target ranges and except bow fishing equipment without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled AREA seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. See (q) and (ii) for limited exception for certain lawfully authorized handguns possessed for personal protection.

(b) To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting (leashed dogs may be used for the expressed purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two dogs per tracking event).

(c) To use dogs for hunting of feral swine or small game where dogs are expressly prohibited (except for the special feral swine dog hunt on W.L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta WMAs on September 1-10).

(d) To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from March 4 until August 31.

(e) To conduct organized man drives during stalk deer hunts outside the hours of 10:00AM-2:00PM.

(f) For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on any AREA unless accompanied by an adult who is either 21 years old or older or the parent, and who is in possession of all state hunting licenses required to hunt on a WMA.

(g) To use or possess any firearm, weapon, or weapon for hunting [with exception as specified in (q) or (ii)] that does not conform with Regulation 220-2-.02 and 220-2-.03 except that:

1. DEER: Stalk Hunting – shotguns are restricted to slugs (no buckshot).

2. DEER: Stalk Hunting on Grand Bay WMA is restricted to archery, primitive weapons, and shotguns with slugs.
3. DEER: Stalk Hunting – Primitive Weapons Hunts are restricted to muzzle-loading rifles and muzzle-loading handguns (.40 caliber or larger), muzzle-loading shotguns, air-powered guns .30 caliber or larger, or bow and arrow (including crossbow).

4. DEER: Dog Hunts – are restricted to shotguns using buckshot only.

5. FERAL SWINE SPECIAL SEASONS: the same provisions as established in (1)(g), (1)(g)1. and (1)(g)2. above, except at Seven Mile Island where only (1)(g)1. and (1)(g)2. apply. Feral Swine may also be hunted with legal arms permitted for other game birds and animals during scheduled WMA hunts.

6. Bobcat, Coyote and Fox may only be hunted with legal arms permitted for other game birds or animals during those scheduled WMA seasons.

(h) To trap furbearers except as permitted under 220-2-.30.

(i) For any person to hunt deer with gun without first obtaining and possessing a daily permit from check station on specific deer hunt dates as designated on WMA map permit except on Grand Bay Savanna, Martin Community Hunting Area, Riverton, Upper Delta, W. L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta, Forever Wild Gothard – AWF Yates Lake AREAS, and all Special Opportunity Areas.

(j) For any person to hunt on Boggy Hollow, Coosa, David K. Nelson, and Hollins, AREAS without possessing a daily permit from kiosk self-service boxes located on WMA. The tear-off stub with number matching daily permit must be deposited in return slot of self-service box. Remaining permit portion is to be retained in possession of hunter while hunting and completely filled out and deposited into self-service box at kiosk for each day hunted.

(k) For any person to possess or to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms [including pistols/handguns, except as described in (r) and (ii)] with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. See (r) and (ii) for limited exception for certain lawfully authorized handguns possessed for personal protection.
(l) For hunters on dog deer hunts to leave stand assigned to them until instructed. The Geneva WMA dog hunt will be limited to 100 standers, registered and permitted through a permit system selected by random selection. Further, it shall be unlawful for any hunter to release a dog not approved by DCNR personnel on the Geneva WMA during the hunt referenced in the preceding sentence.

(m) To camp on any AREA except in designated sites. Campers using generators must camp in site designated for generator use. On AREAS located on U. S. Forest Service lands, hunters must camp in designated camping areas, unless excepted by U.S. Forest Service rules specific to a unit - see local Forest Service rules. Individuals or groups may camp on AREAS for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any thirty (30) day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area. All campers (portable shelters on wheels) must be removed from Barbour or Freedom Hills AREAS by sundown on the first Sunday following April 30th; otherwise, the camper may be towed from the AREA at the owner’s expense; or, may be relocated to another portion of the AREA without AREA personnel being responsible for any damages and the owner assessed a $10.00 per day storage fee without the State or AREA personnel responsible for any damage, loss, etc. No campers are permitted on Barbour or Freedom Hills AREAS, until September 1, unless approved by special PERMIT issued by the AREA biologist. All campers left unattended overnight must display the owner’s contact information to include name, address, and phone numbers.

(n) To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.

(o) To discharge fireworks at any time.

(p) To discharge firearms for target practice except on designated target ranges in accordance with listed rules during posted times and dates. Permits for excepted uses may be issued by the AREA biologist. The range may be closed as necessary by the AREA biologist. It shall be unlawful for target range users to:

1. Use range without a hunting, fishing, WMA or Heritage license.
2. Use range except during daylight hours within posted times and dates.

3. Possess any alcoholic beverages.

4. Use armor-piercing or tracer ammunition or exploding targets.

5. Point firearms in an unsafe direction or possess a loaded weapon outside the firing line.

6. Stand on or in front of the firing line except when shooting.

7. Shoot while persons are down range.

8. Discharge firearms (except as noted below in #9.) anywhere other than designated stations on the concrete shooting line into the embankment at stationary paper targets, self-healing targets, or metal automatic reset targets. Targets must be placed so shots will impact the embankment no higher than 5' above ground level at the base of the embankment. Only one person may shoot from each designated location at any given time.

9. Shoot clays except in designated areas.

10. Fail to place targets, hulls and trash in trash can or fail to remove same from area.

11. Violate any posted restriction.

(q) To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway, or from within the right-of-way of any developed road (paved or unpaved) which is open for vehicular traffic [provided, however, that standers hunting the non-State or County maintained WMA roads on Geneva, and Upper Delta AREAS are allowed during scheduled dog deer hunts]; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church.

(r) For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow, except on days of either sex gun deer hunts. This prohibition shall not apply to the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for their personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt
or take or to attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.

(s) To transport deer or turkey killed during hunts from any AREA before being checked at the designated checking stations or reported as specified for each Area, Map Permit.

(t) For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic. Individuals with a mobility disability may request authorization in writing to use motorized vehicles or other power-driven mobility devices on state-owned lands under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. Such request will be evaluated based on the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and 28 C.F.R. §35.137.

(u) For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on Autauga, Black Warrior, William R. Ireland, Sr. - Cahaba River, Choccolocco, Coosa, David K. Nelson, Hollins, Little River (within Little River Canyon National Preserve), Lowndes, Martin Community Hunting Area, Mulberry Fork, Oakmulgee, Perdido River, and Forever Wild Gothard – AWF Yates Lake AREAS.

(v) For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any AREA, except when utilized for the expressed purpose of retrieving harvested deer, traveling to or from a hunting location, or any other hunting related activity (excluding Geneva State Forest Zone B). ALL VEHICLES, whether licensed or unlicensed must remain on regularly used roads open for public use by four-wheel vehicle traffic (unless noted as prohibited above in (u)).

(w) For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses on any AREA except: (1) on roads open to licensed four-wheel motorized vehicles, excluding Autauga and Geneva Zone A (where no horses are permitted); and (2) in areas, roads, and trails, designated as open to horses, excluding Autauga and Geneva Zone A (where no horses are permitted). On Coosa horses are not permitted in the campgrounds from October 1 to April 30.

(x) For any unauthorized person to ride of possess horses on any AREA on days of scheduled gun deer hunts, and during legal hours of turkey hunting, except those portions of AREAS kept open to such activity by the National Park Service,
U. S. Forest Service, and except on Freedom Hills and James D. Martin-Skyline where horses are only allowed on designated horse trails and, in addition at Freedom Hills and the Jacinto Port Tract of W.L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta, horses are only allowed from March 1 to the beginning of turkey season and May 1 to September 30. Riding or possession of horses on wildlife management AREAS, except those on National Park Service Lands, U.S. Forest Service lands, and Geneva State Forest, shall be restricted to holders of a valid Wildlife Management Area license and a valid wildlife management area permit.

(y) It shall be unlawful on Coosa AREA for any person to ride or possess horses except on roads designated for licensed motorized vehicles. Horses are not permitted in the campgrounds from October 1 to April 30.

(z) For any person to hunt any wildlife species (except turkey, migratory birds, and while hunting legally designated species during legal nighttime hours) without wearing the minimum requirement of hunter orange as described in 220-2-.85.

(aa) For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.

(bb) For any person to deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on any AREA maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prior to receiving approval from said Department.

(cc) To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, firewood, plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.

(dd) To erect any permanent tree stand or install any screw-in type steps, spikes, nails or otherwise damage any standing live tree.

(ee) To intentionally cast a light of any kind, either handheld, affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise, between the hours of sunset and sunrise from motor vehicles except those vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road.
(ff) To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight.

(gg) To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.

(hh) To release any animal, bird, fish, or other wildlife on any WMA, Refuge, or Public Lands without first obtaining written permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.

(ii) To possess any open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas. Possession of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited in counties that prohibit the possession of alcohol and on campgrounds of Coosa WMA.

(jj) Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.

(kk) To hunt small game during gun deer hunts and primitive weapon hunts except on Grand Bay Savanna, and the W.L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta AREAS, and except waterfowl in Upper Delta (Zone B) AREAS.

(2) Individuals must follow the listed rules to participate in the scheduled youth deer or turkey hunts on any AREA.

(a) Up to two (2) youth participants must be accompanied by an adult supervisor. The adult supervisor is to remain within 30 feet of the youth at all times.

(b) Youth is defined as those individuals who have not reached their sixteenth birthday.

(c) Adult is defined as those individuals twenty-one years old or older or the parent of the youth who are in possession of all required state hunting licenses (and state and federal waterfowl stamps if required to hunt waterfowl).

(d) Only one firearm will be allowed per youth. Only the youth hunter will be permitted to utilize the firearm for
hunting. The adult is to review with the youth the rules of firearm safety and to ensure they are followed.

(e) The adult/youth group is to check in and out at the AREA checking station as a single unit, except at David K. Nelson, Grand Bay Savanna, Upper Delta, W.L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta AREAS.

(f) Both the adult and youth will be required to wear hunter orange while deer hunting, as defined in 220-2-.85.

(3) All deer and turkeys harvested must be properly recorded and reported through Gamecheck Program per Regulation 220-2-.146.

(4) It shall be unlawful on Swan Creek, Crow Creek, Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek AREAS:

(a) For any person to leave his vehicle parked at the approved launching sites. Hunters must use the designated parking areas. However, physically disabled persons with approved handicapped vehicles may be parked at the designated handicap parking location at the main launch only.

(b) For any person to excavate, to hunt or attempt to hunt from any dug-out or excavated area.

(c) For all blinds to be left in said areas for more than one day. All such blinds shall be disposed of as deemed advisable by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(5) The following shall apply to the dewatering units on Swan Creek, Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek AREAS:

(a) All boats and/or boat blinds used for hunting of waterfowl on said dewatering units shall be launched and removed daily or shall be floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring. [For the Swan Creek AREA, see (7).]

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to or to use commercial fishing gear within said dewatering units from November 1 through January 31 of each fiscal year.

(c) Temporary blinds may be used for one day only and removed. All such blinds, except boat blinds, left in said areas for more than one day shall be disposed of as deemed
advisable by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(d) The use of permanent blinds constructed with building material, flooring and/or flotation materials shall be prohibited in, or within 150 yards of, the Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek dewatering units.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person using waterfowl decoys in the Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek dewatering units to leave said decoys overnight. In addition, all unauthorized activity is prohibited from the herein mentioned dewatering units; from 7:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. during the period of Nov. 1 – Feb. 15; and, 48 hours prior to waterfowl season openings.

(f) It shall be unlawful to use airboats.

(g) It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl in Mud Creek (Wannville) and Raccoon Creek dewatering units, and Crow Creek AREAS on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, excepted for the last two weeks of waterfowl season. All activity in the Mud Creek (Wannville), Raccoon Creek dewatering units, and Crow Creek AREAS is prohibited on those days unless authorized by WFF personnel.

(h) It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl in Swan Creek WMA Dewatering Unit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, except for the last two weeks of waterfowl season. All activity in the Swan Creek WMA dewatering unit is prohibited on those days unless authorized by WFF personnel. During splits between the youth season and regular season, gates to West Dike Road and the Main Launch Road will be locked. All activity in the dewatering unit during this time is prohibited.

(i) It shall be unlawful to have more than 25 shotgun shells per hunter in possession while hunting waterfowl on all Jackson County Waterfowl Management Areas (Crow Creek, Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek), Swan Creek WMA and Mallard-Fox AREAS.

(j) It shall be unlawful to use gasoline-powered motors in Mud Creek (Wannville) dewatering unit and Raccoon Creek dewatering unit (North of Hwy 117).

(k) It shall be unlawful to launch any vessel in Mud Creek (Wannville) and Raccoon Creek dewatering units and Crow
Creek WMA prior to 2:00 AM daily. All hunters preparing to hunt waterfowl are not allowed in the water prior to 2:00 AM daily.

(6) It shall be unlawful to operate airboats and air-cooled motors (go-devil type motors) on those portions of Crow Creek and North Sauty Refuges lying north of U.S. Hwy 72 and the Green Tree Reservoir on Mud Creek from November 1 to April 30 of each year.

(7) It shall be unlawful to install permanent waterfowl hunting blinds (those using building materials and/or remaining in position overnight) anywhere on the Swan Creek, Mallard-Fox Creek, or Jackson County Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) except on the Swan Creek WMA dewatering unit where specified. All such blinds to be placed in the dewatering area must be registered with Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division officials in accordance with the following conditions:

(a) The Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division's Blind Governing Committee shall be the final authority in resolving any dispute concerning permanent waterfowl blinds. The Blind Governing Committee shall be made up of the following people: District I Conservation Enforcement Supervisor; two Conservation Enforcement Officers; District I Supervising Wildlife Biologist, and the Area Wildlife Biologist for Swan Creek AREA. See also subsection (k) concerning the authority of the Blind Governing Committee.

(b) Blinds must meet "Qualifications and Registration Procedures" established by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and deemed acceptable by an inspecting team in order to be approved for use. For information or a copy of the procedures, call (256) 353-2634.

(c) All blinds passing inspection will be tagged by a Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries employee. The tag must remain attached to the blind for the duration of the blind's stay on the Area. Tags shall not be moved to a different blind. It is the hunter's responsibility to make sure the blind they hunt from is properly tagged. No person may hunt from an untagged blind. See also subsection (k).

(d) All permanent waterfowl hunting blinds will be registered between the hours of 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. on the first of October. Only one blind may be registered per individual. Only persons 16 years of age and older may register a blind. The registrant must present all valid licenses and
stamps required for them to hunt at Swan Creek AREA. Ages 16 through 64 must have an Alabama Hunting License, WMA License, Federal Waterfowl Stamp, Alabama State Waterfowl Stamp and HIP verification. Ages 65 and greater must possess a Federal Waterfowl Stamp to hunt waterfowl. Owners of blinds must present their blind number receipt at the registration table in order to complete their registration. Only fifty (50) permanent blinds will be installed at preselected sites in the dewatering area. All registered blinds receiving one of the 50 preselected sites must be installed as near as possible to the preselected site prior to gate closing on the first Saturday of November. See also subsection (k).

(e) Each selected blind must be completely camouflaged with natural material (cane, oak limbs, or other similar materials) except for the boat entrance and the shooting holes before being placed in the dewatering unit. Camouflaged netting, burlap or other similar materials will not be accepted as camouflage, except when used to cover the boat entrance and/or shooting holes. See also subsection (k).

(f) In order for a blind to be eligible to be hunted from it must be anchored within 10 feet of the appropriate blind location marker. Blinds must remain within 10 feet of the blind location marker during the entire waterfowl season. This is not intended to prevent a blind owner from removing his blind from the WMA. Blind markers shall not be moved or otherwise altered or tampered with. If it is determined by the blind governing committee that a blind marker has been moved or otherwise altered or tampered with, that blind shall be subject to disqualification from hunting by the Blind Governing Committee. See also subsection (k).

(g) No blind may be attached to the location marker in any way. If a blind is found to be attached to a marker, all hunters in the blind will be deemed to be in violation of this regulation. See also subsection (k).

(h) Blinds that are drawn and installed in the dewatering unit must be completely removed from the WMA no later than the second Sunday in February. Any blind not drawn and installed on one of the 50 sites must be removed from the WMA by sunset of the day following the opening day of waterfowl season. (This includes all blinds within the boundaries of the Swan Creek WMA.) Any such blinds, trailers, or parts thereof remaining on the WMA after the above dates shall be deemed to be the property of the Department of Conservation and Natural
Resources and shall be utilized or destroyed as deemed advisable by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.

(i) Anyone launching a boat preparing to hunt waterfowl within the dewatering unit may not depart any launch site before 2:00 AM daily. With the exception above, all other hunters preparing to hunt waterfowl within the dewatering unit shall not be allowed in the water before 2:00 AM daily. All boats and boat blinds used in the harvest of waterfowl within the dewatering area shall be floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring or removed from the dewatering unit no later than 7:00 PM daily.

(j) Dewatering area access gates will be closed on the first Saturday in November and will be opened by 2:00 AM the opening day of waterfowl season. No boats with motors are allowed in the dewatering unit during the period gates are closed except as specified on decoy days.

(k) The committee shall have the authority to disqualify any blind if a dispute occurs and it cannot be resolved; or for any violation involving Blind Regulations or Permanent Blind Qualifications and Registration Procedures; or for any violation of any portion of this section of the regulation pertaining to the Swan Creek dewatering area. Any blind that is disqualified by the committee shall be deemed immediately ineligible to be hunted from and shall be removed from the dewatering unit for the remainder of the waterfowl season following notification of the blind owner. The blind owner will have 48 hours in which to move the blind to an approved launch site for mooring and no more than seven-days following notification of disqualification, for its complete removal from the WMA. Should the blind owner of a disqualified blind fail to move the blind to an approved launch for mooring and/or to completely remove any such blinds, trailers, or parts thereof from the WMA within the specified times listed above, the blind shall be deemed to be the property of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and shall be utilized or destroyed as deemed advisable by the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division.

(8) Hunting on Cedar Creek, Crow Creek, Fred T. Stimpson, Portland Landing, Uchee Creek, and Upper State Special Opportunity Areas (SOA) will be permitted through a limited quota permit system selected by random selection. Participants are required to attain a Conservation Identification Number (CID) and apply through [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com) to register for a
limited number of quota permits available for hunts on these AREAS. **Any violation of any rules, regulations, or law by permit holder or guest while hunting on any SOA will result in that individual forfeiting the remainder of their hunt and losing their eligibility for future SOA hunts.** Failure to participate in solicited hunt without providing Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries 7 days prior notice of cancellation will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future SOA hunts. Hunters and guests shall only hunt and scout in their assigned hunt unit(s). All deer and turkey hunters are required to properly record and report all harvests through Gamecheck Program per regulation 220-2-.146. Other requirements for hunters participating in limited quota hunts on the SOAs include:

(a) On Cedar Creek, Portland Landing, and Uchee Creek SOA:

1. It shall be unlawful to hunt on any SOA unless selected by random draw for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned SOA and hunt unit. The permit holder and one guest may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit for those permitted days. No substitutions will be allowed.

2. Each deer hunt begins at noon on Day 1 and ends on Day 4 of the hunt at noon. On other days of the hunt, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hour prior to legal sunrise and must exit the AREA by 1½ hour after legal sunset.

3. During deer and turkey hunts, travel to and from assigned hunt units shall be from 1½ hour prior to legal sunrise and up to 1½ hour after legal sunset and between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

4. Antlered bucks harvested are required to have a minimum main beam spread of 16” (outside the ears) or 18” main beam (3x the length of the ear). One antlered buck and three antlerless deer per hunter per permit duration.

5. Deer hunters are required to record the harvest date, sex, lactation presence, weight, and antler measurements on provided data forms at SOA kiosk, as well as complete the hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract the jawbone and leave it at SOA kiosk.
6. **Turkey hunters are required** to record the harvest date, weight, spur length, and beard length on provided data forms at SOA kiosk, as well as complete the hunter observation data sheet.

7. Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the managing biologist.

(b) On Crow Creek SOA, it shall be:

1. Waterfowl Hunting:

   (i) It shall be unlawful to hunt on the Crow Creek SOA unless selected by random draw for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned hunt unit. The permit holder and four guests may only access (excluding scouting days) and hunt the assigned hunt unit for those permitted times and days. No substitutions will be allowed.

   (ii) It shall be unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle on the SOA without authorization.

3. It shall be unlawful to use gasoline-powered motors on the SOA.

4. Unauthorized activity is prohibited in the SOA. In addition, hunters may enter the Crow Creek SOA at 4: AM; all hunting activity is prohibited after 12:00 noon; all parties should be off the SOA no later than 1:30 PM.

5. It shall be unlawful to leave assigned hunt unit for any reason except when departing the AREA for the day.

6. Temporary blinds may be used for the duration of the hunt and removed by permit holder. All such blinds left in said SOA after the hunt will be disposed of as deemed advisable by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

7. It shall be unlawful to have more than 25 shotgun shells per hunter in possession while hunting waterfowl on the SOA. This does not apply to Youth Waterfowl Days.

8. It shall be unlawful for any limited quota permitted hunter to hunt without possessing a daily permit from kiosk self-service box located at entrance. When obtaining permit, the tear-off stub with number matching daily permit must
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filled out and deposited in return slot of self-service box. The Harvest Report portion of the permit is to be retained in possession of hunter until the end of the day. The harvest report portion of the permit is to be filled out and deposited in return slot of the self-service box no later than 1:30 PM after each day.

2. Archery Deer Hunts:

(i) It shall be unlawful to hunt on Crow Creek SOA unless selected by random draw for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned hunt unit. The permit holder and one guest may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned hunt unit for those permitted times and days. No substitutions will be allowed.

(ii) Each deer hunt begins at legal shooting hours, hunters may enter the Crow Creek SOA 1 ½ hour prior to legal sunrise and must exit the AREA by 1 ½ hour after legal sunset.

(iii) It shall be unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle on the SOA without authorization.

(iv) It shall be unlawful to use gasoline-powered motors on the SOA.

(v) Unauthorized activity is prohibited in the SOA.

(vi) It shall be unlawful to leave assigned hunt unit for any reason except when departing the SOA for the day.

(vii) It shall be unlawful for any limited quota permitted hunter to hunt without possessing a daily permit from kiosk self-service box located at entrance. When obtaining permit, the tear-off stub with number matching daily permit must filled out and deposited in return slot of self-service box. The Harvest Report portion of the permit is to be retained in possession of hunter until the end of the day. The harvest report portion of the permit is to be filled out and deposited in return slot of the self-service box no later than 6:30 PM after each day.

(viii) Antlered bucks harvested are required to have at least four (4) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam. One antlered buck and two unantlered deer per hunter per permit duration.
(c) **On Fred T. Stimpson SOA:**

1. **Archery Deer Hunts:**

   (i) It shall be unlawful to hunt on Fred T. Stimpson SOA unless selected by random draw for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned hunt unit. The permit holder and one guest may only access excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned hunt unit for those permitted times and days. No substitutions will be allowed.

   (ii) A properly licensed permit holder accompanied by one properly licensed guest hunter must sign in together. Hunters may sign in at 12:00 noon on Day 1 of the pre-selected hunt. There will be no entry after 3:00 PM. On all other Days sign-in begins at 5:00 AM. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit will only be permitted prior to legal sunrise and after legal sunset, with the exception of the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Only travel to and from hunt unit is permitted. On Days 1-3 hunters must sign out within 1½ hours after legal sunset. On Day 4 hunters must check out by 1:30 PM. Scouting is not permitted outside of your assigned hunt dates.

   (iii) One antlered buck and three unantlered deer per hunter per permit duration. All deer must be checked at check station prior to exiting the SOA. Field dressing deer is permitted.

2. **Youth Gun Deer hunts:**

   (i) Properly licensed limited quota permit holders may be accompanied by two youth guest hunters and a properly licensed supervising adult 21 years old or older or parent of the youth. Hunters may only hunt in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. Only the youth may hunt.

   (ii) On the specified 2-day hunt hunters may sign in beginning at 5:00 AM. All hunters must be signed in prior to legal sunrise. All hunters must check out within 1½ hours after legal sunset. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit will be allowed between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Only travel to and from hunt unit is permitted.

   (iii) One antlered buck and two unantlered deer per hunter per permit duration. All deer must be checked out prior to exiting the SOA. Deer may be field dressed.
3. Youth Squirrel Hunts:

(i) Properly licensed limited quota permit holders 21 years old or older must be accompanied by one youth hunter, and will be allowed to have two additional youth guest hunters and one properly licensed supervising adult 21 years old or older or parent of the youth, for a maximum of 5 hunters per party per hunt unit. Hunters are only allowed to hunt in their assigned hunt unit on their assigned hunt date. Both youth and supervisors are allowed to hunt.

(ii) Permits will be issued at the check station beginning at 6:00 AM. Permitted hunters must exit the area within 1 hour after legal sunset. All squirrels harvested must be recorded at check station prior to leaving the SOA.

4. Youth Waterfowl Hunt:

(i) Properly licensed limited quota permit holders 21 years old or older must be accompanied by one youth hunter and may have one additional guest youth hunter and one supervising guest hunter 21 years old or older or the parent of the youth. Hunters may sign in beginning at 5:00 AM. Hunters must hunt in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. All ducks must be recorded at the check station prior to leaving the SOA. Both youth and supervisors are allowed to hunt.

(d) On Upper State SOA:

1. Archery Deer Hunts:

(i) It shall be unlawful to hunt on Upper State SOA unless selected by random draw for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned hunt unit. The permit holder and one guest may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned hunt unit for those permitted times and days. No substitutions will be allowed.

(ii) It shall be unlawful for any limited quota permitted hunter to hunt without possessing a daily permit obtained from kiosk self-service box located at the entrance. When obtaining permit, the tear-off stub with number matching daily permit must be filled out and deposited in slot of self-service box. The Harvest Report portion of the permit is to be retained in possession of hunter until the end of the day. The Harvest Report portion of the permit is to be filled out and deposited in return slot of the self-service box no later than 1
¼ hours after legal sunset on Days 1-3 of hunt period. On Day 4 Harvest Report portions of the permit must be deposited in self-service box by 6:30 PM. A new permit is required for each day hunted.

(iii) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, evidence of lactation, weight, and antler measurements for bucks, along with hunter observations on data forms located at SOA kiosk.

(iv) Each deer hunt begins at noon on Day 1 and ends at noon on day 4. On Days 2-4 hunters may enter the SOA ¼ hours before legal sunrise. On Days 1-3 hunters must exit the area by 1 ½ hours after legal sunset. After legal sunrise hunters may only travel to and from assigned hunt unit between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The hunt will conclude at 12:00 noon on Day 4 and hunters must exit the area by 6:30 PM. Scouting is not permitted outside of the dates for which you are drawn to hunt.

(v) One antlered buck and three unantlered deer per hunter per permit duration. All deer must be checked at check station prior to exiting the SOA. Field dressing deer is permitted.

(9) A Wildlife Management Area License (required for deer, turkey, and waterfowl), PLUS the applicable Resident or Non-Resident Hunting License [for Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age and for non-residents 16 years of age and older], PLUS a Wildlife Management Area Permit [free of charge], are required for hunting on AREAS; provided however, that properly licensed persons under the “Wildlife Heritage License” may hunt legal small game except waterfowl on AREAS without the other licenses described herein. PLUS, in order to hunt waterfowl on AREAS, all persons must have, in addition to the otherwise required licenses and permit, a HIP and valid State (ages 16 through 64) and a valid Federal (ages 16 and over) Waterfowl Stamp.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.


(1) 2018-2019 Wildlife Management Area Hunting Seasons

NOTE: All antlered bucks harvested (excluding those bonus bucks validated by WFF personnel) on all Wildlife Management Areas must be included in each hunter’s statewide three antlered buck limit for all combined seasons.

NOTE: As per 220-2-.55 (10) A Wildlife Management Area License (required for deer, turkey and waterfowl), PLUS the applicable Resident or Non-Resident Hunting License [for Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age and for non-residents 16 years of age and older], PLUS a Wildlife Management Area Permit [free of charge], are required for hunting on AREAS; provided however, that properly licensed persons under the “Wildlife Heritage License” may hunt legal
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District I 2018-2019 Wildlife Management Area Seasons and Bag Limits (Northwest Alabama)

(a)  BLACK WARRIOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Lawrence and Winston Counties)

DEER:

Zone A

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 17. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:
Nov. 22-25, Dec. 6-9 and Dec. 20-23. One antlered buck per day.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 12-14. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunters’ Choice:
Oct. 15 – Jan. 14. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun hunts if hunting in zone open to gun hunt and abide by all gun deer hunt regulations.

Zone B

(Gun) Special Early Hunt – Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 9-11. One antlered buck per day. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:
Nov. 30- Dec. 2 and Dec. 14-16. One antlered buck per day.
-Antlered buck restrictions apply.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 15-16. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
-Antlered buck restrictions apply.

unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

**-Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:

Jan. 15-Feb. 10. One antlered buck per day. **-Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun hunts if hunting in zone open to gun hunt and abide by all gun deer hunt regulations.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks in Zone B must have at least four (4) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

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**QUAIL:**

Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:**

Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

**RACCOON & OPOSSUM:**

Sep. 1 - Feb. 28 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:**

Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed; Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

**CROW:**

Sep.15 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

FERAL SWINE (Special Season): Sep. 1-15 and Mar. 1-14. Permitted firearms & archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

(b) FREEDOM HILLS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Colbert County)

DEER:

Zones A & B

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Hunters must submit all harvested deer at check station for data collection.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 22-25, Dec. 6-8, Dec. 20-22. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested on Saturday hunts must be presented at check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Antlered buck restrictions apply.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-14. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station or hunter information board. Antlered buck restrictions apply.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station or hunter information board. Antler buck restrictions apply. No hunting on days of youth deer hunts. Archery
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hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations.

**Zone A**

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 9-13 and Jan. 30 - Feb. 3. One antlered buck per day. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** All deer harvested on Saturdays must be presented at check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

**Zone B**

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 16-20 and Feb. 6-10. One antlered buck per day. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** All deer harvested on Saturdays must be presented at check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

**TURKEY:**

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 31 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at check station or hunter information board.

(Regular) Apr. 1-30 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at check station or hunter information board.

**DOVE:**

State seasons (opening day - 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season - ½ hour before sunrise to sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of youth and gun deer hunts. Dove hunting allowed only on designated fields south of Stewarts Camp and Truck Trail #14 and on the fields under transmission (power) lines on Truck Trail #22.

**QUAIL:**

Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:**

Sep.15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX: Sep. 1-30 and Feb. 1-28 (nighttime hours only). Fox hunting: dogs only - no weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

SNIPE: Nov. 10 - Feb. 24. No hunting on days of youth, gun deer and primitive weapons hunts.

WOODCOCK: Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

FURBEAER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of youth and gun deer hunts.

(c) LAUDERDALE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Lauderdale County)

DEER:
Zones A & B

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 17. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Antlered buck restrictions apply. Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22-25, Jan. 3-5 (Jan. 5 BONUS BUCK DAY, must be validated by WFF personnel), Jan. 10-12. One antlered buck per day. Antlered buck restrictions apply. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station on all Saturdays for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-14. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station or hunter information board. Antlered buck restrictions apply.
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(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at check station or hunter information board. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

**Zone A** (Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 28 – Dec. 2 and Dec. 19-23. One antlered buck per day. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** All deer harvested must be presented at the check station on all Saturdays for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

**Zone B** (Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 5-9, Dec. 26-30. One antlered buck per day. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** All deer harvested must be presented at the check station on all Saturdays for data collection. Check station will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

**TURKEY:** (Youth) Mar. 30 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at the check station or hunter information board.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 31 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at the check station or hunter information board.

(Regular) Apr. 1-30 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at the check station or hunter information board.

**QUAIL:** Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:** Sep.15 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

**RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:** Sep. 1-30 and Feb. 1-28 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled
primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.

Fox hunting: dogs only - no weapons.

**BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:**

Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only.

One fox per day.

**SNIPE:**

Nov. 10 - Feb. 24. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.

**WOODCOCK:**

Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.

**FURBEARER TRAPPING** (excluding feral swine):

Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

**RIVERTON COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA** (Colbert County)

**DEER:**

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Open each Wednesday and Saturday of the regular Gun Deer Season in Colbert County, and from Nov. 17-24, Dec. 15-22, and Jan. 12-19. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **-Antlered buck restrictions apply.** All deer harvested must be recorded at permit boxes.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer per day- one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **-Antlered buck restrictions apply.** All deer harvested must be recorded at permit boxes.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

**TURKEY:**

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 31 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at permit boxes.

(Regular) Apr. 1-30 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only. All turkey harvested must be recorded at permit boxes.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep.15 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.


SNIPE: Nov. 10 – Feb. 24. No hunting on days of gun deer and primitive weapons hunts.

WOODCOCK: Dec. 14 – Jan. 27. No hunting on days of gun deer and primitive weapons hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

(e) SAM R. MURPHY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Lamar and Marion Counties)

DEER: (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.


(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 14-16. Two deer per day, one

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15-Feb. 10. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Harvested deer must be recorded at the check station.

TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 9 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
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Mar. 16 - Apr. 30 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Harvested turkeys must be recorded on the form at the check station.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX: Sep. 1 - Feb. 28 (Nighttime hours only). No hunting nights preceding or nights of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting - Dogs Only - No Weapons.

SNIPE: Nov. 10 - Feb. 24. No hunting on days of youth, gun deer and primitive weapon hunts.

WOODCOCK: Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. No hunting on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

DOVE: State season (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

CROW: Sep. 1 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: State Season. No hunting on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

FERAL SWINE (Special Season) Sep. 1-8 and Feb. 16-24 Permitted firearms and archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.
(f) **SEVEN-MILE ISLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**
   (Lauderdale County)

(1) **ALL AREAS OF SEVEN MILE ISLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA EXCEPT KEY CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:**

**DEER:** (Archery) Stalk Hunting, Hunter’s Choice: Dec. 26 – Feb. 10. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. All deer harvested must be recorded at permit box.

**WATERFOWL:** State Season

**GOOSE:** State Season

**SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:** State Season

**YOUTH WATERFOWL:** State Season

**DOVE:** State Season (12:00 Noon until sunset on opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise until sunset).

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:** Sep.15 – Mar. 3. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

**SNIPE:** Nov. 10 – Feb. 24.

**RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX:** Sep. 1 – Feb. 28 (Nighttime hours only). Fox hunting: Dogs Only – No Weapons.

**CROW & STARLING:** Sep. 12 – Feb. 28.

**QUAIL:** Nov. 3 – Feb. 28.

**WOODCOCK:** Dec. 14 – Jan. 27.

**RAIL:** State Season

**BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, BEAVER & FOX:** Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

**FERAL SWINE** (Special Season): Mar. 1-31. Shotguns using slugs only, primitive weapons, bow and arrow and crossbows. Hunter Orange Requirements as on WMA Gun Deer Hunts would also apply. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only.

**FURBEARER TRAPPING** (Excluding Feral Swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

**BOW-FISHING:** Mar. 1 – Aug. 31 (Nongame fish only).

(2) **KEY CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:** HUNTING ALLOWED ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIES AND ONLY ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING SEASONS:
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DOVE: State Season (12:00 Noon until sunset on opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise until sunset).

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sep. 1 - Feb. 28

QUAIL: Nov. 3 - Feb. 28

DEER, FERAL SWINE, WATERFOWL, COYOTE, BOBCAT & FOX: CLOSED.

(g) SWAN & MALLARD-FOX CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Limestone, Morgan, and Lawrence Counties)

In order to remove predators such as fox, coyote, raccoon, opossum and bobcat from Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area:

-Note1: All Small Game Hunting (except Waterfowl) on the Swan Creek WMA will be closed North and West of Swan Creek from Dec. 3-7 to trap furbearers.

-Note2: All Small Game Hunting (except Waterfowl) on the Swan Creek WMA will be closed South and East of Swan Creek from Dec. 10-14 to trap furbearers.

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Nov. 16. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

WATERFOWL: State Seasons

Limit of 1 box (25 shells per person) in possession on Swan Creek WMA while waterfowl hunting. No waterfowl hunting in Swan Creek WMA dewatering unit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays except for the last 14 days of the waterfowl season. All activity prohibited in the dewatering unit on these days.

DOVE: State Season-1, 2 (Noon until sunset).

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. -1, 2 Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.


CROW, STARLING & PIGEON: Sep. 8 - Feb. 28 -1, 2 (Closed During Regular Waterfowl Season).

QUAIL: Closed Season

SNIPE: Nov. 10 - Feb. 24. -1, 2

WOODCOCK: Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. -2

RAIL: State Season -1, 2

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& COYOTE: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (Excluding Feral Swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. One fox per day.

BOW-FISHING: Mar. 1 - Aug. 31 - Non-game fish only.

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(h) CHOCCOLOCCO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA and MT. LONGLLEAN NWR SEGMENT (Calhoun and Cleburne Counties)

Hunters use map permits for all hunts.
All harvest (big and small game) must be recorded at check station (intersection of Forest Service Road 522 and AL HWY 9 or intersection of Forest Service Road 500 and Forest Service Road 553) or one of the three kiosks located at Skeeter Branch Hunt Camp, East End Hunt Camp or Bains Gap Road.

DEER:

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(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 10-11. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or one of three kiosks located at Skeeter Branch Hunt Camp, East End Hunt Camp, or Bains Gap Road.

(Gun) Special Early Hunt Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 3-4. One antlered buck per day. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. Hunters must submit all harvested deer at check stations located on FS road 522 and AL Hwy 9 or at the intersection of FS roads 500 & 553 for data collection.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-15. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. Hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or one of three kiosks located at Skeeter Branch Hunt
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Camp, East End Hunt Camp, or Bains Gap Road.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. No hunting on days of youth deer hunt. Hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or one of three kiosks located at Skeeter Branch Hunt Camp, East End Hunt Camp, or Bains Gap Road. Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations if hunting in zone open to gun deer hunting.

Zone A

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 17-19, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 and Dec. 14-16. One antlered buck per day. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. Check station at intersection of Forest Service Road 500 and Forest Service Road 553 will be opened for data collection on Nov. 17-18, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and Dec. 14-15. All deer harvested on these days must be presented at the check station. When check station is closed hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or one of three kiosks located at Skeeter Branch Hunt Camp, East End Hunt Camp, or Bains Gap Road.

Zone B

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 23 & 25, Dec. 7-9 and Dec. 21-23. One antlered buck per day. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. Stalk Hunting, Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 24. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Check station at intersection of Forest Service Road 522 and Alabama Hwy. 9 will be opened for data collection on Nov. 23-24, Dec. 7-8 and Dec. 21-22. All deer harvested on these days must be presented at the check station. When check station is closed hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or one
of three kiosks located at Skeeter Branch Hunt Camp, East End Hunt Camp, or Bains Gap Road.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least four (4) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

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All successful turkey hunters must record their harvest at either the check station located at the intersection of Hwy 9 & FS road 522, check station located at intersection of FS road 500 & 553 or kiosk located at Skeeter Branch and East End Hunts Camps or intersection of Bains Gap Road & Mokaley Hill Road.

### DOVE:
State Season (12:00 noon until sunset). Closed on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.

### QUAIL:
Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

### RABBIT:
Sep. 15 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

### SQUIRREL:
- (Gray) Sep. 15 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
- (Fox) Closed.

### RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:
Sep. 1 – Mar. 3 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: dogs only – no weapons. No dogs and daylight hours only on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.

### BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:
Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

### WOODCOCK:
Dec. 14 – Jan. 27. No hunting on days of scheduled gun deer hunts.
FERAL SWINE
Oct. 2-10 and Mar. 1-10. Permitted firearms & archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING
(excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts. Closed on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.

(i) COOSA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
( Coosa County)

DAILY PERMITS REQUIRED FOR EACH HUNT DAY FOR ALL GAME HUNTING ON DATES LISTED BELOW. Hunters must obtain a daily permit for each hunt day at a self-service kiosk. Permits will be available at the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church and kiosks at entrance to Weogufka Tract off County Road 56, WMA boundary on Road 11, Double Bridges on County Road 29, intersection of County Road 27 & WMA Road 72, and Alabama Power Company Higgins Ferry Park accessed by Chilton County Road 28.

DEER: (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10-11. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. -Antler buck restrictions apply. Hunters must record all harvested deer on daily permit and return at check station or kiosk.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. Any deer harvested on these dates must be checked in for mandatory data collection at the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church or mobile check station on WMA Rd. 11.
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 23-25, Dec. 28-31, Jan. 12-14, Jan. 26-27 and Feb. 9-10. One antlered buck per day. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. Any deer harvested must be checked in for mandatory data collection at the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church on Nov. 23-24,
Dec. 29-30, Jan. 12-13, Jan. 26-27 and Feb. 9-10. Hunters must record all harvested deer on daily permit and return at check station or a kiosk on days when check station is closed.

(Primitive Weapons)
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 12-14. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

-Antlered buck restrictions apply.
Hunters must have daily permit and record all harvests at check station or kiosks.

(Archery)
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Hunters must have daily permit and return at check station or a kiosk on days when check station is closed. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations during gun hunts.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

DAILY PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ALL TURKEY AND SMALL GAME HUNTING
Permits will be available at the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church and kiosks at entrance to Weogufka Tract off County Road 56, WMA boundary on Road 11, Double Bridges on County Road 29, intersection of County Road 27 & WMA Road 72, and Alabama Power Company Higgins Ferry Park accessed by Chilton County Road 28.

TURKEY:
(Youth) Mar. 9-10 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
(Regular) Mar. 16 - Apr. 30 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

DOVE:
State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset on opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise to sunset). Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer and feral swine hunts.

QUAIL:
Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

CROW: Sep. 8 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Sep. 1 - Mar. 3 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: dogs only - no weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE: Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: State seasons. No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

FERAL SWINE (Special Season): Mar. 1-9. Permitted firearms and archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

(j) CROW CREEK, MUD CREEK AND RACCOON CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND COON GULF TRACT (Jackson County)

Crow Creek, Mud Creek & Raccoon Creek WMAs -

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunters’ Choice: Oct. 20 - Nov. 4. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Deer harvested on Saturday, Oct 20, Saturday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Nov. 3 MUST be presented at Jackson County WMA Office, 234 Co. Rd. 141 Hollywood, AL 35752 for data collection. Data collection forms will be provided at
local license agents to record deer harvested during the entire sixteen-day archery hunt.

WATERFOWL: State seasons (½ hour before sunrise to sunset).

Limit of 1 box (25 shells per person) in possession on all Jackson County WMA’S while waterfowl hunting. No waterfowl hunting in Mud Creek (Wannville) and Raccoon Creek dewatering impoundments or Crow Creek WMA on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All activity prohibited in these locations on these days.

DOVE: State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ¼ hour before sunrise until sunset Fri-Sun.; ¼ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon Mon.-Thu.).

QUAIL: Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of archery deer hunting.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of archery deer hunting. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX: Sep. 15 – Mar. 3. (Nighttime hours only). No hunting on days of archery deer hunting. Fox hunting: dogs only – no weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

CROW, & STARLING: Sep. 8 – Mar. 3.

RAIL, WOODCOCK & SNIPE: State season.

FERAL SWINE (archery only): Oct. 20 – Nov. 4 and Mar. 1-14. Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

BOWFISHING: Mar. 1 – Aug. 31. Nongame fish only. Fishing license required.

Coon Gulf Tract:

DEER: (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunters’ Choice: Nov. 10-11. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 23-25, Nov. 30 – Dec. 2 and Jan. 18-20. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
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(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunters’ Choice:
Nov. 12-16. One deer per day - one
unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunters’ Choice: Oct. 15
- Feb. 10. One deer per day - one
unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
No hunting on days of youth deer hunt.

TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 23-24 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.).
Gobblers only.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 25 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.).
Gobblers only.

(Regular) Apr. 1-30 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.).
Gobblers only.

DOVE: State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset
opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise
until sunset Fri.-Sun.; ½ hour before
sunrise to 12:00 noon. Mon.-Thu.).

QUAIL: Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days
of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive
weapons deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days
of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive
weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel
season closed during February and
March.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Sep. 1 - Mar. 3 (nighttime hours
only). No hunting on nights preceding
or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and
primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox
hunting: dogs only - no weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL
SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA
Hunting Season using weapons and
ammunition approved for those hunts.
No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only.
One fox per day.

BLACKBIRD, CROW,
& STARLING: Sep. 8 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days
of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive
weapons deer hunts.

RAIL, WOODCOCK, & SNIPE: State seasons.
WATERFOWL: NO OPEN SEASON.
Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.

FURBEARER TRAPPING
(excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits
must be obtained from Area Biologist.
All trappers must wear hunter’s orange
while trapping on days of gun deer
hunts.

BOWFISHING: May. 1 - Aug. 31 Nongame fish only.
Fishing license required.
(k) NORTH SAUTY AND CROW CREEK WATERFOWL REFUGES
(Jackson County)

DEER: (Archery Only) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 20 – Nov. 4. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Sauta Cave NWR - closed to deer hunting. Deer harvested on Saturday, Oct. 20, Saturday, Oct. 27, and Saturday Nov. 3, must be presented at Jackson County WMA Office, 234 Co. Rd. 141 Hollywood, AL 35752 for data collection.

DOVE: Sep. 15 – Oct. 14 (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise to sunset Fri.-Sun.; ½ hr. before sunrise to 12:00 noon Mon. – Thu.).


RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sep. 15 – Oct. 25. (nighttime hours only). No hunting on days of archery deer hunting.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

WATERFOWL: NO OPEN SEASON.

FERAL SWINE: Sept. 1-9 & May 1-8. (Archery, Rimfire and Shotguns with slugs only). Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Jan. 31. (water or land sets), Feb. 1-28 (water sets only). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

BOWFISHING: May 1 – Aug. 31. Nongame fish only. Fishing license required.

(1) HOLLINS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Clay & Talladega Counties)

DAILY PERMITS REQUIRED FOR EACH HUNT DAY FOR ALL GAME HUNTING ON DATES LISTED BELOW, AND NON-HUNTING RELATED WMA USER ACTIVITIES.
DAILY PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT SELF SERVICE BOXES LOCATED AT LOCATIONS LISTED BELOW.

Hunters must obtain a daily permit for each hunt day at a self-service box in the open zone.

PERMIT LOCATIONS: ZONE A

Permits available at kiosks located at intersection of Hwy 148 and Forest Service Road 607, the intersection of Forest Service Road 615 and Forest Service Road 616, the intersection of Trammel Road (Forest Service Road 603) and Hwy. 148, and intersection of Horns Valley Road and Forest Service Road 662-A

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Permits available at the check station located on Clay Co. Road 4 in Hollins and kiosks located on the east side of Bull Gap Road and the intersection of Trammel Road (Forest Service Road 603) and Hwy. 148.

DEER:

Zones A & B

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:

Nov. 10-11. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B.** Hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or kiosks.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:

Nov. 17. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B.** Any deer harvested must be checked in at the check station on Clay County Rd. 4 in Hollins or mobile check stations at the intersection of Forest Roads 616 and 607.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:

Nov. 14-16 and Jan. 5-6. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B.** All deer harvested must be checked in at check station on Clay County Rd. 4 in Hollins on Jan. 5. Hunters must have daily permit and record all harvested deer at check station or kiosks when check station is closed.
(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Archery hunters must harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only gun deer hunts. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt.  

-Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B. Hunters must have daily permit and record all harvests at check station or kiosks. Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun hunts if hunting in zone open to gun hunt and abide by all gun deer hunt regulations.

Zone A

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 1-2, Dec. 21 - 23, Jan. 19-21 and Feb. 9. One antlered buck per day. Any deer harvested must be checked in at the mobile check station at the intersection of Forest Service Roads 616 and 607 for mandatory data collection on Dec. 1, Dec. 22-23, Jan. 19-20 and Feb 9. When mobile check station is closed, Hunters must record all harvested deer at Zone A kiosks.

Zone B


-Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B. Any deer harvested must be checked in at the check station located on Clay County Rd. 4 in Hollins for mandatory data collection on Dec. 8-9, Dec. 26-27, Jan. 26-27 and Feb. 1-3. When check station is closed, Hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or Zone B kiosks.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks in Zone B must have at least four (4) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

Zones A&B: DAILY PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ALL TURKEY AND SMALL GAME HUNTING

Hunters must obtain a daily permit for each hunt day at a kiosk self-service box. Permits for Zone A will be available at kiosks located at intersection of Hwy 148 and Forest Service Road 607, intersection of Forest Service Road 615 and Forest Service Road 616,
intersection of Trammel Road (Forest Service Road 603) and Hwy. 148 and the intersection of Horns Valley Road and Forest Service Road 662-A. Permits for Zone B will be available at the check station located on Clay Co. Rd. 4 in Hollins and kiosks located on the east side of Bull Gap Road and the intersection of Trammel Road (Forest Service Road 603) and Hwy. 148.

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(m) JAMES D. MARTIN-SKYLINE WMA
(Jackson County)

DEER:

**Zones A & B**

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.  
**-Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.**

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 12-14, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, Dec. 14-16. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.  
**-Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.**

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Archery hunters must harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only gun deer hunts. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts.  
**-Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.**

**Zone A**

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 17-18, Nov. 23-25, Dec. 7-9, Dec. 21-23, Dec. 28 - Jan. 1. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.  
**-Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.**

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:  
**-Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.**

**Zone B**

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:

**-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks in Zone A must have at least four (4) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.**

TURKEY:  
(Youth) Mar. 16 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
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(Physically Disabled) Mar. 22 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

(Regular) Mar. 23 – Apr. 30 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

DOVE: State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset). Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

QUAIL: Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun, or primitive weapons deer hunts.

RABBIT: (Zone A) Oct. 1 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, or primitive weapons deer hunts.

(Zone B) Feb. 4 – Mar. 3.

SQUIRREL: Oct. 1 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Sep. 16 – Mar. 3 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: dogs only – no weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE: State seasons. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: State seasons. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

(n) LITTLE RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Cherokee and DeKalb Counties)

HUNTERS USE MAP PERMITS FOR ALL HUNTS
All harvest (big and small game) must be recorded at check station or kiosk located on County Road 861 on days when check station is closed.

DEER: (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10-11. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 17, Nov. 23-25 and Dec. 7-9. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. Check station will be opened for data collection on Nov. 17, Nov. 23-24 and Dec. 7-8. All deer harvested on these days must be presented at check station. Hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or at the kiosk on County Road 861 on days when check station is closed.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 14-16, Jan. 4-6, and Jan. 18-20. One antlered buck per day. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. Check station will be opened for data collection on Dec. 14-15, Jan. 4-5, and Jan. 18-19. All deer harvested on these days must be presented at check station. Hunters must record all harvested deer at check station or at the kiosk on County Road 861 on days when check station is closed.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-15 and Dec. 23-31. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or at the kiosk on County Road 861.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or at the kiosk on County Road 861. Archery hunters must harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only gun deer.
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hunts. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or Longer) on at least one main beam.

TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 9-10 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

(Regular) Mar. 16 – Apr. 30 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

DOVE: State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

QUAIL: Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Sep. 1 – Mar. 3 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, or primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: dogs only – no weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

WATERFOWL: State seasons. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.
MARTIN COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA
(Tallapoosa County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 9 (daylight hours until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
(Regular) Apr. 1 - 30 (daylight hours until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

QUAIL: Nov. 3 - Feb. 28

WOODCOCK: Dec. 14 - Jan. 27

CROW: Sept. 8 - Mar. 3

FERAL SWINE, COYOTE: Open during any other scheduled WMA hunting season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed.

WATERFOWL: State Season.

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CHARLES D. KELLEY - AUTauga COUNTY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Autauga County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. All successful hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk on Paul Mattocks Drive. Antlered buck restrictions apply.

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Hunters must sign in each day at the kiosk by the gate on Paul Mattocks Drive prior to hunting. All successful hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk on Paul Mattocks Drive.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 17-18 Jan. 18-20 and Feb. 7-9. One antlered buck per day. All successful hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk on Paul Mattocks Drive.
Paul Mattocks Drive. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** The Check Station on Paul Maddox Dive will be open from 4:30 am to 6:30 pm. A daily permit must be obtained from Check Station on Paul Mattocks Drive prior to hunting. All deer harvested must be brought to the Check Station for data collection.

*(Primitive Weapons)*

Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Dec. 14-15. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** The Check Station on Paul Mattocks Dive will be open from 4:30 am to 6:30 pm. A daily permit must be obtained from Check Station on Paul Mattocks Drive prior to hunting. All deer harvested must be brought to the Check Station for data collection.

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**To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.**

**DOVE:** State seasons (12:00 noon to sunset). Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:** Sep. 15 – Mar. 3. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**RACCOON & OPOSSUM:** Sep. 1 – Feb. 28 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**TURKEY:** *(Youth)* Apr. 6 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Hunters must sign in each day at the kiosk by the gate on Paul Mattocks Drive prior to hunting. All successful hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk.

*(Physically Disabled)* Apr. 12 (daylight hours until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Hunters must sign in each day at the kiosk by the gate on Paul Mattocks Drive prior to hunting. All successful hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk.

*(Regular)* Apr. 13 – 30 (daylight hours until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Hunters must sign in each day at the kiosk by the gate on Paul Mattocks Drive prior
to hunting. All successful hunters must record their harvest in the log at the kiosk.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, & FOX:
Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

CROW:
Sep. 8 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

GOOSE:
Sep. 1-4 (½ hr. before sunrise to sunset). 5 geese per day.

WATERFOWL:
State seasons. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

FALCONRY:
Legally permitted falconers may take migratory game birds (not more than three (3) per day in aggregate combination) and resident game birds and animals following the State seasons and bag limits (Except on Saturdays and Wednesdays of the State dove season).

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):
Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

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WILLIAM R. IRELAND, SR. – CAHABA RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Bibb and Shelby Counties)

DEER:
Zones A & B

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 10-11. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 23-24. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Check Station will be open from 4:30 am to 6:30 pm All deer harvested must be brought to the Check Station for data collection. Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.
Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 17, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, Dec. 14-16, Dec. 21-23, Jan. 11-13, and Jan. 25-27 (Jan. 26 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area). On Jan. 26th (bonus buck day) all hunters must obtain permit at check station prior to hunting. On all other gun deer hunts the check station will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to collect data on harvested deer and provide additional assistance to WMA users. One antlered buck per day.

-Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A. Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 14-16 and Jan. 18-20. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. On all primitive weapon deer hunts the check station will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to collect data on harvested deer and provide additional assistance to WMA users. -Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A. Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

-Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A. Archery deer hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of hunter’s choice gun hunts and abide by all gun deer hunt regulations.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks in Zone A must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

Zones A & B

TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 9-10 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must
record their harvest at the check station or notify the Area Biologist.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or notify the Area Biologist.

(Regular) Mar. 16 - Apr. 30 (daylight hours). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or notify the Area Biologist.

DOVE: State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset). Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.

QUAIL: Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sep. 1 - Mar. 3. (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

STARLINGS & CROWS: Sep. 1 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.

SNIPE: Nov. 10 - Feb. 24. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WOODCOCK: Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.

WATERFOWL: State seasons (½-hour before sunrise until sunset). No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.
FURBEARER TRAPPING:  
(excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts. No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.

DAVID K. NELSON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
(Greene, Hale, Marengo, and Sumter Counties)

DEER:  
(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10-11. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the kiosk or notify Area Biologist.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 17-18, Dec. 7-13. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the kiosk or notify Area Biologist. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.  
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 4-10, Jan.18-20, Jan. 25-27. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the kiosk or notify Area Biologist. One antlered buck per day. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.  
(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 15-16, Feb. 3-5. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the kiosk or notify Area Biologist. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.  
(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the kiosk or notify Area Biologist. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.  
-Damsite and Daub’s Swamp Units (-Antlered buck restrictions apply)  
-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch of longer) on at least one main beam.
TURKEY:  
(Youth) Mar. 9-10 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the kiosk or notify Area Biologist.  
(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the kiosk or notify Area Biologist.  
(Regular) Mar. 16 – Apr. 30 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the kiosk or notify Area Biologist.  

DOVE:  
State season (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.  

QUAIL:  
Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.  

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:  
Sep. 15 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.  

RACCOON & OPOSSUM:  
Sep. 1 – Mar. 3 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.  

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:  
Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.  

FERAL SWINE:  
Mar. 1-4. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the kiosk, or notify Area Biologist.  

SNIPE:  
Nov. 10 – Feb. 24. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.  

WOODCOCK:  
Dec. 14 – Jan. 27. No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.  

WATERFOWL:  
Daub’s Swamp, Dead Lake, and Spidle Lake Units. State season Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only (1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon). All other units open during state season (1/2 hour before sunrise to
12:00 noon). No waterfowl hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**FURBEARER TRAPPING**
(excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange during gun deer season.

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**LOWNDES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**
(Lowndes County)

**Dutch Bend Tract**

**DEER:**

(archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:
Oct. 15-24. One antlered buck per day. **-Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck per day. **-Antlered buck restrictions apply.** All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least four (4) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

**DOVE:**

State Season (12:00 noon until sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:**

Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. Hunting allowed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

**WATERFOWL:**

State seasons (½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon). Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays only.

**FERAL SWINE & COYOTE:**

Open during any other scheduled Hunting Season on the Dutch Bend Tract using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

**Remainder of WMA**

**DEER:**

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 10-11. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk.
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 23-24 Jan. 18-19, Feb. 2-3. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. All hunters must obtain a permit from the check station prior to hunting. The check station will be open from 4:30 am to 6:30 pm. All deer harvested must be brought to the Check Station for data collection. 

-Antlered buck restrictions apply.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:
Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Dec. 14-16, Dec. 28-30, Jan. 4-5. (Jan. 5 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at the check station prior to leaving the Area) On Jan. 5th (bonus buck day) all hunters must obtain a permit from the check station prior to hunting. The check station will be open from 4:30 am to 6:30 pm. All deer harvested must be brought to the check station for data collection. One antlered buck per day. On all other gun deer hunts, the check station will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to collect data on harvested deer and provide additional assistance to WMA users.  

-Antlered buck restrictions apply.

Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 14-16 and Dec. 3-8. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.  

-Antlered buck restrictions apply. All deer hunters must sign in each day of primitive weapons deer hunt at check station of kiosk prior to hunting. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk. On all primitive weapons deer hunts, the check station will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to collect data on harvested deer and provide additional assistance to WMA users.

-Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only  
Oct. 15-24. One antlered buck per day.  

-Antlered buck restrictions apply.

Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:  
Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered
buck per day.  Antlered buck restrictions apply. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun hunts and abide by all gun deer hunt regulations.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least four (4) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

**TURKEY:**  
(Youth) Mar. 16 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Hunters must sign in each day at a kiosk or check station prior to hunting. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 22 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Hunters must sign in at the kiosk or check station prior to hunting. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk.

(Regular) Mar. 23 - Apr. 30 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:** Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

**QUAIL:** Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**SNIPE:** Nov. 10 - Feb. 24. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.

**WOODCOCK:** Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

**CROW:** Sep.1 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**RACCOON & OPOSSUM:** Sep. 1 - Mar. 3 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: dogs only - no weapons.

**BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL**
SWINE & FOX:
Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

DOVE:
State seasons (12:00 noon until sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.

WATERFOWL:
State seasons (½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon). Saturdays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, primitive weapon and gun deer hunts.

FERAL SWINE
Sept. 1-10 and Feb. 28 - Mar. 3.
(Special Season):
Permitted firearms & archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING
(excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

MULBERRY FORK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Tuscaloosa & Walker Counties)

Zones A & B

DEER:
(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10-11. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Dec. 7-8. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. During Hunter’s Choice hunts the check station will be open from 4:30 am to 6:30 pm All deer harvested must be brought to the Check Station for data collection. -Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:
Nov. 17-18, Nov. 23-25, Dec. 21-23, Dec. 29-30, Jan. 18-20 and Feb. 10. One antlered buck per day. During antlered buck only hunts the check station will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to collect data on harvested
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deer and provide additional assistance to WMA users. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk. -Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.

(Primitive Weapons)
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-14 and Jan. 21-27. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. On all primitive weapons deer hunts, the check station will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to collect data on harvested deer and provide additional assistance to WMA users. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk. -Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.

(Archery)
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun hunts and abide by all gun deer hunt regulations. -Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A.

Antlered bucks only during buck only gun hunts.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

Zones A & B

TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 9-10 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Successful hunters must record harvest at Check Station or kiosk.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Successful hunters must record harvest at Check Station or kiosk.

(Regular) Mar. 16 - Apr. 30 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Successful hunters must record harvest at Check Station or kiosk.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Squirrel
season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

SNIPE: Nov. 10 – Feb. 24. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.


RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sep. 1 – Feb. 28 (Nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: Dogs Only – No Weapons.

DOVE: State season (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

CROW: Sep. 1 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: State season (½ hour before sunrise to noon). No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

FERAL SWINE (Special Hunt) Sep. 1-3 and Mar. 1-3. Permitted firearms & archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

(u) OAKMULGEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Bibb, Hale, Perry & Tuscaloosa Counties)

DEER: (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10-11. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
Successful hunters must record harvest at check station or kiosk.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 23-24, and Dec. 28-30. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Hunters must obtain a daily permit issued from the check station prior to gun deer hunting (with the exception of Dec. 30 – check station will be closed). The check station will be open from 4:30 am to 6:30 pm. All deer harvested must be brought to the Check Station for data collection. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:
Dec. 1-2, Dec. 21-23, and Jan. 11-13. On all other gun deer hunts, the check station will be opened from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to collect data on harvested deer and provide additional assistance to WMA users. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk. One antlered buck per day. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 12-16 and Dec. 12-16. On all primitive weapons deer hunts, the check station will be opened from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to collect data on harvested deer and provide additional assistance to WMA users. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 15 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Antlered bucks only during buck only gun hunts. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station or kiosk.

**To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.**
TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 16 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Successful hunters must record harvest at Check Station or kiosk.
(Physically Disabled) Mar. 22 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Successful hunters must record harvest at Check Station or kiosk.
(Regular) Mar. 23 – Apr. 30 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. Successful hunters must record harvest at Check Station or kiosk.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

SNIPE: Nov. 10 – Feb. 24. No hunting on days of primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.


RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sep. 1 – Mar. 3 (Nighttime Hours Only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: Dogs only - No weapons.

DOVE: State season (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

CROW: Sep. 1 – Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: State season. No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

FERAL SWINE (Special Hunt): Sep. 1-10. Permitted firearms and bow and arrow and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. Successful hunters
must record harvest at Check Station or kiosk.

FURBEARER TRAPPING
(excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

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(Southeast Alabama)

BARBOUR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Barbour and Bullock Counties)

DEER:
Zones A & B

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Gun) Special Early Hunt Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov 16. Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 17-18 and Jan. 10-12 (Jan. 12 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel). Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 24-26 and Feb 7-9. (A limited number of hunter’s choice permits may be issued). One antlered buck per day. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-15. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only. Oct. 15-24. One antlered buck per day. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice (except spotted fawns): Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun hunts if hunting in zone open to gun
hunt and abide by all gun deer hunt regulations.

**Zone A**
(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 29-Dec. 6, Dec. 14-20. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. -**Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Small game hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting.

**Zone B**
(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Dec. 7-13 and Dec. 21-29. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. -**Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Small game hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

**TURKEY:** (Youth) Mar. 16-17 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
(Physically Disabled) Mar. 22 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
(Regular) Mar. 23 - Apr. 30 (daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

**DOVE:** State seasons (opening day - 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season - ½ hour before sunrise to sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**QUAIL:** Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and muzzleloader deer hunts.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:** Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

**RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:** Sep. 15 - Feb. 28 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, gun and primitive
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weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting - dogs only, no weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:
Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed; Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

SNIPE:
Nov. 10 - Feb. 24. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WOODCOCK:
Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WATERFOWL:
State seasons. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

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BLUE SPRING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Covington County)

DEER:
(Youth)  Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Gun)  Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 17 and Nov. 24. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.


(Primitive Weapons)  Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-16. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.

Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. No hunting on days of dog deer hunts. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun hunts and abide by all gun deer hunt regulations. Antlered buck restrictions apply.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

TURKEY:
- (Youth) Mar. 9 (daylight to 1 pm). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
- (Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (daylight to 1 pm). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
- (Regular) Mar. 16 - Apr. 30 (daylight to 1 pm). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

DOVE:
State seasons (12:00 noon to sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

QUAIL:
Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:
Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM:
Sep. 15 - Feb. 28 (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:
Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

FOX:
or nights of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

SNIPE: Nov. 10 – Feb. 24. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WOODCOCK: Dec. 14 – Jan. 27. No hunting on days of gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: State seasons. No hunting on days of gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts. No hunting permitted on Open, Buck, Ditch, and Blue Ponds.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28 (Excluding Dec. 14-15 and Dec. 28-29). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

BOGGY HOLLOW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Covington County)

DAILY PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ALL DEER, TURKEY AND SMALL GAME HUNTING.

Hunters must obtain a daily permit for each hunt day at a kiosk self-service box.

DEER: (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10. Two deer per day – one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.


Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10. Hunting allowed only on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays of state season. Two deer per day – one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 9 (daylight until 1 pm). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (daylight until 1 pm). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.

(Regular) Mar. 16 – Apr. 30 (daylight until 1 pm). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. Hunting only on Thursdays and Fridays of State Season. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sep. 15 - Feb. 28. Night time hunting only except on Wednesday, Saturday, and Youth Deer hunt day.

WOODCOCK: Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. Hunting only on Wednesdays and Saturdays of state season.

QUAIL: Nov. 14 - Feb. 16. Hunting only on Wednesdays and Saturdays of state season. 4 Quail per person per day.

FURBEARER TRAPPING: Feb. 17 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

(y) GENEVA STATE FOREST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Covington and Geneva Counties)

DEER: (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck).

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10 - 20, Dec. 18-22 and Jan. 2-6. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 16-20 and Feb. 1-10 (Feb. 9 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel). One antlered buck per day. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.

(Dog) Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 7-8. One antlered buck per day. By Limited quota permit only. Dogs must be approved by DCNR personnel. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-16. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. -Antlered buck restrictions apply.


Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice (except spotted fawns): Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. No hunting on days of dog deer hunts. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on
days of gun hunts and abide by all gun
deer hunt regulations.  -Antlered buck
restrictions apply.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3)
antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.

TURKEY:  (Youth)  Mar. 9 (daylight until 1:00p.m.).
           Gobblers only.  All successful hunters
           must record their harvest at the check
           station.
           (Physically Disabled)  Mar. 15 (daylight until 1:00p.m.).
           Gobblers only.  All successful hunters
           must record their harvest at the check
           station.
           (Regular)  Mar. 16 – Apr. 30 (daylight until
           1:00p.m.).  Gobblers only.  All
           successful hunters must record their
           harvest at the check station.

DOVE:  State seasons (12:00 noon to sunset).
        Saturdays and Wednesdays only.  No
        hunting on days of youth, gun, dog,
        and primitive weapons deer hunts.

QUAIL:  Nov. 3 – Feb. 28.  No hunting on days
        of youth, gun, dog, and primitive
        weapons deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:  Sep. 15 – Mar. 3.  No hunting on days
                     of youth, gun, dog, and primitive
                     weapons deer hunts.  Fox squirrel
                     season closed during February and
                     March.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:  Sep. 15 – Feb. 28 (nighttime hours
                      only).  No hunting on nights preceding
                      or nights of youth, gun and primitive
                      weapons deer hunts.  Fox hunting –
                      dogs only, no weapons.

COYOTE, BOBCAT, & FOX:  Open during any other scheduled WMA
                         Hunting Season using weapons and
                         ammunition approved for those hunts.
                         No dogs allowed.  Daylight hours only.
                         One fox per day.

SNIPES:  Nov. 10 – Feb. 24.  No hunting on
          days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive
          weapons deer hunts.

WOODCOCK:  Dec. 14 – Jan. 27.  No hunting on days
          of gun deer hunts.

WATERFOWL:  State seasons.  No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog,
             and primitive weapons deer hunts.

FURBEARER TRAPPING
(excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28 (Excluding Dec. 7-8). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

(z) GOTHARD-AWF YATES LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Elmore County)

DEER:
Zones A & B

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 10-11. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:
Nov. 17-18 and, Jan. 18-Feb. 3.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 12-16. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Oct. 15-Feb. 10. One deer per day – one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Archery hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.

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(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:
Nov. 22-25, Dec. 6-9, Dec. 20-24, Jan. 3-6. One deer per day – one antlered buck.

Zones B

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:

Zones A & B

TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 9-10 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only.

(Regular) Mar. 16 - Apr. 30 (Daylight hours). Gobblers only.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sept. 15 - Mar. 3 (except on days of youth, PW deer hunts). Small game hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Sep. 15 - Feb. 28. (nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, gun and primitive
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QUAIL:
Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. (except on days of youth, PW deer hunts). Small game hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.

WOODCOCK:
Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. (except on days of youth, PW, deer hunts). Small game hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.

CROW:
Sep. 1 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and PW deer hunts.

WATERFOWL:
State seasons. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zones that are not open for gun deer hunting.

FERAL SWINE & COYOTE:
Open during any other legal WMA hunting season using weapons and ammunition approved for those WMA hunts (No Dogs Allowed; Daylight hours only).

FURBEARER TRAPPING:
Nov. 3 - Feb. 28 Trapping permits must be obtained from District IV office. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

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(aa) GRAND BAY SAVANNA COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA
(Mobile County)

DEER:
(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:
Nov. 17 - Feb. 10 Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only. One antlered buck per day. Shotguns with slugs and primitive weapons only. No dogs allowed.

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:
Oct. 15-24. One antlered buck per day.

Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. One deer per day - one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

DOVE:
State seasons.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:
Sep.15 - Mar. 3. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
RACCOON, FOX, & OPOSSUM: Sep. 1 – Mar. 3 (nighttime hours only). Fox hunting: dogs only – no weapons.

FERAL SWINE, COYOTE, BOBCAT & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only. One fox per day.

CROW: Sep. 1 – Mar. 3.
RAIL: State seasons.
WATERFOWL: State seasons.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA AND W.L. HOLLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Baldwin and Mobile Counties)

(Jacinto Port Tract):
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.


TURKEY: (Youth) Mar. 9 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
(Regular) Mar. 16 – Apr. 30 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

FERAL SWINE & COYOTE: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season on the Jacinto Port Tract using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. No centerfire rifles allowed on the Jacinto Port Tract.
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(Remainder of Mobile-Tensaw Delta and W. L. Holland Wildlife Management Areas Including Tom Roush Tract):

DEER:  
(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays of the State Gun Deer Season Nov. 17 - Feb. 10. One antlered buck per day. No Dogs Allowed.
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

TURKEY:  
(Youth) Mar. 9 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.
(Regular) Mar. 16 - Apr. 30 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

WATERFOWL:  
State Season (½ hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.), (Further restrictions apply for the Mobile-Tensaw Delta Waterfowl Management Zone within the WMA, see Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide).

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:  
Sep.15 - Mar. 3. Fox Squirrel season closed during February & March.

DOVE:  
State Season.

SNIPE:  
Nov. 10 - Feb. 24.

WOODCOCK:  
Dec. 14 - Jan. 27.

CROW:  
Sep. 1 - Mar. 3.

RAIL:  
State Season

RACCOON, FOX & OPOSSUM:  
Sep. 1 - Mar. 3 (Nighttime hours only). Fox: Dog only -No weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:  
Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those species (excluding buckshot). No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

FERAL SWINE  
(Special Season):  

FURBEBEARER TRAPPING  
(excluding feral swine):  
Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.
PERDIDO RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Baldwin County)

DEER:

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 17 and Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. A predetermined percentage of the permits issued will be Hunter’s Choice permits.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 14-15, Jan. 4-6, Jan. 18-20, Feb. 1 - 3 (Feb.2 Bonus buck day, must be validated by WFF personnel). One antlered buck per day.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-13 and Dec. 17-21. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.


Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Antlered bucks only on antlered bucks only gun hunts.

TURKEY:

(Youth) Mar. 16 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 22 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

(Regular) Mar. 23-Apr. 30 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. No hunting on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

RACCOON, FOX & OPOSSUM: Sep. 1 - Mar. 3 (Nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of all youth, gun, and primitive weapons hunts. Fox hunting: Dogs Only - No Weapons.

DOVE: State Season (Thursdays and Saturdays only; Noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
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WATERFOWL: State Season. No hunting on days of gun and muzzleloader deer hunts.

SNIPE: Nov. 10-Feb. 24. No hunting on days of youth, gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

WOODCOCK: Dec. 14-Jan. 27. No hunting on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.

CROW: Sep. 1 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of scheduled youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

UPPER DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Baldwin and Mobile Counties)

DEER:

Zones A & B:

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 10. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 17, One antlered buck per day.

(Dog) Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 7-8, and Dec. 28-29 One antlered buck per day. Dog deer hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 a.m.

Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Dec. 14-15. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Jan. 18-20. One deer per day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.


Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 - Feb. 10. Two deer per day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Antlered bucks only on antlered bucks only gun hunts.

Zone A:
(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 4-6 and Feb. 1-2. One antlered buck per day.

**Zone B:** (Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Buck Only: Jan 7-13 and Jan. 25-27. One antlered buck per day.

(Dog) Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 19-24. One antlered buck per day. Dog deer hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 a.m.

**Zones A & B:**

**TURKEY:** (Youth) Mar. 9 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

(Physically Disabled) Mar. 15 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

(Regular) Mar. 16 - Apr. 30 (Daylight until 1:00 p.m.). Gobblers only.

**WATERFOWL:**

**Zone A:** State Season (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.).
No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**Zone B:** State Season (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.).

**DOVE:** State Season (Saturdays only). No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:** Sep. 15 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February.

**SNIPE:** Nov. 10 - Feb. 24. No hunting days of youth, gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**WOODCOCK:** Dec. 14 - Jan. 27. No hunting on days of youth, gun, dog and primitive weapons deer hunts.

**CROW:** Sep. 1 - Mar. 3. No hunting on days of youth, gun, and PW deer hunts.

**FOX, RACCOON & OPOSSUM:** Sep. 1 - Mar. 3 (Nighttime hours only). No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, gun, and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox hunting: Dogs only - No weapons.

**BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:** Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day.

FURBEARER TRAPPING
(excluding feral swine): Nov. 3 - Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. All trappers must wear hunter’s orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

2018-2019 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons

District II 2018-2019 Special Opportunity Hunting Area Seasons and Bag Limits
(Northeast Alabama)

(a) CROW CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA
(Jackson County)

DEER: 
(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 19-21, Nov. 2-4 and Nov. 9-11. One antlered buck and 2 antlerless deer per hunter per 3-day hunt. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter permit holder. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified unit.

**To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least four (4) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.**

WATERFOWL: 
Dec. 15-16, Dec. 22-23, Dec. 29-30, Jan. 5-6, Jan. 12-13, Jan. 19-20, Jan. 26-27. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Hunters are required to remain in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw. All state shooting times and bag limits apply.

WATERFOWL (Youth): Feb. 2. By limited quota permit only for youth hunter permit holder and up to three youth hunting guests. The group must be supervised by at least one properly licensed adult serving as the supervising adult, 21 years or older or the parent of the youth.
hunter. Hunters are required to remain in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. Only youth are allowed to hunt. Permit and specified hunt zone to be determined through random draw. All state shooting times and bag limits apply.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. Limited to those limited quota permit holders for the specified permit days and units.

District III 2018-2019 Special Opportunity Hunting Area Seasons and Bag Limits
(Central-West Central Alabama)

(b) CEDAR CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA
(Dallas County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 18-21, Oct. 25-28, Nov. 1-4. One antlered buck and 3 antlerless deer per hunter per 4-day hunt. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-15. One antlered buck and 3 antlerless deer per hunter per 4-day hunt. -Antlered buck restrictions apply. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Dec. 6-9, Dec. 27-30, Jan. 3-6, Jan. 24-27, Feb. 7-10. One antlered buck and 3 antlerless deer per hunter
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per 4-day hunt. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have:

- Main beam spread width of 16” (outside the ears) or 18” main beam (3x length of the ear).
- Hunters are required to record data of harvest date, sex, lactation presence, weight, extract jawbone and antler measurements at kiosk.
- Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the district biologist.

TURKEY:
Mar. 22-24, Apr. 5-7, April 16-18, Apr. 26-28. One gobbler per hunter per 3-day hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:
Feb. 16-17, Feb. 23-24 and Mar. 2-3. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:
Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. Limited to those limited quota permit holders for the specified permit days and units.

(c) PORTLAND LANDING SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA
(Dallas County)
DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 18-21, Oct. 25-28, Nov. 1-4. One antlered buck and 3 antlerless deer per hunter per 4-day hunt. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 12-15. One antlered buck and 3 antlerless deer per hunter per 4-day hunt. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Dec. 6-9, Dec. 27-30, Jan. 3-6, Jan. 24-27, Feb. 7-10. One antlered buck and 3 antlerless deer per hunter per 4-day hunt. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

-To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have:

- Main beam spread width of 16” (outside the ears) or 18” main beam (3x length of the ear).

- Hunters are required to record data of harvest date, sex, lactation presence, weight, extract jawbone and antler measurements at kiosk.

- Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the district biologist.

TURKEY: Mar. 22-24, Apr. 5-7, April 16-18, Apr. 26-28. One gobbler per hunter per 3-day hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter.
The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:**

Feb. 16-17, Feb. 23-24 and Mar. 2-3. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

**BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:**

Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. Limited to those limited quota permit holders for the specified permit days and units.

### District IV 2018-2019 Special Opportunity Hunting Area Seasons and Bag Limits

(Central East Central, Southeast Alabama)

**UCHEE CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA**
(Russell County)

**DEER:**

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Oct. 18-21, Oct. 25-28, Nov. 1-4. One antlered buck and 3 antlerless deer per hunter per 4-day hunt. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Nov. 12-15. One antlered buck and 3 antlerless deer per hunter per 4-day hunt. **Antlered buck restrictions apply.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit.
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- Main beam spread width of 16” (outside the ears) or 18” main beam length (3x length of the ear).
- Hunters are required to record data of harvest date, sex, lactation presence, weight, extract jawbone and antler measurements at kiosk.
- Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the district biologist.

TURKEY:
Mar. 22-24, Apr. 5-7, April 16-18, Apr. 26-28. One gobbler per hunter per 3-day hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:
Feb. 16-17, Feb. 23-24 and Mar. 2-3. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through random draw.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:
Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. Limited to those limited...
quota permit holders for the specified permit days and units.

District V 2018-2019 Wildlife Management Area Seasons and Bag Limits (Southwest Alabama)

(e) FRED T. STIMPSON SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA
(Clarke County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:
Oct. 25-28, Dec. 27-30, Jan. 17-20, Jan. 31-Feb. -3. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter permit holder. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified unit.

(Youth Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunters’ Choice:
Nov. 10-11, Nov. 23-24, Dec. 21-22 and, Jan. 5-6. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. By limited quota permit only, a properly licensed permit holder 21 years old or older or youth’s parent with one youth will be allowed to have one youth guest hunter and a properly licensed supervising adult 21 years old or the parent of the additional youth hunter. Hunters are required to remain in their assigned unit on their specified hunt date. Only the youth are allowed to hunt.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:
Open during any other scheduled Special Opportunity Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. One fox per day. Limited to those limited quota permit holders for the specified permit days and units.

SQUIRREL: (Youth) Oct. 20 and Nov. 3. By limited quota permit only, properly licensed permit holder 21 years old or youth’s parent, must have one youth hunter and will be allowed to have two additional youth guest hunters and one properly licensed supervising adult 21 years old or older.
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Hunters are required to remain in their assigned unit on their specified hunt date.

WATERFOWL (Youth) Jan. 11-12. By limited quota permit only, a properly licensed permit holder 21 years old or older will be allowed to have two youth guest hunters and a properly licensed supervising adult 21 years old or older.

(f) UPPER STATE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA (Clarke County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 18-21 and Feb. 7-10. Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter permit holder. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date and in specified unit.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX: Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No Dogs Allowed. Daylight Hours Only. Limited to those limited quota permit holders for the specified permit days and units.

Author: Christopher M. Blankenship
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PENALTY: As provided by law.

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220-2-.57  **Daily Creel Limits -- U. S. Forest Service Lands.**  Effective immediately, the following creel limits shall exist for Open, Buck, Ditch and Otter Ponds, located on U.S. Forest Service lands in Covington County:

(a)  A daily creel limit of 20 bream, 2 bass, 5 catfish per person, the limits representing aggregate totals from any or all of the four ponds.

**Author:**


History:  Filed: September 30, 1982.

220-2-.58  **Authorized Guide Hunting Service.**  (REPEALED)

Author:  Christopher M. Blankenship


220-2-.59  **Proof Of Payment Of Ad Valorem Taxes.**  (Repealed).

Author:


220-2-.60  **Airboat Regulation.**

(1)  It shall be unlawful for any person to use an airboat on any of the public waters of this State in Baldwin or Mobile counties between November 15th of each year and the end of the waterfowl seasons.

(2)  The prohibition prescribed in Paragraph (1) above shall not apply to the use of airboats by law enforcement personnel, state aquatic plant management personnel, oil and gas exploration crews, or utility company personnel while operating airboats in their official capacities.

Author:  N Gunter Guy, Jr.
220-2-.61 Creel, Possession And Size Limits For Federally Owned And Managed Ponds And Lakes. The daily creel, possession and size limits for game fish and catfish in Federally owned and managed ponds and fishing lakes in the State of Alabama shall be as posted at each pond or lake. Creel, possession and size limits for fish not posted shall be the same as otherwise provided for all public waters of this State.

Author: John W. Hodnett


History: Effective: February 23, 1983.

220-2-.62 Limited Hunting Season For Deer On Certain Military Installations. The following special 1984-85 Hunter's Choice Deer Season on the following specific area, in accordance with the below-stated time, place, manner, and means, is hereby established:

Anniston Army Depot, located in Calhoun County, Alabama, is hereby opened to gun hunting of deer, antlered and antlerless, except spotted fawns, sunrise to sunset, on December 1, 15, and 29, 1984, and January 6 and 12, 1985.

Author: John W. Hodnett


220-2-.64 Black Bass Size Limit For West Point Reservoir. (Repealed 7/16/97) [Rule 220-2-.64, entitled “Black Bass Size
Limit for West Point Reservoir," is hereby expressly repealed in its entirety.]
Author: James D. Martin
History: Effective April 18, 1983. Repealed (Peremptory):
Filed July 16, 1997; effective July 16, 1997.

220-2-.65ER Use Of Wire Baskets In Chilton County
Author:
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975,

220-2-.66ER Emergency Turkey Season For Redstone Arsenal.
Author:
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975,

220-2-.67ER Extension Of Turkey Season.
Author:
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975,
History: Emergency adoption Filed 4/22/83; effective 6 a.m. 4/23/83; expired 120 days thereafter. No permanent adoption.

220-2-.68 Special 1983-84 Hunter's Choice Deer Seasons On Specific Federal Lands. (REPEALED)
Author: John W. Hodnett

220-2-.69 Hunting Seasons And Limits For Migratory Birds. (REPEALED)
Author: John W. Hodnett
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220-2-.70 Use Of Wire Baskets In Jefferson County. Any person properly licensed under the provisions of Act No. 83-482, Acts of Alabama, Regular Session, 1983, is hereby authorized to take, catch or kill nongame fish from the public waters of Jefferson County (except in municipal parks) by the use of wire baskets having a mesh of one (1) inch or larger. Persons are restricted to four (4) such licenses per person and are restricted to the use of four (4) wire baskets per person and the use of said baskets shall be governed strictly in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 83-482, Acts of Ala., Regular Session 1983.

Author: John W. Hodnett

220-2-.71 Black Bass Size Limit For Harris Reservoir.

Author: John W. Hodnett


Author: John W. Hodnett

220-2-.73 The Alabama Cooperative Deer Management Assistance Program.
(1) The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall administer a program entitled "The Alabama Cooperative Deer Management Assistance Program" to improve management of white-tailed deer through cooperative agreements with landowners and hunting clubs.

(2) Each prospective participant shall submit an application on a form to be supplied by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Each application must be accompanied by two copies of a map of the area to be included in the Deer Management Program that are of sufficient detail to allow the area's boundaries to be readily determined. Cooperators in Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Districts 1-2 and 3-5 shall have at least 200 and 500 contiguous acres, respectively. Approval of the application shall be at the discretion of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Each landowner/club approved shall be termed a "cooperator."

(3) Each cooperator shall designate a person with authority to represent all parties with a controlling interest in hunting activities on the land to serve as the cooperator's contact with the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

(4) The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall designate a Wildlife Biologist, knowledgeable in deer management, as the agency's contact with each cooperator.

(5) Cooperators must abide by all hunting laws and regulations. Failure to do so shall be cause to terminate participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program.

(6) Each cooperator shall make a written statement of its deer management objectives. Those objectives must be within the capabilities of the harvest and management strategies that can be applied.

(7) Each cooperator shall collect specified biological information from deer harvested and submit the data to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as directed. Failure to do so shall be cause to terminate participation in the Deer Management Assistance Program.

(8) Information concerning past harvest, existing conditions and deer management objectives will be considered in the development of a deer management and harvest strategy for
each cooperator. Harvest of unantlered deer will be prescribed as appropriate.

(9) Harvest of unantlered deer outside the regular Hunter's Choice hunting season will be allowed only where appropriate to meet the deer management objectives of the cooperator. The number of unantlered deer to be taken, dates of harvest and bag limits will be designated and shall be by written permit as approved by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Director based on recommendations submitted by the Wildlife and Enforcement Sections. The regular Hunter's Choice hunting season shall not apply to the extent of its conflict with the provisions of said permits.

(10) Any person hunting on areas included in the Deer Management Program shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including those relating to the wearing of hunter orange.

(11) The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall provide the cooperator a report based on the biological information submitted.

(12) The penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this regulation shall be as provided by law.

(13) This regulation shall become effective on the 36th day after filing with the Legislative Reference Service.

Author: James D. Martin

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.74.10ER 1984-85 Dove And Special Teal Hunting Seasons.
Author:
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975,
220-2-.75-.11ER  Certain 1984-85 Hunting Seasons In Certain Wildlife Management Areas.

Author:
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975,

220-2-.76-.12ER  1984-85 Hunting Seasons For Deer, Rabbit, Raccoon And Opossum.

Author:
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975,
History: Emergency adoption effective October 4, 1984. No permanent adoption.

220-2-.77  2018-2019 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose, And Teal Hunting Seasons.

(1) The following 2018-2019 hunting seasons for duck, coot, merganser, goose and teal, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

(a) Duck, Coot, and Merganser:

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(c) Bag Limits for Duck, Merganser, Coot, and Goose

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Canvasback and 3 Scaup. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Merganser: 5 a day, only 2 may be a Hooded Merganser. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Coot: 15 a day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Goose: Special Early Goose:
September 1 – September 30
The aggregate bag limit of 5 dark geese (Canada, White-fronted, Brant) shall not include more than 1 Brant. Additionally, an aggregate bag limit of 5 light geese (Snow, Blue, Ross’s) may be harvested per day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Regular Goose:
October 13 – October 27
November 23 – November 24
December 1 – January 27

Dark Geese (Canada, White-front, Brant) – 5 a day. The aggregate bag limit of 5 shall not include more than 3 Canada Geese or 1 Brant. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Light Geese (Snow, Blue, Ross’s) – The aggregate bag limit shall be 5 a day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.
Regions and Times for Hunting Duck, Coot, Merganser, and Goose:

Mobile Tensaw Delta Waterfowl Management Zone:  
That area of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta known as Big Bateau Bay and Bay Grass shall be closed to the operation of all gas-powered motors from the second Saturday in November through the second Saturday in February.

That area of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta encompassed by Interstate 10 from the intersection of Highway 90 (Mobile Causeway), East to the western channel of the Apalachee River as marked by boundary signs, North to the Intersection of Highway 90 (Mobile Causeway), West along Highway 90 (Mobile Causeway) to the intersection of Interstate 10 depicts the Apalachee Refuge boundaries and is closed to hunting and the operation of all gas-powered motors from the second Saturday in November through the second Saturday in February.

That area north of Highway 90 (Battleship Parkway), west of Alabama Highway 225, south of CSX Railroad tracks, and east of the west bank of the Mobile River, shooting days and hours for the regular waterfowl season shall be:

Monday and Tuesday: Closed to Waterfowl Hunting  
Wednesday through Sunday: shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 P.M.

(For special early teal and goose seasons, shooting days and hours shall be Monday – Sunday, 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.)
Remainder of the State:
Shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day.

(e) Special Early Teal Season: September 8 - 23; 6 a day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit. Shooting hours shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day.

(f) Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting
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Days: November 17, 2018 & February 2, 2019, in accordance with regulations.

(g) Non-toxic shot: (Informational Note: The use of non-toxic shot, either (1) steel shot T size or smaller, or (2) other shot and sizes approved by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is required in Alabama for waterfowl hunting.)

(h) Duck Stamps: (Informational Note: State and Federal Duck Stamps shall be required when Hunting Migratory Waterfowl. All licensed hunters are also required to have a Harvest Information Program permit.)

Author: Christopher M. Blankenship


PENALTY: As provided by law

220-2-.78-.14ER 1984-85 Hunting Season For Squirrel.
Author: John W. Hodnett
History: Emergency adoption effective October 9, 1984. No permanent adoption.

Author: John W. Hodnett
History: Emergency adoption effective October 12, 1984. No permanent adoption.

220-2-.80 Running Of Hunting Dogs Prohibited During Applicable Spring Turkey Seasons.

(1) During the applicable spring turkey season(s) the running of hunting dogs is hereby prohibited on all areas of the State open to the hunting of turkey.

(2) This regulation shall become effective on the 36th day after filing with the Legislative Reference Service.
Author: John W. Hodnett
220-2-.81 **Running Of Hunting Dogs Prohibited During Applicable Turkey Seasons On All State Wildlife Management Areas And Refuges.**

(1) During the applicable spring turkey seasons the running of hunting dogs is hereby prohibited on all state wildlife management areas and refuges open to the hunting of turkey.

(2) This regulation shall become effective on the 36th day after filing with the Legislative Reference Service.

**Author:** John W. Hodnett

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §9-11-301.

**History:** Filed December 12, 1984.

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220-2-.82.16ER **Use Of Airboats Restricted.**

**Author:**

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975

**History:** Emergency adoption effective November 14, 1984. No permanent adoption.

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220-2-.83.17ER **Special 1984-85 Hunter's Choice Deer Season.**

**Author:**

**Statutory Authority:**

**History:** Emergency adoption effective December 12, 1984. No permanent adoption.

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220-2-.84 **The Taking, Killing Or Capturing Of Commercial Or Non-Game Fish Prohibited.** (Repealed)

**Author:**

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975,

220-2-.85 Hunter Orange Requirement For Hunting And Definition Of Open Permit-Public Land.

(1) During dates and in areas open by regulation to gun deer season, including youth deer season and muzzleloader deer season, all persons hunting any wildlife species, except foxes, raccoons and opossums during legal nighttime hours or turkey, or migratory birds (including crows), are required to wear an outer garment above the waist with a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more from the ground, when hunting in an enclosed box stand, when traveling in an enclosed vehicle, or when traveling on foot no more than twenty feet directly between an operating enclosed vehicle and a stand where the hunter is exempt from the hunter orange requirement. The hunter orange must be worn when traveling on foot between an operating enclosed vehicle and exempt stand when the distance is more than a direct distance of twenty feet. A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of hunter orange caps; otherwise, hunter orange must be of solid color and visible from any angle. Only hunter orange, commonly called blaze orange, ten mile cloth, etc., is legal. The various shades of red as well as camo orange are not legal.

(2) “Open Permit-Public Land” is defined as governmentally owned land open for public hunting and/or lands made available to the public on an individual basis whether for a fee or not. Examples of such lands would be national forest lands, lands owned by lumber companies and utility companies available for use by hunters either through free permits, fee permits or no permit requirement.

Author: M. Barnett Lawley


PENALTY: As provided by law.
220-2-.86  **Feral Swine Regulation.**

(1) The seasons and methods for taking feral swine will be as provided in Rule 220-2-.01.

(2) Upon taking or capturing or having in possession any feral swine it shall be unlawful to release said feral swine alive or to transport said live feral swine. All feral swine taken by trap or dogs or otherwise must be killed on site. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful to release any live domestic swine into the wild.

**Author:**  N. Gunter Guy, Jr.

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.


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220-2-.87.19ER 1985-86 Dove And Teal Emergency Regulations.

**Author:**

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975,

**History:** Emergency adoption effective September 11, 1985. No permanent adoption.

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220-2-.88.20ER 1985-86 Dove And Special Teal Emergency Regulation For Wildlife Management Areas.

**Author:**

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975,

**History:** Emergency adoption effective September 11, 1985. No permanent adoption.

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220-2-.89  1985-86 Squirrel Emergency Regulation.

**Author:**

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975,

**History:** Emergency adoption effective September 30, 1985. No permanent adoption.
220-2-.90 1985-86 Starling And Squirrel Emergency Regulation For Wildlife Management Areas.

Author:
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975,

220-2-.91 (Reserved)

220-2-.92 Protected Nongame Species.

(1) It shall be unlawful to take, capture, kill, or attempt to take, capture or kill; possess, sell, trade for anything of monetary value, or offer to sell or trade for anything of monetary value, the following nongame wildlife species (or any parts or reproductive products of such species) without a scientific collection permit or written permit from the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which shall specifically state what the permittee may do with regard to said species:

(a) Fishes

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- Darter, Scaly Sand  \textit{Ammocrypta vivax}
- Darter, Slackwater  \textit{Etheostoma boschungi}
- Darter, Slenderhead  \textit{Percina phoxocephala}
- Darter, Snail  \textit{Percina tanasi}
- Darter, Trispot  \textit{Etheostoma trisella}
- Darter, Tuscmibia  \textit{Etheostoma tuscumbia}
- Darter, Vermilion  \textit{Etheostoma chermocki}
- Darter, Watercress  \textit{Etheostoma nuchale}
- Logperch, Blotchside  \textit{Percina burtoni}
- Madtom, Frecklebelly  \textit{Noturus munitus}
- Madtom, Mountain  \textit{Noturus eleutherus}
- Minnow, Suckermouth  \textit{Phenacobius mirabilis}
- Sculpin, Pygmy  \textit{Cottus paulus}
- Shad, Alabama  \textit{Alosa alabamae}
- Shiner, Blackmouth  \textit{Notropis melanostomus}
- Shiner, Blue  \textit{Cyprinella caerulea}
- Shiner, Bluestripe  \textit{Cyprinella callitaenia}
- Shiner, Broadstripe  \textit{Pteronotropis euryzonus}
- Shiner, Cahaba  \textit{Notropis cahabae}
- Shiner, Dusky  \textit{Notropis cummingsae}
- Shiner, Ironcolor  \textit{Notropis chalybaeus}
- Shiner, Palezone  \textit{Notropis albizonatus}
- Sunfish, Spring Pygmy  \textit{Elassoma alabamae}
- Sturgeon, Alabama  \textit{Scaphirynchus suttkusi}
- Sturgeon, Gulf  \textit{Acipenser oxyrhynchus desotoi}
- Sturgeon, Lake  \textit{Acipenser fulvescens}

(b) Amphibians

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<td>Snake, Gulf Salt Marsh</td>
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<td>Turtle, Flattened Musk</td>
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<td>Turtle, Alligator Snapping</td>
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Informational Note: See Section 9-11-269, Code of Ala. 1975, relating to protection of the flattened musk turtle (Sternotherus depressus).

### Birds
All nongame birds are protected under the provisions of this regulation except crows, starlings, English sparrows, Eurasian collared doves, pigeons, and other non-native species.

(e) Mammals

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<td>Bat, Indiana</td>
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<td>Bat, Little Brown</td>
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<td>Weasel, Long-tailed</td>
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<td>Allegheny, Woodrat</td>
<td>Neotoma magister</td>
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(f) Other State or Federally protected nongame species.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture, kill or possess any bullfrog (Lithobates catesbeianus) or pig frog (Lithobates grylio) from the public waters of this state for commercial purposes. Furthermore it shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture, kill or possess more than twenty (20) bullfrogs and pig frogs in aggregate from the public
waters of this state during any twenty-four (24) hour period from 12 noon to the following 12 noon.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale or trade anything of value or possess alive any Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake (Crotalus adamanteus) without a permit from the Commissioner. Nothing herein is intended to prevent the relocation of live Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnakes to suitable habitat when conducted in the same day as capture and with landowner permission.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2.93 Prohibition Of Importation/Possession Of The Fishes Rudd And Roach. (REPEALED)

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


220-2-.94 Prohibition Of Taking Or Possessing Paddlefish (Spoonbill). (REPEALED)
Author: N. Hunter Guy, Jr.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.95 Alligator Nuisance Control Hunter Regulations.

(1) FEEDING OR ENTICEMENT OF ALLIGATORS UNLAWFUL:

(a) No person shall intentionally feed or entice with feed any wild American alligator (Alligator mississippiensis); however, this does not apply to those covered by §§9-11-320 through 9-11-328 of the Code of Ala. 1975, (Possession of Wildlife for Public Exhibition Purposes) or those people authorized by special permit issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(2) GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR TAKING, ATTEMPTING TO TAKE, POSSESSION AND SALE OF ALLIGATORS:

(a) No person shall buy, sell, take or possess any alligator or any part thereof, or the nests or eggs of any alligator except under permit from the Director of the Game and Fish Division or as otherwise provided by other laws or rules and regulations.

(b) Nothing in this regulation, however, shall prohibit the possession of lawfully acquired cured and mounted trophies and articles manufactured from the skins or hides or other parts of alligators, provided the cured and mounted trophies are labeled to show number of the state tag originally attached to the hide of the alligator.
(c) Any alligator, crocodile, caiman or similar reptile, or any part thereof, seized or otherwise legally acquired by the Game and Fish Division may be sold. Proceeds from such sale will be deposited in the Game and Fish Fund.

(d) Alligators, or any parts thereof, lawfully obtained outside the state may be imported only under permit from the Director of the Game and Fish Division, except as provided for in paragraph (2)(b) above. Transportation and transfer of all alligators must also be in accordance with the rules of the state of origin.

(e) No person shall use, be in possession of or attend any hook, peg or other such device baited in such manner as to be capable of taking alligators and suspended so that the bait is above water or submerged in a manner to take or attempt to take alligators unless such person is authorized by the Director.

(3) OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR NUISANCE ALLIGATORS:

(a) Complainants reporting nuisance alligators shall be questioned sufficiently to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the problem and to determine whether the problem can be resolved through information/education.

(b) If necessary, Game and Fish Division personnel shall visit the nuisance location to determine if an alligator is present. Preparation of an "Alligator Complaint and Tagging Report" must be initiated at this point.

(c) Division personnel proceed through the Nuisance Alligator Problem Assessment (NAPA) printed below:

Nuisance Alligator Problem Assessment (NAPA) - This outline is a guideline for assessing nuisance alligator complaints. Since each nuisance situation is different, Division personnel may deviate from it based on the individual factors involved. It is intended only as a starting point for decision making.

1. Alligator has attacked people........LETHAL, REMOVE (See Note 1)

1. Alligator has not attacked people........ See 2

2. Alligator is in more or less natural habitat (ditches, ponds, marsh, etc.)......................... See 3
2. Alligator is in unnatural habitat (backyard, work site, urban area).................................................See 5

3. Alligator/human contact is minimal.................. PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ALLEVIATE FEARS (See Note 2)

3. Alligator/human contact is frequent..............See 4

4. Natural movement of alligators to and from area can occur. RECOMMEND COMPLAINANT TO CONSTRUCT BARRIERS AND/OR LIMIT HUMAN ACTIVITY (See Notes 2 and 3)

4. Habitat is isolated or immigration is unlikely ..................................................................................See 5

5. Alligator can be caught safely and effectively. ............................................................................. LIVE CAPTURE (See Note 1)

5. Alligator cannot be caught or may be unsafe to handle alive.................................................LETHAL, REMOVE (See Note 1)

NOTE 1. Nuisance Control Hunter (NCH) may be called in for lethal removal or live capture.

NOTE 2. If complainants are likely to destroy alligators if the Division does not conduct removal, an attempt should be made to remove alligators through use of the NCH.

NOTE 3. If one or more specific alligators are a repeated nuisance in this situation, removal of these alligators should be planned.

(d) When live capture or lethal removal is necessary, Division personnel involved must judge the immediacy of the situation and proceed accordingly. Where removal is needed, the Nuisance Control Hunter (NCH) for the area should be contacted to perform removal services. The NCH or alternate should be used for removal whenever possible to simplify, expedite and reduce nuisance handling by Division personnel.

(e) When an NCH is contacted to perform lethal removal, Division personnel involved will: (1) only issue sufficient tags to the NCH for the number of alligators involved (tags will be affixed to dead alligators only); (2) record issuance on form; (3) remind the NCH that all alligators taken must be verified with the Division staff member handling the
complaint; and (4) remind NCH to return any tags not used to that staff member.

(f) All alligators or their hides taken by an NCH must be verified as soon as practical after taking occurs. The NCH must notify designated Division personnel and, if requested, is responsible for delivering the alligator(s) to a convenient location for verification. The NCH will complete a Hunter Report Form including sex and length of animal, skinning method, and use of hide and will submit such form to Montgomery Game and Fish Division office within 72 hours of taking an alligator. Following action on a complaint or verification of hide as appropriate, Division personnel handling the complaint will complete an Alligator Complaint and Tagging Report and submit to Montgomery office within 72 hours.

(g) When Division personnel handle (kill, receive, or encounter) dead alligators with a salvageable hide, the NCH or alternate for the area or adjacent area shall be contacted to process the alligator after it has been tagged. The NCH is obligated under contract to accept these alligators. The Hunter Report Form shall be marked with the name of the NCH involved (in the hunter blank) and completed as in paragraph (g).

(4) TAKING AND DISPOSAL OF NUISANCE ALLIGATORS STATEWIDE:

(a) Designated Nuisance Control Hunters (NCH) shall be authorized to take, possess and kill only those alligators specifically designated by permit issued by an authorized representative of the Division. A designated NCH of the Division shall take, kill, or possess alligators only in the manner specified by this section.

(b) Qualification and liability of NCH:

1. The NCH shall reside in the region where the NCH is authorized to take, possess or kill alligators; however, may be approved to work in other regions should assistance be needed.

2. The NCH shall possess the experience and ability to handle wild alligators.

3. The NCH shall be capable of supplying all equipment necessary to take alligators.
4. The NCH shall have sufficient time to adequately and efficiently take designated alligators.

5. The NCH shall not have been convicted of violating any law or rule concerning crocodilians within five years of the date of application.

6. The NCH shall assume all personal liability for his/her health, welfare and safety while acting as an NCH.

7. The NCH shall relieve the State of all responsibility and liability.

8. Those persons engaged in alligator exhibits or otherwise dealing with crocodilians shall not be eligible for appointment as an NCH.

(c) Selection and review:

1. Applicants and qualifications for appointment shall be reviewed by a staff committee appointed by the Director. The committee shall include at least one Conservation Officer from the area for which the NCH is being appointed. The committee shall consider each applicant's qualification and personal background. An interview with the committee or division personnel may be required. The names of those applicants nominated by the committee shall be submitted to the Director for final consideration and appointment. The number of appointments shall be based on need.

2. Selected NCH shall enter into a contract to take and possess nuisance alligators in accordance with this rule.

(d) Conditions governing operations of authorized NCH:

1. The NCH will be issued a permit assigning in writing a specific nuisance alligator complaint by Division personnel.

2. Alligators may be destroyed under the direction of designated Division personnel. Any alligator that is judged to be a threat may be destroyed. Alligators in public waters must be hooked prior to being destroyed, or taken by use of a bang stick and/or harpoon, or other method specifically authorized by the Director or his designee.
3. A nuisance alligator tag furnished by the Department shall be immediately attached to the hide of any alligator killed by the NCH. No person shall possess any untagged alligator hide. All export tags must be accounted for and unused tags must be returned to Division personnel within 72 hours of the time that NCH and Division personnel determine an alligator should not or could not be destroyed.

4. Alligators shall be skinned only at specific approved sites and in accordance with specific written skinning instructions provided by the Division. The tagged hides of the alligators taken may be held by NCH at an approved specific site for purposes of curing, tanning and/or sale.

5. The meat of the alligators taken may be consumed by the NCH or his immediate family but shall not be sold or transferred except as provided in this rule.

6. Each NCH may be assisted by not more than five assistants approved by the Director, provided that no such assistant shall operate or conduct any trapping activity except in the presence of the NCH.

7. Property rights to nuisance alligator tags issued to the NCH shall be vested in the Division and shall remain the property of the Division. No person, except authorized NCH or Division personnel, shall possess any unused nuisance alligator tag at any time.

8. Assignments of alligators to be taken and the issuance of nuisance alligator tags to an NCH shall be discontinued upon receipt of verified information and belief by the Director that the NCH:

   (i) Attempted to generate alligator complaints.

   (ii) Took alligators in excess of authorization.

   (iii) Failed to promptly respond (without valid reason) to an assigned complaint.

   (iv) Has been convicted of a violation of any regulation concerned with wildlife or fish.

   (v) Has violated any portion of this rule.
(vi) Has acted incompetently in carrying out the responsibilities of his assignments. Substantiated evidence of wrong-doing will immediately result in the contract being automatically terminated.

(vii) Has not acted in the best interest of the Department or program.

(e) Storage and sale of alligator hides taken:

1. The NCH may store at an approved specific site legally taken and tagged hides until sale is completed. This site and corresponding records shall be available for inspection by Division personnel at any reasonable hour.

2. Sale of hides may be completed only by the legally permitted NCH.

3. NCH will submit an Alligator Transactions Report to the Game and Fish Division at the end of the calendar year documenting sales of alligator hides, meat and parts during the year and will include for each transaction the alligator tag number, date of sale, amount and person to whom sold.

(f) Storage and sale of alligator parts (other than meat) taken:

1. The NCH may store at a specifically designated site, legally taken parts until sale is completed. This site and corresponding records shall be available for inspection by Division personnel at any reasonable hour.

2. Sale of parts may be completed only to legally licensed parts dealers; or direct to individuals, if not for resale; provided that:

(i) Alligator parts are packaged by the NCH in cartons approved by the Director.

(ii) Each carton is sealed as approved by the Director and labeled to indicate the administrative region, the number and kinds enclosed, the date packaged, the name of the NCH and the hide tag number corresponding to the alligator from which the part(s) is taken.

(iii) Each carton shall be used to package parts one time only.
(iv) Written records of all alligator parts sales shall be maintained and such records shall be open to inspection by Division personnel. The records of each carton of parts shall contain the data specified in this paragraph (f).

(v) Cartons containing lawfully acquired alligator parts packaged and labeled in accordance with this section may be shipped in intrastate or interstate commerce.

3. Upon sale of a part or parts, a record must be made and maintained by the NCH. The records will include kind and quantity of parts sold, and the name and address of each buyer. Buyers of parts must obtain and keep a receipt for any part purchased. The NCH records must include kind and quantity of parts sold with reference to the number of the State tag originally attached to the hide of the animal producing the parts in question, and the name and address of each buyer.

4. Any alligator skull sold shall be permanently and visibly labeled with the name of the NCH and the identifying alligator tag number of the alligator from which the skull was taken.

(g) Storage and sale of alligator meat taken:

1. Alligator meat shall be classified as fish meat and all alligator meat for human consumption shall be handled so as to meet appropriate sanitation requirements of federal, state or local authorities.

2. No person shall possess or sell alligator meat except as authorized by this section. Only legally licensed parts dealers, restaurants and alligator NCH's may sell alligator meat lawfully acquired by an alligator NCH provided that:

   (i) Alligator meat is packaged by the NCH in cartons approved by the Director.

   (ii) Each carton is sealed as approved by the Director and labeled to indicate the administrative region, the number of pounds of meat enclosed, the date packaged, the name of the NCH and the hide tag number corresponding to the alligator from which the meat was taken.
(iii) No more than five (5) pounds of meat shall be packaged per carton and each carton shall be used to package meat one time only.

(iv) Written records of all alligator meat sales shall be maintained and such records shall be open to inspection by Division personnel. The records of each carton of meat shall contain the data specified in this paragraph (g).

3. No person shall resell or possess alligator meat for resale, processing or other commercial uses except as authorized by permit from the Director.

(i) All alligator meat purchased shall remain in the original carton until the meat is removed for cooking or curing in a manner allowing it to be consumed by humans without further preparation.

(ii) Cartons containing lawfully acquired alligator meat packaged and labeled in accordance with this paragraph (g) may be shipped in intrastate or interstate commerce.

(5) WORD "ALLIGATOR" OR "GATOR" NOT TO BE USED IN CERTAIN SALES:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to use the word "alligator" or "gator" in connection with the sale of any product derived or made from the skins or parts of other crocodilia or in connection with the sale of other crocodilia.

Author: James D. Martin

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.96 Alligator Farming Regulations.

(1) GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR TAKING, POSSESSION AND SALE OF CERTAIN REPTILES:

(a) No person shall buy, sell, take or possess any alligator, crocodile, or any part thereof, or the nests or eggs of any alligator or crocodile except under permit from the
Department or as otherwise provided by law or by these regulations.

(b) Nothing in this rule, however, shall prohibit the possession of lawfully acquired cured and mounted trophies and articles manufactured from the skins or hides or other parts of alligators and crocodiles.

(c) Any alligator, crocodile, or similar reptile, or any part thereof, seized or otherwise acquired by the Department may be sold.

(d) Alligators, or any parts thereof, lawfully obtained outside the state may be imported only under permit from the director or as otherwise provided by law.

(e) The records of individuals or concerns selling any species of crocodilian will be subject to inspection and such individuals or concerns shall have in their possession invoices or other documentary evidence of the suppliers of such crocodilians. The advertisement or representation of caimans as alligators or crocodiles is prohibited.

(f) No person shall use, be in possession of or attend any hook, peg or other such device baited in such a manner as to be capable of taking alligators and suspended so that the bait is above water or submerged in a manner to take or attempt to take alligators unless such person is authorized by the Director.

(2) REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF ALLIGATOR FARMS:

Alligator farms may be established and operated and alligators, eggs, and hides may be possessed only under license by the Department subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

(a) General Provisions:

1. The premises of alligator farms shall be subject to inspection by Department personnel at any time.

2. Complete written records of all changes in alligator stock shall be kept and made available for examination by Department personnel. Shipping tickets, invoices or bills of
lading shall be maintained to show source of supply and disposition of alligator stock.

3. No licensee or his or her employee shall receive or transfer any alligator, eggs or hides except as provided by Act No. 89-874, 1989 Regular Session.

4. The licensee shall disclose ownership of alligators and provide documentation of inventory of initial and subsequent numbers of all alligator eggs and alligators, including breeding females and offspring. Documentation shall be sufficient to demonstrate the inventory is commensurate with production and survival levels for captive populations as measured against professionally accepted biological standards.

5. Permits to establish and operate alligator farms are not transferable.

6. The licensee shall provide security of facility premises necessary to ensure that no alligators, eggs, or parts thereof can be moved in or out of the alligator farm without the licensee's knowledge.

7. An Alligator Farm Annual Report shall be completed and submitted to the Department's Game and Fish Division, Law Enforcement Section prior to annual re-licensing.

8. Alligator farm permittees shall be licensed at an annual fee of $1,000.00 as required by Act No. 89-874, 1989 Regular Session.

9. The Department shall not issue an alligator farm permit to any person who has been convicted of any violation of Act No. 89-874 or the rules of the Department relating to the illegal taking of any crocodilian species, except as provided in Act No. 89-874.

(b) Specifications for alligator farms:

1. Pens or holding facilities shall be constructed in a manner to prevent the escape of any alligator contained in such pen or facility or entrance by any alligator from outside such pen or facility.

2. The permittee shall provide rearing tanks (of concrete, fiberglass, plastic or metal construction) for alligators less than four (4) feet in length. Alligators less
than two (2) feet in length shall be housed separately from those two (2) to four (4) feet in length. Onsite propagation facilities will also provide ponds, nest sites and spacing for breeding adults and artificial incubators.

3. The licensee shall make all alligator eggs produced on the farm available for inspection by August 1 of each nesting year. All alligator eggs shall be in containers having not more than one layer of eggs at one incubation facility on each alligator farm. Only viable alligator eggs will be credited to the egg inventory.

4. Alligator farm licensees shall furnish alligators housing of sufficient size and design such that alligators shall be kept in a humane and sanitary manner.

(c) Facility Standards:

1. General. The most important factor in establishing an alligator farm is the acquisition of enough suitable land and habitat to support a population of adult alligators in outside breeding ponds and adequate area for the construction of holding houses for young alligators up to three years of age. There must be a reliable source of fresh water and equipment for pumping and changing water.

2. Breeding ponds shall be fenced around the perimeters with woven wire or board fences of sufficient height (minimum, 4 feet) and tightness, constructed so as to prevent the escape or entrance of any size alligator. Fences shall be buried or otherwise secured at the bottom so as to prevent entrance or escape. Breeding ponds must have at least one area of a minimum depth of 1.8 meters (approximately 6 feet at its deepest point) and suitable nesting sites.

3. Holding houses containing an adequate number of artificial tanks will be provided for growing out small alligators six feet or less in length. A sufficient number of tanks will be provided to allow for segregation by age/size classes, and each tank will be permanently numbered to facilitate accurate record keeping. There shall be sufficient space in each tank for all the alligators to completely submerge under water at one time and enough "dry" area in which to run around for basking purposes. A properly constructed tank will consist of 2/3 water for 1/3 "dry" area. The overall size of tank will depend upon the number of alligators held, but as a
general standard each alligator shall have enough space to submerge without having contact with another alligator.

4. Holding tanks will be designed to permit periodic cleaning of waste and a complete change of water at regular intervals (at least every other day).

5. A controlled environmental chamber complete with an artificial nesting area (incubator) will be provided for hatching of eggs. The chamber will also contain a sufficient number of holding tanks to accommodate anticipated hatchlings and to provide a suitable environment for new-born alligators.

(d) Harvest of Alligators:

1. Alligators, at least four feet in length, or the skins or products of such captive-reared alligators raised on a farm licensed under the provisions of Act No. 89-874, 1989 Regular Session, may be sold, and, with written approval from the Department, an alligator farmer may utilize any product from a captive-reared alligator less than four feet in length that dies from natural causes, but only in accordance with the following restrictions:

   (i) No farmer shall skin any alligator unless such alligator shall have been approved for skinning in writing by the Director of the Game and Fish Division or his authorized agent. Records must be provided to verify that each alligator to be harvested was hatched and captive-reared on the farm or otherwise obtained from a legal source.

   (ii) Any alligator killed under authority of this section shall be tagged immediately with a tag furnished by the Department. Such tag shall remain attached to the alligator hide until finally processed by the fabricator. It shall be unlawful for any farmer or processor to possess untagged alligator hides.

   (iii) Property rights to identifying tags issued to the farmer shall be vested in the Department, and tags shall remain the property of the State. Unused tags shall be returned to the Department within 15 days of completion of the harvest. Possession of any identifying alligator tags by persons other than licensed farmers shall be unlawful.

   (iv) Alligators shall be skinned only at a specific site approved by the Director of the Game and Fish Division and
shall be skinned only in accordance with special skinning instructions issued by the Department. Only those hides which have been skinned in accordance with these instructions shall be approved for sale. Hides so taken may be held at the specified skinning site until the date of the sale.

(v) The meat of any alligator legally harvested may be consumed by the farmer or his immediate family but shall not be sold or transferred except as provided in this rule below.

(e) Sale of Live Alligators:

1. Alligator farmers licensed under the provisions of Act No. 89-874, 1989 Regular Session, may sell, barter, exchange, give or loan any live alligators of at least four feet in length covered by his license provided a permit is first obtained from the Department. If sold, bartered, or exchanged in interstate commerce or foreign trade, legal requirements of the state or country involved in the transaction must also be satisfied.

2. The request for such permits must contain the name and address of the proposed buyer, a reference to the buyer's license number or other authority for possession, and shall further describe the alligator(s) by length, belly size, and sex, if known.

(f) Sale of Alligator Meat:

1. Alligator meat that is lawfully acquired through production on a licensed alligator farm may be sold to wholesale or retail food distributors, food and nonfood meat processors, restaurants and canneries, provided that:

   (i) Any alligator meat sold to the above type business shall be packaged in cardboard cartons, and each carton shall be sealed with a label as specified by the Department that indicates that it contains alligator meat, the number of pounds of meat enclosed, the names of the seller and buyer, the tag number corresponding to the alligator hide from which the meat was taken, and the date of sale. No more than five pounds of meat shall be included per carton and cartons shall be used only one time.

   (ii) Failure to properly mark cartons of alligator meat or possession of alligator meat in cartons improperly marked shall be considered a violation.
(iii) Alligator farmers shall maintain written records of all alligator meat sales on standard forms supplied by the Department. These records shall be open to inspection by Department personnel and shall include for each carton of meat sold the data indicated on the carton label as specified in subparagraph (f)1.(i) of this rule.

(iv) All alligator meat purchased by the type business listed hereinabove shall be retained in original carton until the meat is prepared for consumption or processing.

(v) All cartons containing alligator meat labeled in accordance with these regulations shall be shipped only within the State of Alabama or to those states or countries allowing the sale of alligator meat.

(vi) Alligator farmers handling alligator meat for human consumption shall comply with the sanitation requirements of federal, state, or local authorities.

(g) Sale of Alligator Hides and Other Products:

1. Alligator hides and other products, except meat, may be sold in accordance with the following:

(i) Alligator farmers may sell the hides, feet, viscera or skeletal parts of alligators when all such sales, with the exception of retail sales to the consumer, are documented to show the kind and quantity of items sold and the name and address of each buyer (and, in addition, the alligator parts dealer license number if sold for resale). Any packaged alligator parts must be sealed with a Department approved label that indicates the hide tag number(s) of the alligator(s) from which the parts came, the names and addresses of the buyer and seller, the date of the sale, and the number and kind of parts included.

(ii) Any alligator skull sold shall be permanently visibly labeled with the identifying alligator tag number of the alligator from which the skull was taken and the name of the alligator farmer selling the skull.

(iii) Products made from alligator skins or other alligator parts and documentary evidence of their acquisition shall be available for inspection upon requests of Department personnel.
(iv) No person shall sell any hide or other product manufactured from a crocodilian species which has been declared to be endangered or threatened by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Author: James D. Martin
Act No. 89-874, 1989 Regular Session.
History: Effective March 2, 1990.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.97 Alligator Protection Regulation. Except to the extent otherwise provided by Act No. 89-874, H. 17, 1989 Regular Session, Rule 220-2-.95, Rule 220-2-.96, or any other law or regulation enacted or adopted by the Alabama Legislature or Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, it shall be unlawful to possess, take, capture, or kill, or attempt to possess, take, capture, or kill any alligator, or the skins, meat, eggs, or parts thereof.

Author: James D. Martin
History: Effective March 20, 1990.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.98 Invertebrate Species Regulation.

(1) It shall be unlawful to take, capture, kill, or attempt to take, capture or kill; possess, sell, trade for anything of monetary value, or offer to sell or trade for anything of monetary value the following invertebrate species (or any parts or reproductive products of such species) without a scientific collection permit or written permit from the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which shall specifically state what the permittee may do with regard to said species:

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- Alabama cave shrimp Palaemonias alabamae
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- Cylindrical lioplax: *Lioplax cyclostomaformis*
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- Depression crayfish: *Cambarus rusticiformis*
- Downy rainbow: *Villosa villosa*
- Duck river dartersnapper: *Epioblasma ahlstedti*
- Elktoe: *Alasmidonta marginata*
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- Fireback crayfish: *Cambarus pyronotus*
- Flat pebblesnail: *Lepyrium showalteri*
- Flatnose crayfish: *Procambarus planirostris*
- Flaxen elimia: *Elimia boykiniana*
- Flint river crayfish: *Faxonius cooperi*
- Florida floater: *Utterbackia peggyae*
- Fuzzy pigtoe: *Pleurobema stroadianum*
- Georgia pigtoe: *Pleurobema hanleyianum*
- Greensaddle crayfish: *Cambarus manningi*
- Gulf moccasinshell: *Medionidus penicillatus*
- Heavy pigtoe: *Pleurobema taitiana*
- Inflated heelsplitter: *Potamilus inflatus*
- Inflated spike: *Elliptio purpurella*
- Jacknife crayfish: *Procambarus hubbelli*
- Kidneyshell: *Ptychobranchus fasciolaris*
- Lacon exit cave crayfish: *Cambarus laconensis*
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• Longnose crayfish  Cambarus longirostris
• Longsolid  Fusconaia subrotunda
• Manitou cavesnail  Anthorbus breweri
• Mississippi pigtoe  Pleurobema beadleianum
• Mobile crayfish  Procambarus lecontei
• Monkeyface  Thelida metanevra
• Moss pyrg  Marstonia scalariformis
• Mountain fork crayfish  Cambarus diupalma
• Mountain midget crayfish  Cambarus parvoculus
• Mucket  Actinonaias ligamentina
• Muddy rocksnail  Lithasia salebrosa
• Narrow pigtoe  Fusconaia escambia
• Oblong rocksnail  Leptoxis compacta
• Ohio pigtoe  Pleurobema cordatum
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• Prominence riverlet crayfish  Hobbseus prominens
• Purple bankclimber  Elliptoideus sloatianus
• Puzzle elimia  Elimia varians
• Pyramid pigtoe  Pleurobema rubrum
• Rabbitsfoot  Theliderma cylindrica
Conservation

- Rayed kidneyshell  
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- Rough hornsnail  
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- Rough pigtoe  
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- Round ebonyshell  
  Regina rotulata
- Round hickorynut  
  Obovaria subrotunda
- Round pigtoe  
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  Elimia nassula
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- Skirted hornsnail  
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- Slenderclaw crayfish  
  Cambarus cracens
- Slippershell mussel  
  Alasmidonta viridis
- Smoothnose crayfish  
  Procambarus hybus
- Snuffbox  
  Epioblasma triquetra
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  Pleurobema decisum
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  Pleurobema georgianum
- Southern purple lilliput  
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• Spindle elimia  Elimia capillaris
• Spotted rocksnail  Leptoxis picta
• Spur crayfish  Procambarus lewisi
• Squat elimia  Elimia variata
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• Striate hornsnail  Pleurocera striata
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• Tallapoosa crayfish  Cambarus englishi
• Tapered pigtoe  Fusconaia burkei
• Teardrop elimia  Elimia lachryma
• Tennessee bean  Venustaconcha trabalis
• Tennessee bottlebrush crayfish  Barbicambarus simmonsi
• Tennessee clubshell  Pleurobema oviforme
• Tennessee heelsplitter  Lasmigona holstonia
• Tennessee pigtoe  Pleuronaia barnesiana
• Triangular kidneyshell  Ptychobranchus greenii
• Tulotoma  Tulotoma magnifica
• Twisted dwarf crayfish  Cambarellus rotatus
• Vernal crayfish  Procambarus viaeviridis
• Warrior pigtoe  Pleurobema rubellum
• Warty rocksnail  Lithasia lima
• Watercress Snail  Fontigens nickliniana
• White spring cave crayfish  Cambarus veitchorum
• White wartyback  Plethobasus cicatricosus
• Wicker ancylid  Rhodacmea elatior
• Zebra crayfish  Cambarus clairitae

(b) Other State or Federally protected invertebrate species. In addition any required federal permits for federally protected species must be obtained.

Author: Christopher M. Blankenship

220-2-.99  **Legal Specifications For Crossbows And Arrows For Use By Disabled Persons.** (Repealed)

**Author:** Richard C. Liles  
**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.  

**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

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220-2-.100  **1992 Special Hunter's Choice Deer Season For Wheeler Wildlife Refuge.** (REPEALED)

**Author:** James D. Martin  

**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

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220-2-.101  **Hunting Of Captive Bred Mallard Ducks And Non-Native Game Birds On Commercial Fowl Hunting Preserves.**

(1) Captive bred mallard ducks, properly marked in accordance with federal regulations, shall be legal fowl to be hunted on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve. Such
hunting shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

(2) Any private commercial shooting preserve that is licensed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may, by obtaining a special letter permit from the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, hunt any species of exotic or non-native birds at any time of the year when such exotic or non-native birds have been stocked on said hunting preserves. Provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to any bird or animal that appears on the U.S. Department of the Interior's and State of Alabama's "Endangered Species" list.

(3) Native game birds and animals other than species listed on hunting preserve licenses may be taken only on licensed hunting preserves during legal hunting seasons and when taken by properly licensed hunters abiding by any bag limits and other regulations that may be promulgated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or established by law.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.102 Prohibition Of Use Of Certain Animals In Greyhound Racing Or Training. (REPEALED)
Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.103 Waters Open To The Taking Of Freshwater Mussels For Commercial Purposes. Unless specifically prohibited otherwise, the following waters shall be open to the otherwise legal taking of freshwater mussels for commercial purposes:
Coosa River from Jordan Dam upstream to the Alabama-Georgia State line.

Alabama River from the mouth to the confluence of Coosa and Tallapoosa Rivers with the exception of the Cahaba River.

Tombigbee River from mouth to U.S. Interstate 59.

Black Warrior River from mouth to U.S. Interstate 59.

Tennessee River and its impoundments with the exception of restricted areas.

It shall be unlawful to take freshwater mussels for commercial purposes from any other waters of the State of Alabama.

Author: James D. Martin


PENALTY: As provided by law.

Legal Species Of Freshwater Mussels To Be Taken For Commercial Purposes.

The following species shall be the only species of freshwater mussels permitted to be legally taken for commercial purposes in the State of Alabama:

Washboard (Megalonaias nervosa)
Threeridge (Amblema plicata)
Pistol Grip (Tritogonia verrucosa)
Elephant Ear (Elliptio crassidens)
Mapleleaf (Quadrula quadrula)
Ebony Shell (Fusconaia ebenus)
Pink Heel Splitter (Potamilus alatus)
Three Horn (Obliguaria reflexa)
Southern Mapleleaf (Quadrula apiculata)
Bankclimber (Plectomerus dombeyanus)
Bleufer (Potamilus purpuratus)
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(2) It shall be unlawful to take any other species of freshwater mussel for commercial purposes in the State of Alabama.

Author: M. Barnett Lawley


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-105 Creel/Possession Limit On Alligator Gar.

(REPEALED)

Author: James D. Martin


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-106 Mussel Fishing Seasons. The season for legal mussel fishing is open year-round except during the prescribed waterfowl hunting season, Swan Creek, Crow Creek, Mud Creek, and Raccoon Creek Wildlife Management Areas shall be closed. The area of the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge between Interstate 65 and U.S. Highway 31 and the area of Limestone Bay shall be closed to mussel harvest during the period of October 15 through February 15 of each year. Mussel fishing in the fresh waters of this State shall be restricted to five (5) days each week (Monday through Friday) and shall be closed on all federal holidays.

Author: James D. Martin


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220-2-.107 Special 2018-2019 Hunting Seasons For Fort Rucker. The following special fall turkey season (gobblers only) is hereby established at Fort Rucker at U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence designated hunting areas only. November 17-30, 2018. One a Day, Five during Combined Fall and Spring Seasons. No decoys permitted during fall turkey season.

Author: Christopher M. Blankenship


PENALTY: As provided by law.
220-2-.108  Closed Season On Taking Of Mussels - Lake Jordan Mitchell And Lay.  (REPEALED)
Author: James D. Martin

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.109  Physically Disabled Hunting Areas.

(1) It shall be unlawful on any area designated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as a "Physically Disabled Hunting Area":

(a) To violate any terms or conditions of his certificate of qualification, permit, or other authorization, for participation in any such hunts, including, but not limited to, the times, dates, locations, manners and means for hunting.

(b) To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit.

(c) To have in possession any fully automatic rifle or any firearms, ammunition or bow and arrow (including crossbows) except as allowed by law for the species hunted.

(d) For any person to hunt without having his/her required hunting licenses and authorization and checking in at the checking station, except Big Oak.

(e) For any person to carry firearms in or on vehicle with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, cocked crossbow, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place.
(f) Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for their personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.

(g) To camp in the area, except Big Oak where the designated campground must be used.

(h) To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, bobcat, or fox may be killed during all scheduled area hunts that occur during the dates of the gun deer and turkey seasons, and coyote or feral swine may be killed during all scheduled area hunts.

(i) To discharge fireworks at any time.

(j) To discharge firearms for target practice.

(k) To use fire to smoke out game.

(l) For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow.

(m) To transport deer killed from the area before recording pertinent data at the designated checking station, except Big Oak.

(n) For any person except those authorized to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.

(o) For any person to hunt deer or assist in said hunting, on days of scheduled hunts without wearing a vest containing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange color or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo and/or printing on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle.

(p) For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.

(q) To damage or remove any trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.
(r) To hunt from an elevated platform, except at Big Oak (where it is unlawful to hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body harness capable of supporting their weight).

(s) To hunt without first making a reservation for the particular hunt, except at Big Oak.

(t) To hunt more often at any area than is authorized. Failure to cancel a reservation at least 48 hours prior to the hunt date will be considered the same as if the individual hunted in determining when that person could reserve another hunt date, except at Big Oak.

(u) To hunt outside the area designated to the hunter for each hunt. At the time of check-in the hunter will receive, on a first come basis, a shooting house on a segment of the hunting area that will be his/her exclusive area for the day, except at Big Oak. Hunter must hunt from the shooting house, except at Big Oak.

(2) Individuals must follow the listed rules to participate in the scheduled deer hunts for the physically disabled.

(a) Each participant must submit, on a Department form, an application to participate in such hunts. The application will include a doctor's statement certifying the physical disability. The Department will review the application and notify each participant if they are approved for such hunts.

(b) Each participant must provide any assistants that are required. Only the physically disabled individual will be eligible to hunt.

(c) All license requirements and other rules, laws, and regulations, are in effect.

(d) Physical disability is defined as an individual that is permanently physically disabled by one or more of the following:

1. Has permanent physical disability, is unable to ambulate and requires a wheelchair, walker, one long leg brace or two short leg braces, external prosthesis below knee or above, two canes or two crutches for mobility.
2. Has at least 80% permanent impairment of one hand or arm as determined by a physician using the standards outlined in the "Guide to Evaluation of Permanent Impairment Rating," published by the American Medical Association.

3. Has a permanent physical disability for which they are considered "totally" disabled under guidelines established by the Veterans' Administration and/or the U.S. Social Security Administration.

(3) If convicted of violating any part of this regulation or any other regulation relating to Game, Fish, and Fur-Bearing Animals, the individual’s Physically Disabled Permit may be revoked up to and including permanently.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


220-2-.110 Establishment Of Physically Disabled Hunting Areas.

(1) The following areas are hereby designated and established as "Physically Disabled Hunting Areas":

(a) "Marengo Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.

(b) "M. Barnett Lawley Field Trail Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.

(c) "R. L. Harris Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.

(d) "Fayette Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.

(e) "Turnipseed-Ikenberry Place Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
(f) “Upper State Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached map.

(g) “Macon State Forest Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(h) “Little River State Forest Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(i) “Prairie Creek Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(j) “Forever Wild Land Trust – Alabama Power Co. Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(k) “USA Foundation Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(l) “Pine Hills Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(m) “Chattahoochee Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(n) “Big Oak Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(o) “Dozier Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(p) “Cherokee Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(q) “Shiloh Hill Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

(r) “Coffee County (Victoria) Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached map.

(s) “Lewis Smith Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached map.

(t) “Jordan Physically Disabled Hunting Area,” as indicated on the attached revised map.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.
FROM DEMOPOLIS: Take Highway 43 South for approximately 10 miles. The area is on the west side of the road.

FROM LINDEN: Take Highway 43 North for approximately five miles. The area is located on the west side of the road.

Season is Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from October 31 to February 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer per day (either sex) and three (3) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) antlered buck limit. Archery only from October 31-November 11. Muzzleloader or archery on November 15 & 17. While the shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with a long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archery equipment. Turkey season is Wednesdays and Saturdays-April 1-30.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: 334-289-8030
FROM GREENSBORO: Take Highway 69 South for approximately 10 miles and turn west onto County Road 16 and continue for one mile to County Road 73 and continue to the M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area entrance and check-in station.

FROM PRAIRIEVILLE (US HWY 80): Take Highway 69 North for approximately 7 miles and turn west on County Road 16, continue for one mile to County Road 73 to the M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area.

Season is Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from October 31 to January 31. Bag limit is one (1) deer per day ( Either sex) and three (3) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only from October 31 to November 11. Muzzleloader or Archery on November 15. While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archery equipment.

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL 334-624-9952
FROM WINFIELD: From intersection of U.S. Highway 78 and U.S. Highway 43, take Highway 43 south 8.4 miles. Entrance to hunting area is on the right. Check in station is approximately 0.3 miles from entrance.

FROM FAYETTE: From Intersection of Alabama Highway 18 and U.S. Highway 43, take 43 North 9.4 miles. Entrance to hunting area will be on your left. Check in station is approximately 0.3 miles from entrance.

Season is Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from November 2-February 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer per day (either sex) and three (3) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only from November 2 to November 16. While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with a long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archery equipment.

RESERVATIONS ARE MADE BY CALLING THE FAYETTE CO COOPERATIVE OFFICE 205-932-8941
UPPER STATE PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTING AREA

FROM JACKSON:

From the intersection of U.S. Highway 43 and State Route 69, travel north on 69 for 3.9 miles; turn left on to Bolen Town Road; travel approximately 0.3 miles to the area.

Season is Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from November 1 to February 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer (either sex) per day and three (3) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only from November 2 to November 16. While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archery equipment.

For reservations call 251-626-5474

All hunting must be done from the shooting house.
MACON STATE FOREST DISABLED HUNTING AREA

FROM MONTGOMERY:

From Montgomery, take I-85 North and go approximately 40 miles to the Wire Road Exit 42. Take Exit 42, at stop sign turn right onto State Highway 186 East, and go approximately 3.5 miles to U.S. 29. Take off ramp. At stop sign turn left onto U.S. 29 North and go 1.5 miles. Look for Macon State Forest-Alabama Forestry Commission Office sign, take first driveway to the right just past sign, and the Forestry Commission Office will be on the left of driveway. The check-in station will be on the right.

FROM AUBURN:

From Auburn, take I-85 South and go approximately 10 miles to the Wire Road Exit 42. Take Exit 42. At stop sign turn left onto State Highway 186 East, and go approximately 3.5 miles to U.S. 29. Take off ramp. At stop sign turn left onto U.S. 29 North and go 1.5 miles. Look for Macon State Forest-Alabama Forestry Commission Office sign. Take first driveway to the right just past sign, and the Forestry Commission Office will be on the left of the driveway. The check-in station will be on the right.

Season is Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from November 1 to February 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer, either sex per day and three (3) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only from November 1 to November 17. While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archery equipment.

Gun hunting is limited to shotguns with slugs only.

1-800-393-5679.
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LITTLE RIVER STATE FOREST PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTING AREA

FROM MOBILE OR MONTGOMERY:
From I-65, take Highway 21 (Exit 57) north for approximately 10 miles. Cross Little River Bridge and entrance is 0.25 mile on the left (directly across Highway 21 from Claude D. Kelley State Park).

Season is Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from November 1 to February 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer (either sex) per day and three (3) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only from November 2 to November 16. While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archery equipment.

All hunting must be done from the shooting house.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 251-626-5474.
PRAIRIE CREEK PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTING AREA

ARCHERY ONLY

FROM MONTGOMERY:
Take U.S. Highway 80 West approximately 30 miles (look for U.S. army Corps-Prairie Creek/Holy Ground access sign) and turn right onto Lowndes County Road 23. Travel on County road 23 for 4.5 miles until you reach the stop sign at White Hall. Turn left at stop sign on Lowndes Co Rd 40. Drive approximately 3.5 miles and look for Prairie Creek entrance sign on the right. Turn right on Prairie Creek entrance road and follow the signs to the check-in station on the left.

FROM SELMA:
Follow U.S. Highway 80 East, approximately 20 miles (look for U.S. Army Corps-Prairie Creek/Holy Ground Access sign) and turn left on to Lowndes Co Rd 23. Travel on Co Rd 23 approximately 4.5 miles until you reach a stop sign at White Hall. Turn left at the stop sign at White Hall on to Co Rd 40. Continue approximately 3.5 miles and look for the Prairie Creek entrance sign on the right. Turn right at Prairie Creek entrance road and follow signs to the check in station on the left. Season is Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from October 14 to February 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer per day (either-sex) and three (3) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide (3) antlered buck limit. All Deer harvested must be recorded in the game-check system.

ARCHERY ONLY

FOR RESERVATIONS
CALL: 334-289-8030
ALL HUNTING MUST BE DONE FROM THE SHOOTING HOUSE
From intersection of Highway 72 and Highway 79 in Jackson County, take Highway 79 North and go approximately 18 miles. Go through Hixson past the Town Hall Fire Department and continue approximately 0.5 miles to Leton Point Road. Turn right then left on the gravel road for approximately 0.3 miles to the first road on the right. Season is Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday from November 1 to February 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer per day for the general season. From November 11 to February 10, archery hunting is allowed. The bag limit is three (3) deer per season. All archers must follow the general season regulations. From March 1 to October 31, archery hunting is permitted. The bag limit is five (5) deer per season. All archers must follow the general season regulations.

All shooting must be done from the shooting house. FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL 256-435-5422.
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA FOUNDATION
PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTING AREA

FROM MOBILE OR MONTGOMERY:

From I-65 take US Highway 43 (Exit 19) north for approximately five miles to Salco Road (Mobile County Road 84-near Alco-Nobel Chemical Plant). Turn West on Salco Road and go approximately 4.0 miles and the entrance is on the north side of the road.

Season is Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays beginning November 1 through February 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer (either sex) per day and three (3) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only from November 1 to November 15. While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with a long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archery equipment.

All hunting must be done from the shooting house.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 251-626-5474
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PINE HILLS
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FROM BIRMINGHAM: From I-65 take Exit 209 (Verona) and go right onto Chilton County Road 59 for 2.4 miles and take a left onto Chilton County Road 57 (turn left into Autauga County Road 57), continue for 4.6 miles and take a right onto Autauga County Road 20 for 3.6 miles and take a right onto Autauga County Road 21 for 1.7 miles. Turn left into the driveway between mailboxes 2077 and 2079. Travel approximately 0.5 miles to the lane of the property.

FROM MONTGOMERY: From I-85, take Exit 186 (Prattville-Pine Level) and go north on U.S. Highway 31 for 2.1 miles and take a left on Autauga County Road 48 West. Continue for approximately 4.4 miles to Autauga County Road 21 and take a right on Autauga County Road 21 North for 7.2 miles. (This is 1.7 miles north of White City) turn left into the driveway between mailboxes 2077 and 2079 and continue approximately 0.5 miles.

Season is Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from October 31 to February 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer per day (either sex) and one (1) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only from October 31 to November 11. Muzzleloader or archery on November 14 & 16. While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with a long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbow or other archery equipment.

ALL HUNTING MUST BE DONE FROM THE SHOOTING HOUSE.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 205-339-5716
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FROM ANDALUSIA:
From Andalusia City Limits on U.S. Highway 29 North, travel 13.6 miles entrance will be on the right. Check station will be approximately 0.1 mile from the entrance.

FROM BRANTLEY:
From intersection of U.S. Highway 29 and U.S. 331, travel 10 miles south, on U.S. Highway 29 approximately one mile south of Dozier. Entrance to the area will be on the left and the check in station will be approximately 0.1 miles on the right.

Season is Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from November 1–February 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer per day (either sex) and three (3) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only from November 1 to November 17. While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with long bow, this opportunity is provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archery equipment. All hunting must be done from the shooting house.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: 334-347-1298
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CHEROKEE PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTING AREA

FROM TUSCUMBIA:

Take Highway 72 West to Cherokee. Once in Cherokee, between the 9th and 10th street stop lights on Airport Dr, take the 10th street exit. Follow 10th Street to Cove Road. From Cove Road, take the next left which is Gibby Lane. From Gibby Lane, continue following Cove Road to the Cove Road 8 mile marker. All four hunting houses are located on the left side of Cove Road.

FROM JUKA, MISSISSIPPI:

Take Highway 72 East to Cherokee. About 0.25 mile past the 8 mile marker, take a right onto Cove Road. Go one block south on Cove Road. From Cove Road, take the right turn onto Gibby Lane. Take Cove Road from the right turn onto Gibby Lane, and follow Cove Road until it becomes gravel. Continue to follow Cove Road approximately 0.5 mile and the check-in station will be on the right.

All four hunting houses are located on the left side of Cove Road.

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Turkey Season is Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Season begins November 7 and ends January 30. Archery only. Hunting season for Archery only. Hunting season for Archery only.

Reservations will be handled through the Colbert County Cooperative Extension Office at (256) 386-8572.
FROM ANDALUSIA:
Take State Highway 55 South for about 12 miles to Red Oak. Turn right (west) on County Road 31 and go about 1 mile. Turn left (south) on Shiloh Road and go about 2 miles. The area will be on the right (west) side of the road.

FROM FLORALA:
Take State Highway 55 North for about 8.5 miles. Turn left (west) on County Road 24 and go about 1.5 miles. Turn right (north) on Shiloh Road and go about 2 miles. The area will be on the left (west) side of the road.

Season is Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Nov 1 to Feb 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer (either sex) and three (3) deer per season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only Nov 1 to Nov 17. While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with a long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archery equipment.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 334-347-1298.

All hunting must be from the shooting house.
From Troy, Alabama at the intersection of Hwy 231 and 167, travel South on Hwy 167 for approximately 17.5 miles, turn right on Hwy 125 and travel approximately 5.5 miles. Entrance and check in kiosk to PDHA on left.

From Enterprise, Alabama at the intersection of the Boll Weevil Circle and Hwy 167, travel North on Hwy 167 for approximately 15 miles, turn left on Hwy 125 and travel approximately 5.5 miles. Entrance and check in kiosk to PDHA on left.

Season is Wednesdays and Saturdays from November 1-February 10
Bag limit is one (1) deer per day (either sex) and three (3) deer per season.
All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only from November 1 to November 17.
While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archery equipment.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 334-347-1298.
All hunting must be from the shooting house.

Coffee County (Victoria) Physically Disabled Hunting Area
From Jasper:
Travel north on highway 69 approximately 11 miles to Smith Lake Dam Road. 
Near the intersection of Smith Lake Dam Road and Highway 69, 
turn onto the paved road that travels north to the old bridge over the Sipsey Fork. 
The old bridge is barricaded and no longer available to vehicular traffic. 
At the barricade, enter through the yellow gate on the right. 
Proceed to the shooting house at lower end of field.

From I-65 exit 299 in Cullman: 
Travel south on highway 68 approximately 17 miles to the river bridge over 
the Sipsey Fork and continue approximately 0.25 miles to the Smith Lake Dam Road. 
Turn left onto the old road that parallels highway 69 and travel back north to the old barricaded bridge. 
At the barricade, enter through the yellow gate on the right. Proceed to the shooting house at lower end of field.
Season is Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from November 1 to Feb 10. Bag limit is one (1) deer (either sex) per day and three (3) deer per the season. All antlered bucks harvested must be included as part of the annual statewide three (3) buck limit. Archery only from November 1 to November 17. While shooting houses are not designed for archery hunting, especially with a long bow, this opportunity is being provided for those that desire to use crossbows or other archer equipment.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 256-396-5093

ALL HUNTING MUST BE FROM THE SHOOTING HOUSES.

From Montgomery
Take I-65 North. Merge onto AL-152 E / Northern Blvd. via exit 173 toward US-231. Take AL-21 N / US 231 N exit toward Wetumpka. Turn left onto Wetumpka Highway. Wetumpka Highway becomes US-231 N. Turn left onto Coosa River Pkwy / AL-14 W. Turn right onto Holtville Road / AL-111. Go ~4.4 miles and Hunting Area will be on your right, look for entrance sign.

JORDAN
PHYSICALLY DISABLED
HUNTING AREA
220-2-.111 **Hunting License Revocation Procedures - Hunter Safety Certification Requirements.**

(a) Any person subject to the hunter safety education certificate requirements of Section 9-11-44.1, Code of Ala. 1975, shall be subject to the revocation or cancellation of any hunting licenses and/or hunter education certification upon determination that the holder thereof was not entitled to issuance or obtained said license or certification by any fraudulent means. Upon such determination, the department of conservation and natural resources may, in lieu of revocation, hold any such licenses until said person complies with all requirements for issuance.

(b) The procedures for the revocation or cancellation of same shall be as provided in Section 41-22-12, 41-22-19, and other applicable provisions of Sections 41-22-1 through 41-22-27, Code of Ala. 1975.

(c) Upon revocation or cancellation, the holder thereof shall surrender same to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(d) Any person violating any provision of Section 9-11-44.1 shall be subject to prosecution thereunder, and upon conviction, shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

**Author:** James D. Martin  
**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §9-11-44.1.  

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220-2-.112 **Dog Deer Hunting.**

(a) It shall be unlawful to cast, release, or otherwise place, a dog, for the purpose of hunting deer, from, upon, or onto, a public right-of-way, without the permission of the landowners whose land adjoins the right-of-way within 50 feet of the location of such dog.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to utilize a dog for the purpose of deer hunting without the person placing and maintaining on said dog a collar containing the following information clearly stated thereon: the name, address, and telephone number of the person utilizing the dog.

**Author:** James D. Martin
220-2-.114 Normal Agricultural Planting And Hunting Of Dove.
It shall be unlawful to hunt mourning dove or white winged doves over fields that are planted or prepared outside of or contrary to the recognized practices or methods prescribed by the most recent Alabama Cooperative Extension System publications, available through the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Rule 220-2-.114, as previously adopted, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.

220-2-.115 Snagging Fish.

(1) For the purpose of this regulation, “snagging” shall be defined as the taking or attempted taking of fish by pulling either a single or group of hooks through the water in any manner which increases the likelihood of impaling fish in body regions other than the mouth.

(2) It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take fish by snagging on all waters of the Tennessee River or its impoundments.

(3) It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take fish by snagging within 800 feet of any dam on the Coosa River or its impoundments.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.
220-2-.117  **Special Hunting Seasons - Charles A. Farquhar State Cattle Ranch - Hale County. (REPEALED)**

**Author:** M. Barnett Lawley

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.


**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

220-2-.118  **Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program.** Any person hunting migratory birds (woodcock, dove, rails, sora, Wilson’s snipe, coots, gallinule, merganser, ducks or geese) required to be licensed should have completed a free Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program survey card providing information for the preceding season prior to hunting any species of migratory bird. Each person required to be licensed hunting migratory birds in Alabama should have the survey completion stamp on their person while hunting migratory birds.

It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person required to be licensed, having been warned by a law enforcement officer, to continue to hunt migratory birds without the survey completion stamp on their person.

**Author:** N. Gunter Guy, Jr.

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.

**Special Youth Hunting Day Regulations For Deer, Turkey, And Waterfowl.** This rule applies to Special Youth Hunting Days, as established by Rule 220-2-.01 and Rule 220-2-.77. The regular season shooting hours, bag limits, and legal arms and ammunitions apply to the special youth hunting days. Individuals shall comply with the following rules to participate in the scheduled youth hunts:

1. Youth means an individual who has not reached his [or her] sixteenth birthday.

2. Adult Supervisor means an individual 21 years old or older or the parent of the youth. An adult supervisor shall be in possession of all required state hunting licenses (and state and federal waterfowl stamps, if required to hunt waterfowl).

3. Up to two (2) youth participants shall be accompanied by an adult supervisor. The adult supervisor shall remain within 30 feet of each youth at all times.

4. Only one firearm will be allowed per youth. Only the youth hunters will be permitted to utilize firearms for hunting. The adult supervisor shall review the rules of firearm safety with each youth under his [or her] supervision and ensure they are followed.

**Author:** M. Barnett Lawley  
**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.  

**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

**Georgia Reciprocal Fishing Agreement Regulation.**

1. This regulation shall apply to those waters referred to in this regulation which are covered by the reciprocal agreement with the State of Georgia and which are within the jurisdiction of the State of Alabama, Department of...
The State of Alabama and the State of Georgia have a reciprocal agreement concerning fishing in certain reciprocal waters, whereby fishing licenses of Georgia and Alabama are mutually recognized for fishing from the banks or on the waters of the Chattahoochee River forming the boundary between Alabama and Georgia and all impoundments thereon as now exists or which may exist in the future, with the exception of that portion of West Point Reservoir lying upstream (north) of Georgia Highway 109 bridge on the Chattahoochee River arm of said reservoir. The waters covered by this agreement do not include other streams or tributaries which flow into the Chattahoochee River or its impoundments.

For the purpose of this agreement, “sport fishing” shall be defined as the lawful taking by ordinary hook and line, pole, casting reel and rod and use of artificial lures, spinning reel and rod, or fly rod.

The term “commercial fishing” shall be defined as the legal taking of non-game fish by any person from either state.

No person shall take, catch, or have in possession on any one day, more than fifty (50) in the aggregate of all of the following species or more than one day’s creel limit for any species.

The daily creel limit shall be as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Species</th>
<th>Daily Creel Limit</th>
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<tr>
<td>Black Bass</td>
<td>10 (Includes Largemouth, Smallmouth, Kentucky or Spotted, Redeye or Coosa, and Shoal)</td>
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<tr>
<td>WHITE BASS, SALTWATER STRIPED BASS AND SALTWATER STRIPED-WHITE BASS HYBRIDS, IN THE AGGREGATE</td>
<td>15 (Only 2 of which may be 22 inches or longer in length)</td>
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<td>CRAPPIE</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>BREAM</td>
<td>50 (Includes Bluegill, Redbreast, Warmouth,</td>
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Shadow Bass and all other species of bream)

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   (6) Nets shall not be used to take fish from any of the waters covered by this agreement provided, however, minnow seines, dip nets and cast nets meeting the requirements of the respective states for catching minnows for use as live bait are hereby permitted, and provided further that baskets and snaglines may be used for catching and taking non-game fish, upon securing from the proper authority or authorities of the state upon whose side of the boundary line between the states such basket or snagline is used, any license required for the use of such basket or snagline, and upon compliance with any other laws or rules of the state governing the use of such baskets or snagline.

   (7) Fish may not be caught or taken by any hook or combination of hooks pulled through the water (snatching); provided however, said hooks may be so used with bait and/or lures to entice fish to strike or bite such bait or lure.

   (8) Snaglines, trotlines and wire baskets may be used for catching and taking fish in any of the waters covered by this agreement according to the laws, rules and regulations of the state in which the fishing takes place.

Author: Riley Boykin Smith


PENALTY: As provided by law.

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220-2-.123 1997 Spring Turkey Season - West Jefferson Public Hunting Area (REPEALED)

Author: James D. Martin


PENALTY: As provided by law.
220-2-.124 **Nonindigenous Aquatic Plant Regulation.** For purposes of enforcement of Sections 9-20-1 through 9-20-7, Code of Ala. 1975, enacted by Act No. 95-767, as the “Alabama Nonindigenous Aquatic Plant Control Act”, the following list of all nonindigenous aquatic plants which are prohibited by Section 9-20-3 from being introduced or placed or caused to be introduced or placed into public waters of the state is established:

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<tr>
<td>African elodea</td>
<td>Lagarosiphon spp</td>
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<td>alligatorweed</td>
<td>Alternanthera philoxeriodes</td>
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<td>Brazilian elodea</td>
<td>Egeria densa</td>
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<td>curlyleaf pondweed</td>
<td>Potamogeton crispus</td>
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<td>Eurasian watermilfoil</td>
<td>Myriophyllum spicatum</td>
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<td>floating waterhyacinth</td>
<td>Eichhornia crassipes</td>
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<td>Salvinia molesta</td>
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<td>Trapa natans</td>
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**Author:** James D. Martin  
**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §9-20-5.  
**PENALTY:** As provided by Section 9-20-6, Code of Ala. 1975.

220-2-.125 **Special 2018-2019 Hunting Seasons For Certain Forever Wild And State Lands Division Lands.**

(1) The following special 2018-2019 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and
means, are hereby established for the following Forever Wild and State Lands Division lands:

**Lillian Swamp Complex** – Lillian Swamp South, Caney Bayou, and Lillian Swamp West tracts, Baldwin County;

**Pike County Pocosin Complex**, Pike County Pocosin and the Sellers addition, Pike County;

**Sipsey River Complex** – North and South Zones, Sipsey Sullivan, Sipsey Randolph, and Sipsey Robertson tracts, Pruett, TH Robertson, Springer and Sipsey River Swamp 2012, Tuscaloosa County;

**Splinter Hill Bog Complex** – Splinter Hill Bog Ben May, Splinter Hill Bog International Paper Addition, and Splinter Hill Bog Ben May Charitable Trust tracts, Baldwin County;

**Old Cahawba Prairie, Complex – West Zone**, Old Cahawba Prairie Tract, Dallas County; and

**Red Hills Complex**, Weyerhaeuser and Fire Tower Road Additions, and York North and South Additions and Hancock tracts, Monroe County:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled “2018-2019 Hunting Seasons,” Rule 220-2-.77 entitled “2018-2019 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose, and Teal Hunting Seasons.” And Rule 220-2-.29, entitled “Open Trapping Seasons on Fur-Bearers,” as they apply to said lands and to “Open Permit-Public Land” in the particular portions of the counties in which the tracts are located, shall apply except as otherwise provided herein:

1. Hunting of waterfowl shall be restricted to thirty (30) minutes prior to sunrise until 12 noon during the state waterfowl seasons.

2. Hunting of feral swine (wild hogs) shall be limited to October 1 through May 31 for Pike County Pocosin Complex in Pike County, Splinter Hill Bog Complex in Baldwin County, Lillian Swamp Complex in Baldwin County, Sipsey River Complex in Tuscaloosa County, and Old Cahawba Prairie Tract in Dallas County, and Red Hills Complex in Monroe County, (no bag limit).
3. Deer hunting shall be limited to shotgun with slugs, muzzleloader, bow and arrow, or crossbow.

4. No centerfire rifles or buckshot shall be allowed for any type of hunting;

5. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs);

6. Special muzzleloader season for Deer: By muzzleloader only - Stalk hunting only (no dogs). During the special muzzleloader deer season, two (2) deer per day only one (1) of which may be an antlered buck and only one (1) may be an unantlered deer (except spotted fawns), is permitted November 12 to November 16.

7. Turkey hunting shall be legal from daylight until 1:00 pm.

8. Un-antlered deer dates at the Red Hills Complex in Monroe County shall be: November 24th and 25th, and again December 31st and January 1st.

9. Hunting on Old Cahawba Prairie Complex shall be as follows: (East Zone, Thursday – Sunday) and (West Zone, open daily) during open public hunting seasons.

The following special 2018-2019 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established for the following Forever Wild lands:

Coon Creek Tract, Tallapoosa County;
Indian Mountain Complex – Indian Mountain, Indian Mountain Garner, and Simmons addition, Cherokee County; Shoal Creek Preserve Tract, Lauderdale County; and Old Cahawba Prairie Complex – East Zone, Dallas County:

(a) The hunting seasons are established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled “2018-2019 Hunting Seasons,” and Rule 220-2-.77 entitled “2018-2019 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose and Teal Hunting Seasons,” as they apply to said lands and to “Open Permit-Public Land” in the particular portions of the counties in which the tracts are located, shall apply except as otherwise provided herein:
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1. Hunting of feral swine (wild hogs) shall be limited to October 1 through April 30 (no bag limit).

2. Deer hunting shall be limited to bow and arrow, or crossbow.

3. No firearms permitted except for shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.

**Note:** This prohibition shall not apply to the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized person for their personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.

4. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs).

5. No trapping shall be allowed.

6. Turkey hunting shall be legal on the Old Cahawba Prairie Complex - East Zone in Dallas County from daylight until 1:00pm.

**Author:** Christopher M. Blankenship

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12, 9-11-235, 9-11-240.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.126 Public Shooting Range Regulation.

(1) It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms on any Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries public shooting range existing now or in the future, except in accordance with the following rules. All range users shall abide by the listed rules. Permits for the excepted uses will be issued by the Hunter Education Coordinator or his designee. The range may be closed as necessary.

(a) Range is open during daylight hours only, (except by permit).

(b) No alcoholic beverages allowed.

(c) Any legal firearm and ammunition (except armor-piercing or tracer by permit only) may be used on target range.

(d) Keep all firearms unloaded and muzzles pointed down range when not firing or uncased. Action on uncased guns shall be open when not on the firing line.

(e) All persons are to remain behind the shooting line while firing is taking place. No firing shall be allowed while anyone is down range.

(f) All firearms [except as noted below in (g).] shall only be fired from designated stations on the concrete shooting line into the embankment at stationary paper targets, self-healing or metal automatic reset targets. The targets must be placed so that shots will impact the embankment into the bottom 5’ of the embankment. Only one person may shoot from each designated location at any given time.

(g) Shotguns with no. 4 shot or smaller may be fired at moving clay targets on designated clay target areas only.
(h) All used targets, brass, shotgun hulls, and other trash shall be placed in a garbage can, or removed from the public shooting range.

(i) It shall be unlawful to violate any posted restriction.

(j) INFORMATION NOTE: All Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age using a public shooting range are required to have either a valid state hunting license, a valid state wildlife management area license, a valid wildlife heritage license, to use the range. All non-residents 16 through 64 years of age are required to have either a valid state hunting license or a valid wildlife management area license.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.127 Special 2018-2019 Hunting Seasons For Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Lauderdale County.

(1) The following special 2018-2019 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2018-2019 Hunting Seasons," and as established in Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2018-2019 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose and Teal Hunting Seasons," as they apply to that portion of Lauderdale County known as the Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), and as they apply to "Open Permit-Public Land" in that portion of Lauderdale County, shall apply to hunting on the Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), except as otherwise provided herein:

1. There shall be no open season for deer or turkey.
2. The only legal firearms or weapons shall be black powder firearms otherwise legal for hunting and long bows, compound bows, and crossbows otherwise legal for hunting.

Note: This prohibition shall not apply to the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized person for their personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.

3. No trapping shall be allowed.

Author: Christopher M. Blankenship


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.128 Special 2006-2007 Hunting Seasons For Coon Creek Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Tallapoosa County. (REPEALED)

Author: M. Barnett Lawley


220-2-.129 Public Water Stocking. It shall be unlawful to intentionally stock or release any fish, mussel, snail, crayfish or their embryos including bait fish into the public waters of Alabama under the jurisdiction of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as provided in Rule 220-2-.42 except those waters from which it came without the written permission of a designated employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources authorized by the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries to issue such permit. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to the incidental release of bait into the water during the normal process of fishing.

Author: Richard C. Liles

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.130 Prohibition Of Commercial Or Non-Game Fish Sales And Commercial Gear Use In Specific Advisory Areas.

(a) It shall be illegal to fish with the aid of commercial gear in any specific portion of the public waters of the State under the jurisdiction of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as provided in Rule 220-2-.42 where there has been a fish consumption advisory issued by the State Department of Public Health on any commercial or non-game fish species. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to persons taking fish pursuant to a valid permit issued pursuant to Section 9-11-231, Code of Ala. 1975.

(b) In addition, it shall be illegal to sell or offer for sale any fish taken from such waters regardless of the method by which the fish are taken.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.131 Establishment of Youth Turkey Hunting Area.

(1) The following area is hereby designated and established as “Youth Turkey Hunting Area”:

(a) “USA Foundation Hunting Area” as indicated on the attached map.

(2) It shall be unlawful on any area designated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as a “Youth Turkey Hunting Area”:

(a) To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps or bow and arrow, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled area spring turkey season during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting turkey. See (4) for limited exception for certain lawfully authorized handguns possessed for personal protection.

(b) To have in possession any firearms, ammunition or bow and arrow except as allowed by law for the species hunted. See (4) for limited exception for certain lawfully authorized handguns possessed for personal protection.

(c) For any person to hunt without having in possession all required hunting licenses.

(d) For any person to carry firearms in or on vehicle with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place.

(e) To camp in the area.

(f) To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to bobcat, coyote, or fox, which may be killed during all scheduled area hunts that occur during the dates of the spring turkey season.
(g) To discharge fireworks at any time.

(h) To discharge firearms for target practice.

(i) To use fire to smoke out game.

(j) To transport turkey killed from the area before recording pertinent data at the designated checking station.

(k) For any person except those authorized to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.

(l) For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.

(m) To damage or remove any trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.

(n) To hunt from an elevated platform.

(o) To hunt without first making a reservation for the particular hunt.

(p) To hunt more often than two days every week. Failure to cancel a reservation at least 48 hours prior to the hunt dates will be considered the same as if the individual hunted in determining when that person could reserve other dates.

(3) Individuals must follow the listed rules to participate in the scheduled youth turkey hunts.

(a) Each youth participant must be accompanied by an adult supervisor. The adult supervisor is to remain within arms length of the youth at all times.

(b) Youth is defined as those individuals who have not reached their sixteenth birthday.

Adult is defined as those individuals twenty-five years old or older who are in possession of all state hunting licenses required to hunt turkey on a wildlife management area.
(d) Only one firearm will be allowed per youth. Only the youth hunter will be permitted to utilize the firearm for hunting. The adult is to review with the youth the rules of firearm safety and to ensure they are followed.

(e) The adult-youth pair is to check in and out at the check station as a single unit.

(f) Hunting hours will be daylight until 1:00 P.M. on Saturdays and other dates established by the District Wildlife supervisor of the spring turkey season.

(g) All other rules, laws, and regulations are in effect.

(4) Nothing in this regulation prohibits the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife in violation of law.
Special State Park Hunting Regulation.

(1) The following rules and regulations shall apply at any state park area authorized by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources for hunting:

(a) BOW AND ARROW (including crossbows) will be legal on all specially scheduled hunts. Broadhead points only must be utilized. Bow and Arrow equipment must meet the specifications of Rule 220-2-.03. All arrows used must contain the name of the hunter thereon. Bow and Arrow will also be permitted in the park for use during authorized official proficiency testing prior to the hunt;

(b) It shall be unlawful:

(1) to hunt without a valid permit. Hunters must comply with all terms and conditions of the permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled Special State Park Hunting Seasons for the particular state park area, only during legal hunting hours, only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps, and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit;

(2) to use dogs for stalk hunting of deer;

(3) to hunt deer without first presenting his or her required hunting licenses at the checking station;

(4) to possess any firearms;
(5) to hunt within one hundred (100) yards of any campground, house, building or enclosed structure, excluding structures on the Oak Mountain State Park golf course;

(6) to camp on any area except in designated sites. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area;

(7) to kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting;

(8) to use fire to smoke out game;

(9) to transport deer killed during any hunts before being checked at the designated checking station for scientific data;

(10) for any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic;

(11) for any unauthorized person at any time to operate a motor scooter, motorcycle, trail bike, or any motor driven vehicle except on regularly used roads open for public use by four wheel vehicle traffic and except as otherwise authorized;

(12) for any person to hunt without wearing an outer garment above the waist containing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange color or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more above the ground. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo and/or printing on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle;

(13) for any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible;

(14) for any person to deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on any area maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prior to receiving approval from said Department;
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(15) to damage or remove any trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization;

(16) to erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold;

(17) to cast a light of any kind, either hand held, affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise, between the hours of sunset and sunrise. This paragraph does not apply to the headlights of vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road;

(18) to hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a safety harness capable of supporting their weight; or

(19) to violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.

Author: M. Barnett Lawley


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.135 Special State Park Hunting Season. (REPEALED)

Author: M. Barnett Lawley


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.136 Establishment Of 2005-2006 Feral Hog Season In Lowndes Wildlife Management Area. (REPEALED)

Author: M. Barnett Lawley


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August 17, 2005; effective August 17, 2005. Repealed (PE):
Filed June 19, 2018; effective September 19, 2018.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.137 Special State Park Hunting Seasons. (REPEALED
Author: M. Barnett Lawley
History: New Rule (PE): Filed September 30, 2004; effective
effective September 19, 2018.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.138 Licensed Game Breeders. All persons, firms or
corporations licensed under Section 9-11-30 to engage in the
business of raising game birds, game animals, or fur bearing
animals shall:

(1) Submit to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater
Fisheries, (hereinafter referenced as “the Division” or
“Division”), accurate records of stock and inventory changes
caused by births, deaths, escapes, transports, releases,
transfers, sales, purchases or other causes; provided however,
holders of the nonindigenous game breeder option who are not
engaged in the breeding and handling of such animals may submit
a good faith estimate of stock inventory and inventory changes
as to such animals. Effective June 1, 2018, all inventory
records and changes described above relating to game animals
shall be submitted via the Division’s electronic database
through individual user accounts, or by phone utilizing a
Division approved call center through individual user accounts.
Initial inventory records submissions may also be established by
mailing a letter, signed by the license holder, identifying the
number of game animals currently in inventory, and a copy of
each animal’s current Cervidae Possession/Transfer Form to the
Division through the U.S. Postal Service utilizing certified
mail. Inventory changes caused by births on a license holder’s
facility may also be established by mailing a letter, signed by
the license holder, identifying the number of game animals to be
added due to birth, and a copy of each animal’s Cervidae
Possession/Transfer Form to the Division through the U.S. Postal
Service utilizing certified mail.
For the purposes of this rule, the following words shall have the meanings given to them in this rule when related to the physical movement of game animals.

1. "Transport" means to take, carry, or move a game animal from one location to another.

2. "Transfer" means the transport of any game animal from a licensed game breeder facility to another licensed game breeder facility or to another individual or facility that is licensed or permitted to possess game animals, where the transport results in a change in inventory.

3. "Release" means the transport of any game animal from a licensed game breeder facility to an enclosure that is not a licensed game breeder facility, where the transport results in a change in inventory.

(2) Allow inspection by agents authorized by the Division and Department of Agriculture and Industries, of stock, facilities and records at all reasonable times.

(3) Each fawn shall be marked with an assigned ear tag, as specified by the Division, which identifies each animal, at the earliest of the following dates: the date it is transported, the date it is transferred, the date it is released, or by April 1 of the year immediately following the fawn’s birth. The fawn’s species, sex, date of birth, ear tag number, and other identifying features shall be submitted, as required in paragraph (1), via the user’s account on the database, by certified mail, or by phone. Such tags shall not be reassigned to or reused on another animal. Tags shall not be removed, except during transport when the animal is being released, provided the tag shall be in possession during transport. Animals which lose tags shall be reassigned a replacement tag number and be remarked before sale or transfer.

(4) Identify the location of each facility by physical address and notify designated Division personnel of any changes in size or location of the facility.

(5) Within 24 hours of discovery, notify designated Division personnel of any deaths via the database or phone and allow disease testing of animals, 12 months of age or older, that have died.
(6) Within 24 hours of discovery, notify designated Division personnel of escapes via the database or phone and coordinate recapture efforts as directed by Division personnel. The licensed game breeder shall have ten days from the date of such report to recapture only those escaped deer that are listed on the breeder’s inventory. All recaptured deer must be returned to the facility from which the deer escaped. If after ten days the licensed game breeder is unable to recapture escaped deer that have been reported in accordance with this regulation, the Division may grant an additional ten-day period for recapture efforts to continue, contingent upon the licensed game breeder proving to the Division's satisfaction that reasonable efforts were made to effect the recapture during the first ten-day period.

(7) Any releases, transfers, sales, or purchases of inventoried game animals that results in a change in inventory shall be reported via the user’s account on the database or by phone. This includes providing the date and location of the event. In addition, the recipient’s serial number, commonly referred to as an Alabama Game Breeder number, shall be reported if the recipient is a licensed game breeder. Licensed Game Breeders who are recipients of transfers must accept or decline the transfer via the database or phone within ten days.

(8) Game animals shall not be transported without being accompanied by a valid transport number issued by the Division. To receive a transport number, a game breeder must identify the animals to be transported and provide the destination location of the transport via the database or phone. Once issued, the transport number will be valid for ten days.

(9) Upon notification by authorized Division personnel of a documented disease risk, not remove from any licensed game breeder facility any animals alive or dead until approved by authorized Division personnel.

(10) For species of the family Cervidae, obtain a premises registration number and comply with the conditions set forth in any herd health or monitoring plan that may be designated by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.

(11) Acquire animals only from licensed game breeders, except by written approval from authorized Division personnel.
The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, may order the confiscation and destruction of any animal that is deemed to be a substantial disease risk to other wildlife, domestic animals, or the public without compensation to the owner of such animal. This shall not affect the authority of other state or federal agencies with respect to confiscation, destruction or condemnation of or compensation for such animals.

Nothing in this regulation is intended to authorize the importation into this state of any live animal, or their eggs or embryos which is otherwise prohibited by law or regulation.

Author: Christopher M. Blankenship

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.139 Hunting Or Discharging A Firearm Near A Dwelling, Etc. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or attempt to hunt within 100 yards of any dwelling belonging to another, whether occupied or not, without the permission or the owner or lessee of said dwelling. Provided further, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm while hunting in such a manner that any projectile strikes any dwelling or building used for human occupation, whether occupied or not, or any commercial vessel, without the permission of the owner or lessee of said dwelling, building or vessel. This regulation shall not apply to a landowner or member of his or her immediate family hunting on his or her own property provided that no projectile strikes any of the above stated property of another without the permission of the owner or lessee of said property.

Author: M. Barnett Lawley

PENALTY: As provided by law.
220-2-.140 **Special State Park Hunting Seasons.** There are hereby established Special State Park Hunting Seasons for the following parks:

(1) **Oak Mountain State Park – Whitetail Deer Hunt.** In a certain designated area at the park, for the hunting of deer by bow and arrow (including crossbows), during the period of November 1, 2018, through January 17, 2019, Monday – Friday only, and January 20, 2019 through February 10, 2019, every day, by permitted and licensed Alabama resident and non-resident hunters 16 years old or older only, subject to and in accordance with established registration and eligibility requirements. Stalk hunting only (no dogs). State harvest limits will apply. Hunters will be allowed to take up to three deer per day, only one of which may be an antlered buck. An Adult Mentored Hunt administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will take place January 4, 2019 – January 6, 2019.

Coyote: Open during any other scheduled Oak Mountain State Park Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

(2) **Falconry:** The following State Parks will allow falconry in accordance with state laws and regulations during squirrel/rabbit hunting seasons as set forth in Rule 220-2-.01: DeSoto State Park, Joe Wheeler State Park, Lake Guntersville State Park, Lakepoint Resort State Park, Chewacla State Park, Bucks Pocket State Park, Lake Lurleen State Park, Monte Sano State Park, Oak Mountain State Park, Paul M. Grist State Park, Wind Creek State Park, Frank Jackson State Park, Cheaha State Park, Cathedral Caverns State Park, Rickwood State Park, Meaher State Park, and Blue Springs State Park.

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220-2-.141 Special 2006-2007 Hunting Seasons For Shoal Creek Preserve Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Lauderdale County.
(REPEALED)
Author: M. Barnett Lawley

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.142 Turtle Dealer/Farmer Regulation.

(1) Definitions:

(a) “Division” - Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(b) “Director” - The Director of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(c) “Turtle Farmer” - Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of propagating legally acquired captive indigenous turtles or turtle eggs for commercial purposes.

(d) “Turtle Dealer” - Any person, firm, or corporation who purchases, imports or exports turtles or turtle eggs for resale or stocking purposes or who sells, offers for sale, or trades for anything of value legally acquired live turtles.
(2)(a) No person shall take, attempt to take, sell or possess any turtle egg or turtle or parts thereof from the wild in this state, to include public and private waters, for commercial purposes, except those turtle farmers who may take nuisance turtles from privately constructed farm ponds for use as breeder turtles only under specially issued permits from the Director or his designee. Turtles taken under the specially issued nuisance permits shall not be sold or bartered. This is not to prohibit the operations of properly permitted “Turtle Farmers” or “Turtle Dealers” as defined in paragraph (1) as long as those turtles are not taken from the wild.

(b) This is not to prohibit the removal of turtles from a privately constructed farm pond by the landowner or his agent while controlling nuisance animals as long as the turtles are not sold or traded for anything of value.

(c) Nothing in this regulation prohibits the taking for personal use of up to two legal turtles per day by hand, dip net or hook and line however, no person shall take more than two turtles per day from the wild in this state, to include public and private waters.

(3)(a) Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of propagating captive turtles or incubating and hatching turtle eggs for restocking, sale, or other commercial purposes must first obtain a turtle farmer’s permit from the Director. Each turtle farmer permittee must agree to meet designated standards for enclosure construction and animal care prior to being permitted. Each permittee will file an annual report on forms provided by the Division prior to renewal of their farmer permit. This report will provide the information required by subsection (c) of this regulation. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the import, export, sale or trade of live turtles or turtle eggs must first obtain a “Turtle Dealers” permit from the Director or his designee.

(b) No person, firm or corporation shall import or cause to be imported, any nonindigenous turtle species for the purpose of propagation. Nonindigenous turtle species may not be propagated within the state.

(c) All turtles imported into or exported out of the state of Alabama for commercial purposes shall be accompanied by a bill of lading which provides the following information: (1) name of person importing/exporting the turtles; (2) permit
number of person importing/exporting the turtles; (3) date of shipment; (4) quantity and species of turtles; (5) origin (state and body of water) of shipment; (6) destination of shipment; (7) total value of shipment; and (8) signature of owner/transporter. A copy of the bill of lading shall remain with the shipment and a copy sent to the Division.

(d) Each turtle farmer report required in this regulation must be filed with the Division prior to renewing their annual permit and must include the following and any other information specified by the Director: (1) permit holder’s name and permit number; (2) buyer/seller’s name and address; (3) date of transaction; (4) origin (state) of turtles purchased/sold; (5) quantity and species of turtles purchased/sold; (6) amount received/paid for turtles and; (7) signature of permit holder. The Director or other persons as designated for such purposes shall have the power and authority to inspect and examine the books, records, turtles or facilities of each permit holder.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.143 Alligator Hunting Season And Regulations. A hunting season for American alligator (Alligator mississippiensis) will be open in five zones of Alabama. The first hunt zone will be in Baldwin and Mobile Counties north of I-10 and portions of Washington, Clarke, and Monroe Counties. The second hunt zone will be in Baldwin and Mobile Counties south of I-10. The third hunt zone will include: Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Russell Counties, excluding public Alabama state waters of Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries. The fourth hunt zone area will be in Dallas, Wilcox and the portion of Monroe north of U.S. Highway 84. The fifth hunt zone will be the public Alabama state waters in the Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries. The
rules will govern according to the following restrictions and regulations:

**Locations:**

**SOUTHWEST ZONE**
The private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile Counties that lie north of I-10 and private and public waters in Washington, Clarke, and Monroe Counties that lie east of U.S. Highway 43 and south of U.S. Highway 84.

**COASTAL ZONE**
The private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile Counties that lie south of I-10.

**SOUTHEAST ZONE**

**WEST CENTRAL ZONE**
The private and public waters in Monroe (north of U.S. Highway 84), Wilcox, and Dallas Counties.

**LAKE EUFAULA ZONE**
The public Alabama state waters only in the Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries, south of Hwy 208, Omaha Bridge, (excluding Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge).

**Dates:**

**SOUTHWEST ZONE** - From Official Sunset Time on the second Thursday in August until Official Sunrise Time on the second Sunday in August, and from Official Sunset Time on the third Thursday in August until Official Sunrise Time on the third Sunday in August.

**COASTAL ZONE** - From Official Sunset Time on the second Thursday in August until Official Sunrise Time on the second Sunday in August, and from Official Sunset Time on the third Thursday in August until Official Sunset Time on the third Sunday in August.

**SOUTHEAST ZONE** - From Official Sunset Time on the second Saturday in August until the Official Sunrise Time on the first Monday of September.
WEST CENTRAL ZONE - From Official Sunset Time on the second Thursday in August until Official Sunrise Time on the second Sunday in August, and from Official Sunset Time on the third Thursday in August until Official Sunrise Time on the third Sunday in August.

LAKE EUFAULA ZONE - From Official Sunset Time on the Friday preceding the third Saturday in August and run until Official Sunrise on the last Monday in September.

Hunting Hours:
Southwest, Coastal, Southeast, and West Central Zones - Official Sunset until Official Sunrise.
Lake Eufaula Zone - Daytime and Nighttime Hours.

Permits:
SOUTHWEST ZONE
One hundred (100) people will be randomly drawn by computer to be eligible for an Alligator Possession Tag. Possession tags are non-transferable.

COASTAL ZONE
Fifty (50) people will be randomly drawn by computer to be eligible for an Alligator Possession Tag. Possession tags are non-transferable.

SOUTHEAST ZONE
Forty (40) people will be randomly drawn by computer to be eligible for an Alligator Possession Tag. Possession tags are non-transferable.

WEST CENTRAL ZONE
Fifty (50) people will be randomly drawn by computer to be eligible for an Alligator Possession Tag. Possession tags are non-transferable.

LAKE EUFAULA ZONE
Twenty (20) people will be randomly drawn by computer to be eligible for an Alligator Possession Tag. Possession tags are non-transferable.

If a person is selected for an Alligator Possession Tag at two or more locations they will be allowed to select which location they would like to hunt. The other spot(s) not chosen will be filled from the Alternates list.

Bag Limit:
Each person receiving an Alligator Possession Tag will be allowed to harvest one (1) alligator. **Alligators harvested in the Lake Eufaula Zone must be a minimum of eight (8) feet in length.**

**Persons Eligible:**
Only Residents and Lifetime Hunting License holders of the State of Alabama who are sixteen (16) years of age or older may apply for an Alligator Possession Tag (see License Requirements). Non-residents may only participate as alligator hunting assistants (see License Requirements). The permittee and all individuals assisting during the hunt must possess a valid Alabama hunting license.

**Applications:**
Applications for Alligator Possession Tags will be accepted only at the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Website at www.outdooralabama.com beginning at 8:00 AM on the first Tuesday in June. A minimal administrative fee will be charged for each hunt zone application submitted. There is no charge for the Alligator Possession Tag. Registration will end at 8:00 AM on the second Wednesday of July. The drawings for each zone will be held on the second Wednesday of July. All applicants will be able to check for their results on the same website that they registered. Selected applicant’s acceptance is required by 8:00 AM on the third Wednesday of July. If a tag is not accepted the next name on the list will be notified and given 24 hours to respond. These notifications will continue until all vacancies have been obligated. Only one (1) application shall be allowed per person per zone. Applications shall be in accordance with the procedure set out at www.outdooralabama.com.

**Preference Points:**
The random selection process will utilize a preference point system. The system increases the likelihood of repeat registrants being selected for a hunt as long as the applicant continues to apply. The more years an applicant participates in the registration, the higher the likelihood of being selected. If an applicant ceases to register for the hunt in a given year or is selected for a hunt, the preference point status is forfeited.

**Mandatory Training Course:**
All successful applicants will be required to complete the online Alligator Training Course prior to accepting their hunter/alternate status. The video will be available for viewing at
www.utdooralabama.com. The official course will be available on the applicant’s status page upon login.

**Capture and Dispatch Methods:**

**For All Hunt Zones**

Alligators must be captured and brought adjacent to the boat, bank or dock prior to shooting or otherwise dispatching the animal. It is unlawful to shoot at or kill an unrestrained alligator. Restrained is defined as an alligator that has a noose or snare secured around the neck or leg in a manner that the alligator is controlled. Capture methods are restricted to hand-held snares, snatch hooks (hand-held or rod/reel), harpoons (with attached line), and bowfishing equipment (with line attached from arrow to bow or crossbow). **No use of bait is allowed.**

All alligators must be dispatched immediately after capture, culling is prohibited. No alligators should be captured for photographic purposes and released. Firearms used for dispatching an alligator are restricted to shotguns with shot size no larger than #4 and bangsticks chambered in .38 caliber or larger or shotgun (using #4 shot or smaller). All shotguns and bangsticks must be cased and unloaded at all times until a restraining line has been attached to the alligator. Except as otherwise provided herein, no other firearm or ammunition may be in possession of the permittee or hunting party. No firearm or bangstick may be discharged within 100 yards of any residence, building, boat ramp, or occupied campsite in Mobile/Baldwin Counties and on the Alabama River, Claiborne Lake, William “Bill” Dannelly Reservoir and Lake Walter F. George (Lake Eufaula). The Temporary Alligator Possession Tag, supplied by Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, must be attached to the alligator’s tail, as demonstrated in training video, immediately after being dispatched and prior to moving or transporting.

**Mandatory Check Station:**

**SOUTHWEST ALABAMA**

All permitted hunters and hunting assistants must have on their person a valid Alabama Hunting License. Each permittee selected to receive an Alligator Possession Tag will be pre-registered and issued a Temporary Alligator Possession Tag via mail prior to the hunt. The permanent Federal CITES Alligator Possession Tag will be affixed to the harvested alligator by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries personnel at the check station. All successful permittees must bring their harvested alligators from this zone to the check station, located at the District V
Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office between the hours of 8:00 PM till 7:00 AM on the days of the hunts.

**SOUTHEAST ALABAMA and LAKE EUFAULA**
All permitted hunters and hunting assistants must have on their person a valid Alabama Hunting License. Each permittee selected to receive an Alligator Possession Tag will be pre-registered and issued a Temporary Alligator Possession Tag via mail prior to the hunt. The permanent Federal CITES Alligator Possession Tag must be obtained from a Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries district office within 10 business days of the conclusion of the hunt. Hunters must bring alligator hides, their Temporary Alligator Possession Tag, and information regarding length, weight, girth, and sex in order to receive their permanent Federal CITES Alligator Possession Tag. Alligator harvest record sheets detailing the required information will be issued at the training session. Upon validation of alligator harvest data, a permanent Federal CITES Alligator Possession Tag will be attached to the alligator by WFF personnel.

**WEST CENTRAL ALABAMA**
All permitted hunters and hunting assistants must have on their person a valid Alabama Hunting License. Each permittee selected to receive an Alligator Possession Tag will be pre-registered and issued a Temporary Alligator Possession Tag via mail prior to the hunt. The permanent Federal CITES Alligator Possession Tag will be affixed to the harvested alligator by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries personnel at the check station at Roland Cooper State Park. All successful permittees must bring their harvested alligator from this zone to the check station between the hours of 8:00 PM till 7:00 AM on the days of the hunts.

**Harvest Reporting and Tagging:**
**SOUTHWEST and WEST CENTRAL ALABAMA ZONES**
All harvested alligators must be validated at the designated check station by posted closing time. The Temporary Alligator Possession Tag must be attached to the alligator immediately after being dispatched and prior to moving. Upon validation at the check station, a Federal CITES Alligator Possession Tag will be attached to the alligator.

**SOUTHEAST and LAKE EUFAULA ZONES**
The permanent Federal CITES Alligator Possession Tag must be obtained from a Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries district office within 10 business days of the conclusion of the hunt. Hunters must bring alligator hides, their attached Temporary Alligator Possession Tag, and information regarding length,
weight, girth, and sex in order to receive their permanent Federal CITES Alligator Possession Tag. Alligator harvest record sheets detailing the required information will be issued with your Temporary Alligator Possession Tag. Upon validation of alligator harvest data, a permanent Federal CITES Alligator Possession Tag will be attached to the alligator by WFF personnel.

**License Requirements:**

Alligator Hunting Permittee: All Alligator Hunting Permittees must have a government issued picture identification and a resident hunting license as required by Alabama law. A Temporary Alligator Possession Tag will be issued by mail to successful applicants.

Alligator Hunting Assistant: All assistants in the hunting party sixteen (16) years of age or older are required to purchase and have on their person a valid Alabama hunting license as required by Alabama law. Any non-residents in the hunting party sixteen (16) years of age or older are required to have a valid Alabama hunting license. All persons in the boat or assisting boats are considered Hunt Permittees or Hunting Assistants. All funds are non-refundable.

**General:**

Nothing in this regulation prohibits the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife in violation of law.

**ALL ALABAMA BOATING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED.**

For the purposes of this regulation the term “animal protected by the laws of this state” as used in Section 9-11-235 of the Code of Ala. 1975, shall mean game animals as designated by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12.

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.145 Special 2006 Hunting Seasons For Certain Hunting Event At Dreamwood Property, Bigbee, Alabama, Washington County. (REPEALED)

Author: M. Barnett Lawley

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.146 Game Check System – Deer And Turkey Harvest Record And Reporting Requirement.

(1) For the purpose of this regulation:

(a) “Deer” shall be defined as a white-tailed deer.

(b) “Antlered Deer” shall be defined as a white-tailed deer with antlers visible above the natural hairline.

(c) “Unantlered Deer” shall be defined as all other white-tailed deer.

(2) DEER AND TURKEY HARVEST RECORD FORM:

(a) Any person hunting deer or turkey, whether required to be licensed or not, shall maintain and have in his/her possession either:

1. A “Deer and Turkey Harvest Record” which shall be in substantially the following form and contain the same information:
## HARVEST RECORD

### ANTLERED DEER
- One of the three must have 4 pts, 1" or longer on one side

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**NOTE:** For Barbour County – minimum of 3 points, 1" or longer, on one antler for all antlered deer. Further restrictions apply on certain management areas. See Wildlife Management Area information.

### TURKEY

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2. The State of Alabama, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (“DCNR”) approved App on a hand-held device capable of recording the harvest in the Game Check System as set forth in paragraph (3).

**NOTE:** Harvest Record must be in possession when hunting. See paragraph 2(a).
- Hunter must record before field dressing or moving carcass. See paragraph 2(b).
- Hunter must obtain confirmation number within 48 hours. See paragraph 3.

(b) All deer or turkey harvested shall be recorded completely on either the harvest record form as identified in paragraph (2)(a) above or the DCNR approved App by the hunter harvesting the deer or turkey before the deer or turkey is moved or field dressed; provided however, that confirmation numbers for each deer or turkey harvested shall be obtained by following the procedures set forth in paragraph (3) hereof, and shall be entered on the harvest record within forty-eight (48) hours of harvest.

(c) Any person who harvests a deer or turkey shall have in their possession either the completed harvest record form as identified in paragraph (2)(a) above or the DCNR approved App until it is processed and stored in a cooler or freezer at one’s residence or delivered to a commercial processing plant; provided however, that confirmation numbers for each deer or turkey harvested shall be obtained by following the procedures set forth in paragraph (3) hereof, and shall be
entered on the harvest record form within forty-eight (48) hours of harvest. In addition, any other person who is in possession of a deer or turkey not harvested by that person shall have in their possession written documentation including the name, address, license number (if applicable), telephone number, date of harvest and signature of the person who harvested the deer or turkey until it is processed and stored in a cooler or freezer at one’s residence or delivered to a commercial processing plant.

(3) **DEER AND TURKEY HARVEST REPORTING REQUIREMENT:**

(a) All hunters shall report to the DCNR, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, their harvest of each and every deer or turkey within forty-eight (48) hours of harvest, by using one of the following methods, as further described herein: (1) the DCNR “Game Check” reporting site at www.OutdoorAlabama.com/Gamecheck; (2) the OutdoorAlabama App on a hand-held device; or (3) the DCNR approved Toll-Free Number.

(b) Online reporting shall be done by: (1) accessing the web site stated above; (2) using the OutdoorAlabama App on a hand-held device; or (3) by any other means of accessing the DCNR “Game Check” reporting site on the internet.

On the Deer Harvest Reporting page, the hunter shall be required to provide: (1) his or her 16-digit hunting license number or lifetime license number or other authorized identification number; (2) whether the deer is an “antlered deer” or an “unantlered deer;” (3) whether the harvest location is public or private land; (4) date of the harvest; and (5) the county of harvest.

On the Turkey Harvest Reporting page, the hunter shall be required to provide: (1) his or her 16-digit hunting license number or lifetime license number or other authorized identification number; (2) the turkey’s age (whether a jake or adult); (3) whether the harvest location is public or private land; (4) the date of the harvest; and (5) the county of harvest.

A confirmation number shall be provided which shall be entered in the appropriate corresponding space on the harvest record form within forty-eight (48) hours of harvest or the DCNR approved App. Once data is submitted and a confirmation number provided, the data cannot be changed.
(c) Hunters may use a Toll-Free Voice Response Call by calling the DCNR approved toll-free number from a touchtone phone. The phone number will be provided on the DCNR website.

For deer harvest, the hunter, using the phone keypad, shall provide: (1) his or her 16-digit hunting license number or lifetime license number or other authorized identification number; (2) whether the deer is an “antlered deer” or an “unantlered deer;” (3) whether the harvest location is public or private land; (4) the date of the harvest; and (5) the county of harvest.

For turkey harvest, the hunter, using the phone keypad, shall provide: (1) his or her 16-digit hunting license number or lifetime license number or other authorized identification number; (2) the turkey’s age (whether a jake or adult); (3) whether the harvest location is public or private land; (4) the date of the harvest; and (5) the county of harvest.

A confirmation number shall be provided at the end of the call, which shall be entered in the appropriate corresponding space on the harvest record form within forty-eight (48) hours of harvest. Once data is submitted and a confirmation number provided, the data cannot be changed.

(4) It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to fail to comply with the requirements of this regulation. Further, it shall be a violation of this regulation to present an incomplete deer and turkey harvest record for inspection, or to intentionally enter false information into the deer and turkey harvest record form provided for in paragraph (2) hereof or into the deer and turkey harvest reporting database provided for in paragraph (3) hereof.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.147 Deer Enclosure Regulation.
(1) The season for hunting all species of deer shall be closed within any enclosure capable of confining deer, where:

(1) there exists or has existed any man-made point of access that allows deer to enter the enclosure but restricts their ability to exit the enclosure, including, but not limited to, any man-made ramp, platform, funnel, maze, or one-way gate; or

(2) any bait has been placed so as to lure deer through any man-made opening into any such completed enclosure.

(2) The deer season shall be closed within any such enclosure from the date the owner or operator of the enclosure is notified by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division Enforcement personnel. The deer season shall remain closed for two years after such devices are removed or such conditions no longer exist. The owner or operator shall notify any persons who may hunt within the enclosure of the closed deer season.

Author: M. Barnett Lawley

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.148 Special Creel/Size Limit At Tuskegee City Lake. (REPEALED)
Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.

PENALTY: As provided by law.

220-2-.150 2008 Alligator Hunting Season. (REPEALED)
Author: M. Barnett Lawley

220-2-.151 Archery Range Regulation.
(1) It shall be unlawful to shoot any type of bow or crossbow on any archery range operated now or in the future by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, except in accordance with the following rules. All range users shall abide by the posted rules. Permits for excepted uses will be issued by the Hunter Education Coordinator or his designee. The range may be closed as necessary.

(a) The range is open during daylight hours only, except by permit.

(b) No alcoholic beverages allowed.

(c) Arrows may only be nocked onto the bowstring when standing on the shooting line preparing to shoot.

(d) Shooting allowed only from the shooting line and only into the designated targets.

(e) Shooters are allowed to bring and shoot at a paper face placed on an existing target as long as it is removed from the range once an individual has finished shooting. Personal targets are not allowed on range, except by permit.

(f) Bows must be hung on the bowhanger behind the shooting line when waiting to shoot or while archers are down range retrieving arrows. No shooting shall be allowed while anyone is down range.

(g) All persons are to remain behind the shooting line while shooting is taking place.

(h) Arrows from bows of 30 pound draw weight or more may only be shot into the targets on the adult range. Arrows from bows less than 30 pound draw weight may be shot into targets on the youth or adult range.

(i) Only arrows with field or target points may be used or possessed on range. No broadheads may be possessed on the range, except by permit.

(j) All individuals standing on or utilizing the elevated platform must wear a full body harness, including shoulder and leg straps, and attach themselves to the appropriate safety cable carabineer.
(k) All used paper target faces and other trash shall be placed in a trash receptacle or removed from the range.

(l) All Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age are required to have either a valid state hunting license, a valid state wildlife management area license, or a valid wildlife heritage license to use the range. All non-residents 16 of age and over are required to have either a valid state hunting license or a valid state wildlife management area license to use the range.

(m) Bows will only be drawn in such a manner as to prevent accidental or intentional loss of an arrow from range property. Arrows will only be released into designated targets.

(n) It shall be unlawful to violate any posted restriction.

(2) The penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this regulation shall be as provided by law.

Author: N. Gunter Guy, Jr.


220-2-.154 Standards Of Care For Wildlife Used For Public Exhibition Purposes. Pursuant to Sections 9-11-321 and 9-11-323 Code of Ala. 1975, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation permitted under Section 9-11-324 Code of Ala. 1975, to possess wildlife for public exhibition purposes except in accordance with this regulation.

(1) For the purpose of this regulation wildlife shall be classified as follows:

(a) Class I - Wildlife which, because of its nature, habits, or status, requires the exhibitor to possess exceptional knowledge and facilities to ensure the safety of the public and the comfort and well-being of the animal.

- Chimpanzees (genus Pan)
- Gorillas (genus Gorilla)
- Gibbons (genus Hylobates)
- Drills and mandrills (genus Mandrillus)
- Orangutans (genus Pongo)
- Baboons (genus Papaio)
- Macaques (genus Macaca)
- Siamangs (genus Symphalangus)
- Gelada baboons (genus Theropithecus)
- Celebes black apes (genus Colobus)
- Snow leopards (Panthera uncia)
- Leopards (Panthera pardus)
- Jaguars (Panthera onca)
- Tigers (Panthera tigris)
- Lions (Panthera leo)
- Bears (family Ursidae)
- Rhinoceros (family Rhinocerotidae)
- Elephants (family Elephantidae)
- Hippopotamuses (family Hippopotamidae)
- Cape buffalos (Syncerus caffer caffer)
- Crocodiles (except dwarf and Congo) (family Crocodilidae)
- Gavials (family Gavialidae)
- Black caimans (Melanosuchus niger)
- Komodo dragons (Varanus komodoensis)
- Hyenas (all species) (family Hyaenidae)
- Wolves (Canis sp.)
- Clouded leopards (Neofelis nebulosa)
- Cheetahs (Acinonyx jabatus)
- Cougars, panthers (Puma concolor)
- Alligators (family Alligatoridae)
- African hunting dogs (Lycaon pictus)
- Venomous reptiles

(b) Class II - Wildlife which poses a real or potential threat to human safety

- Howler monkeys (genus Alouatta)
- Uakaris (genus Cacajao)
- Mangabeys (genus Cercocebus)
- Guenons (genus Ceropithecus)
- Bearded sakis (genus Chiropotes)
- Guereza monkeys (genus Colobus)
• Idris (genus Indri)
• Langur (genus Presbytis)
• Douc langur (genus Pygathrix)
• Snub-nosed langur (genus Phinopithecus)
• Proboscis monkeys (genus Nasalis)
• Serval (Leptailurus serval)
• European and Canadian lynx (Lynx lynx)
• Bobcats (Lynx rufus)
• Caracals (Caracal caracal)
• African golden cats (Profelis aurata)
• Temminck's golden cats (Profelis temmincki)
• Fishing cats (Prionailurus viverrina)
• Ocelots (Leopardus pardalis)
• Coyotes (Canis latrans)
• Asiatic jackals (Canis aureus)
• Black-backed jackals (Canis mesomelas)
• Side-striped jackals (Canis adustus)
• Indian dholes (Cuon alpinus)
• Wolverines (Gulo gulo)
• Honey badgers (Mellivora capensis)
• American badgers (Taxides taxus)
• Old World badgers (Meles meles)
• Binturongs (Arctictis binturong)
• Dwarf crocodiles (Osteolanemus tetraspis)
• Cassowary (Casuarius spp.)
• Caimans

(c) Any hybrids of Class I and II wildlife shall be listed in the Class of the more restrictive parent

(d) Class III. All other wildlife not included in Class I or Class II

(2) Qualification Requirements for Permit to Exhibit Wildlife:

(a) Applicants for permit to exhibit wildlife must be at least 21 years of age.

(b) Applicants shall not have been convicted, after the effective date of this regulation, of any violation of captive wildlife regulations, any offense involving the illegal commercialization of wildlife, any offense involving the illegal
importation of prohibited species, or offenses involving cruelty to animals.

(c) For Class I or II wildlife, applicants shall be licensed by USDA and demonstrate no less than one (1) year of substantial practical experience (to consist of no less than 1000 hours) in the care, feeding, handling and husbandry of the species for which the permit is sought, or other species, within the same biological order (except ratites which shall be in the same biological sub-order) which are substantially similar in size, characteristics, care and nutritional requirements to the species for which the permit is sought. Two years of documented educational experience in zoology or other relevant biological sciences, obtained at the college or technical school level or above may substitute for 500 hours or six (6) months of required practical experience.

(d) For Class III wildlife, applicants shall demonstrate no less than six (6) months of substantial practical experience (to consist of no less than 500 hours) in the care, feeding, handling and husbandry of the species for which the permit is sought, or other species, within the same biological order (except ratites which shall be in the same biological sub-order) which are substantially similar in size, characteristics, care and nutritional requirements to the species for which the permit is sought. One year of documented educational experience in zoology or other relevant biological sciences, obtained at the college or technical school level or above may substitute for 250 hours or three (3) months of required practical experience.

(e) For purposes of demonstrating compliance applicants shall submit documentation of such experience, including;

1. A description of the specific experience acquired.

2. The dates the experience was obtained and the specific location(s) where acquired,

3. References of no less than two (2) individuals having owner/manager knowledge of the applicant's stated experience. Additional documentation may include records of prior permits for the keeping of captive wildlife, employment records, and any other competent documentation of the requisite experience.
(f) In lieu of the required experience, applicants for any class wildlife may satisfactorily complete an examination administered by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries that assesses the applicant’s knowledge of general husbandry, nutritional, and behavioral characteristics.

1. Arrangements must be made with the Division as to time and place where the test will be given.

2. Scoring - There will be a maximum of 100 questions on the test and each will have equal value. The point value will be announced before the test. A score of 80% correct will be satisfactory.

3. No copies of the test questions can be taken from the testing area by the person taking the test.

4. The test will be scored immediately and the applicant will be notified of the score.

5. If the applicant fails to pass the test, he may request to retake the test at a later date.

6. There shall be at least ten days between tests.

7. The test may be taken a maximum of three times per calendar year.

(g) Applicants must demonstrate that the conditions under which the wildlife will be held shall not constitute a threat to the public or to the animal.

(3) General Regulations Governing Exhibit of Captive Wildlife

(a) No permittee shall exhibit captive wildlife in any unsafe or unsanitary condition, or in a manner which results in threats to public safety, or the maltreatment or neglect of such wildlife.

(b) Breeding of native species protected by Alabama law or regulation is prohibited except by special permit issued by the Division. No permit will be issued which allows the sale or transfer of native protected species to persons other than licensed exhibitors.
(c) Permittee shall submit to the Division an accurate inventory of all stock and maintain a record of inventory changes caused by births, deaths, escapes, sales, purchases or other causes.

(d) Permittee shall notify the Division of the origin, species and number of animals at least 10 days prior to importing any member of the Cervidae family into Alabama from any area outside the state.

(e) No member of the Cervidae family may be imported into Alabama from any state or area where Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been found to exist.

(f) Sick animals, new arrivals or animals of unknown disease status shall be quarantined until a licensed veterinarian determines said animals to be free of contagious disease.

(g) Upon notification by authorized Division personnel of a documented disease risk, not remove from any facility any animals alive or dead until approved by authorized Division personnel.

(h) The possession of any state or federally threatened or endangered species is permitted only when such species have been legally obtained in the state or country of origin.

(i) No permittee may possess wildlife taken from the wild in Alabama except as provided for by statute, regulation, or permit.

(j) Unconfined captive wildlife shall be maintained under rigid supervision and control, so as to prevent injuries to members of the public. No captive wildlife shall be tethered outdoors unsupervised.

(k) Permittee shall notify the Department immediately upon discovery of the escape of any wildlife.

(l) Permittee shall notify the Department within 24 hours of any animal attacking a human.

(4) Location of Facilities
Applicants for permits to possess wildlife for exhibit shall identify the location of each facility by physical address at which captive wildlife shall be maintained.

Allow inspection of stock, facilities and records prior to issuance of the permit and at all other reasonable times by agents authorized by the Division.

Each facility, its cages and enclosures shall be constructed and maintained in compliance with all county ordinances and, if within a municipality, municipal ordinances.

No permitted facility shall be located on property zoned for residential use only. This paragraph shall not apply to those facilities permitted prior to the effective date of this regulation.

No facility permitted for Class I or II mammals shall be located on less than five (5) contiguous acres of property owned or leased by the permit holder. Any facility housing Class III wildlife must be located on no less than 2.5 contiguous acres owned or leased by the permit holder. Exemption to the land area requirement may be granted by special permit from the Division.

Permit holders must notify the Division of any changes in size or location of such facility at least 30 days in advance of any such changes.

Security and Structural Requirements for facilities housing Class I or II Wildlife. Class I and II mammals shall be caged in accordance with the following requirements and meet the minimum housing standards described in paragraph 10:

The facility shall have a buffer zone of not less than 35 feet between the caging and the facility property line.

Caging shall be bounded by a perimeter fence of not less than eight (8) feet in height, constructed of not less than 11½ gauge chain link or equivalent strength material and a minimum of three (3) feet from cages holding animals, or such other fencing, building or other protection of the enclosure where the animal is kept, sufficient to deter entry by the public, and also to prevent escape from the property of any wildlife that may escape the primary caging. Perimeter fencing around Class II mammals may angle in to the top of the caging.
from a height of at least four feet. All gates to such perimeter fence shall be locked. Permit holders as of the effective date of this regulation shall be granted an exemption for existing perimeter fencing. All new perimeter fence construction after the effective date of this regulation must meet the requirements set forth in this paragraph.

(c) All cages or enclosures of Class I and II wildlife shall be locked. Class I or II mammals shall not be kept in uncovered enclosures that are less than 1000 square feet, except as specified.

(d) All cages containing Class I or II mammals shall be constructed with a den, nest box or other connected housing unit that can be closed off and locked with the animal inside for the safe servicing and cleaning of the open area. In lieu of a nest box, a divided cage with a door between the two compartments may be used. No entry into cages containing Class I or II mammals shall be allowed without first locking the animal into the den, nest box or other connected housing.

(e) All cages or enclosures constructed of chain link or other approved materials shall be well braced and securely anchored at or below ground level to prevent escape by digging or erosion. Cages shall be constructed using steel clamps, steel ties or steel braces of equivalent strength as the material required for cage construction for the particular species. See species listings below for additional requirements.

(f) A temporary variance for the provisions of paragraph 5 may be issued upon application to the Division for juveniles of Class I or II species less than 25 pounds and less than three months of age. Adequate safeguards must be taken to prevent escape or potential injury to the animal or public.

(6) Security and Structural Requirements for Class III Wildlife

(a) All cages or enclosures of Class III animals shall be locked.

(b) Class III mammals: 14 gauge wire or strength equivalent material. All cages or enclosures containing wildlife with the potential to escape by digging shall be constructed of chain link or other approved materials and shall be well braced and securely anchored at or below ground level to prevent escape by digging or erosion. Cages shall be constructed
using steel clamps, steel ties or steel braces of equivalent strength as the material required for cage construction for the particular species. See species listings below for additional requirements.

(7) **Safety Requirements for Animals on Display:**

(a) A management plan detailing safety measures for both humans and animals maintained at each facility housing Class I or II wildlife. Appropriate safety precautions shall be provided in the plan to account for any emergency. A first-aid kit and fire extinguisher must also be held close to where the animals are maintained.

(b) Applicants for permit to exhibit Class I or II wildlife shall submit with the permit application a written plan of action for use in the following emergencies:

1. Animal attacking and/or injuring humans: Plans shall include a list of safety equipment such as fire extinguishers, darting equipment, and pepper spray, or lethal control measures which will be available for use.

2. Escape of an animal from its enclosure: Recapture plans shall outline procedures for handling and recapturing escaped Class I or II wildlife.

3. Sickness or injury of an animal: the name, address, phone number and signature of the veterinarian who has agreed to care for the animal must be provided.

4. Natural Disasters: Plans shall outline procedures for handling, moving and recapturing escaped Class I or II wildlife.

5. Lost Child: Plans shall outline procedures for handling lost child situations.

(8) **Husbandry Requirements**

(a) The following guidelines shall be used to meet the sanitation and nutritional needs of any wildlife held under this permit:

1. Nutrition: Food suitable for the particular species shall be provided in a manner which is consistent with the species requirements to maintain good health and to
encourage the natural feeding behaviors of the species. Sufficient feeding sites shall be provided to cater for all specimens in an enclosure. For example, dominant primates may monopolize feeding sites and to prevent this, food shall be cut small and scattered around the enclosure. Diets shall be complete and balanced and food items provided in quantities necessary for growth and the maintenance of healthy body condition. Animal species which are regarded as grazing species shall have daily access to permanent pasture or be supplemented with fresh greens or pasture derivatives, for example hay.

2. Food Storage: All fresh and dry food items shall be kept in suitable storage areas. Refrigerators and freezers shall maintain fish, meat and vegetables at the appropriate temperature. Grains and pellets shall be kept dry and food containers shall be labeled and the shelf life of the contents monitored.

3. Water: Clean, cool water shall be available at all times. Daily water changes are necessary to maintain optimal water quality for aquatic species and to prevent contamination of the animal’s captive environment. Water containers shall not be located in direct sunlight and shall be designed to suit the animals’ needs which may include swimming, sloughing, wallowing, bathing and drinking.

4. Hygiene: Animal holding facilities shall be cleaned daily. Fens shall be well drained to prevent standing water. Cages or enclosures with dirt floors shall be raked a minimum of once every three days and all waste material shall be removed. Hard floors must be cleaned daily. Sick or injured animals shall be removed from public viewing areas into isolation or treatment facilities supervised by the veterinarian.

5. Health: A program to monitor the health and well being of animals shall be implemented and overseen by a veterinarian. A preventive medicine program shall be designed and implemented to protect animals from disease. Primates in particular are vulnerable to many human diseases and their exposure to people with common complaints such as colds and influenza shall be avoided.

6. Euthanasia: This is the responsibility of the veterinarian and shall be performed at the discretion of the veterinarian in consultation with the permit holder. The preferred method of euthanasia is barbiturate overdose and this
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method shall be used unless otherwise authorized by the Division.

(9) Standard Caging Requirements for Captive Wildlife

(a) Definitions - Where specified in this section, wildlife cages and enclosures shall be equipped to provide for the protection and welfare of the animals. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to:

1. Shelter: A structure which shall provide protection from the elements and from extremes in temperature. Such structures may vary in size depending on the security and biological needs of the species. When vegetation and landscaping is available to serve as protection from the elements, access to a shelter shall also be provided during inclement weather conditions. Such shelter shall be attached to or adjacent to the habitat or enclosure.

2. Paddock: Area enclosed by fencing, railing or other Department approved structures which allow animals to graze or browse.

3. Nest box/den: An enclosed shelter that provides a retreat area within, attached to, or adjacent to a cage or enclosure of specified size, which shall provide protection from the elements and from extremes in temperature. The doors to nest or den boxes must be able to be operated from outside the facility.

4. Elevated platform/perching area: A surface or structure, either natural or manmade positioned above the floor, or above the grade level of the cage or enclosure, that will provide a resting area for the animal(s).

5. Gnawing and chewing items: Natural or artificial materials that provide for the health of teeth so as to keep teeth sharp, wear down enamel, promote general oral hygiene. Gnawing items include, but are not limited to, logs and trees. Chewing items include, but are not limited to, woody stems, knuckle bones, and rawhide objects; suitability dependent upon species.

6. Devices for stimulation or manipulation: Each cage or enclosure shall have appropriate devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation compatible with the species. Such devices shall be non-injurious, and may include,
but are not limited to, tree branches, logs, digging areas, pools, pvc pipes, boxes, balls, mirrors, foraging items, etc.

(b) Cages or enclosures housing captive wildlife shall be sufficiently strong to prevent escape and to protect the caged animal(s) from injury, and shall be equipped with structural safety barriers to prevent any physical contact with the caged animal(s) by the public. Animals on display or being transported must also be protected from human harassment and attack by other animals. Except as specified below, all cages or enclosures less than one thousand square feet shall be covered at the top to prevent escape and also to exclude predators. Adjacent cages shall be far enough apart to prevent one animal from causing injury to another.

1. Caging not in compliance herewith shall be reconstructed or repaired within 30 days after notification of such condition. In the event such condition results in a threat to human safety or the safety of the wildlife maintained therein, the wildlife maintained therein shall, at the direction of the Division, be immediately placed in a suitable facility, at the expense of the permittee, owner, or possessor, until such time as the compliance issue is remedied. In instances where wildlife is seized or taken into custody by the Division, said permittee, owner, or possessor of such wildlife shall be responsible for payment of all expenses relative to the animal’s capture, transport, boarding, veterinary care, or other costs associated with or incurred due to such seizures or custody. Such expenses shall be paid by said permittee, owner, or possessor upon any conviction for a criminal violation. Failure to pay such expenses may be grounds for revocation or denial of permits to such individuals to possess wildlife.

(c) Any cage or other enclosure which contains more than two individual chimpanzees, gorillas or orangutans must be enlarged by 50% for each additional animal. Cages or enclosures containing all other species must be enlarged by 25% for each additional animal.

1. No captive wildlife shall be confined in any cage or other enclosure which is smaller in dimension than as specified in this section, or is not equipped as specified in this section, except as authorized in accordance with the following: Requests for deviations from standard caging or enclosure requirements may be granted to allow for different size configuration (length, width and height) if the required square footage is adequate and if the locomotory needs of the
animal(s) are not compromised. Any proposed deviations from the standard caging or enclosure requirements, or proposals to use wet or dry moats to substitute for fencing, shall be approved in writing by the Division prior to the use of the cage or enclosure for housing animals.

2. Permit holders as of the effective date of this regulation shall be granted an exemption for existing caging.

3. All new cage construction after the effective date of this regulation must meet the materials, height and square footage specifications.

(d) Wildlife may be temporarily housed in cages or enclosures smaller than the sizes set forth under this regulation, only under the following circumstances:

1. For transport.

2. For Veterinarian care or quarantine may be temporarily caged or housed in smaller cages or enclosures for a period not to exceed 60 days. With written notification to the Department, this period may be extended in circumstances where a licensed veterinarian has certified that a longer holding period is medically necessary in the interests of health, safety and welfare of the subject animal or public.

3. For juveniles of any species until weaned from the mother or bottle.

4. By special permit from the Department.

(10) Minimum Housing Requirements by Species:

(a) Lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cheetahs, cougars and bears: For one to two animals, a cage 480 square feet, 8 feet high.

1. Outdoor cages for lions and tigers over 1,000 square feet (uncovered) shall have vertical jump walls at least 10 feet high, with a 2-foot, 45 degree, inward angle overhang or jump walls at least 12 feet high, without an overhang. Vertical walls shall be constructed with a minimum of 9 gauge chain link or equivalent strength material. The inward angle fencing shall be constructed with a minimum of 11 ½ gauge chain link or equivalent strength material. Wet or dry moats may be
substituted for the required fencing provided prior approval has been obtained in writing from Division.

2. Outdoor cages for bears over 1,000 square feet (uncovered) shall have vertical jump walls at least 10 feet high, with a 4-foot, 45 degree, inward angle overhang. Vertical walls shall be constructed with a minimum of 9 gauge chain link or equivalent strength material. The inward angle fencing shall be constructed with a minimum of 11 ½ gauge chain link or equivalent strength material.

3. Leopards, cougars and jaguars shall not be kept in uncovered enclosures. Cages containing Leopards and jaguars shall be constructed with a minimum of 9 gauge chain link or equivalent strength material. Cages containing cougars shall be constructed with a minimum of 11 ½ gauge chain link or equivalent strength material.

4. Required Cage Furnishings: Den boxes and elevated platform(s) that will accommodate all animal(s) simultaneously; devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation compatible with the species, such as boxes, balls, bones, barrels, drums, foraging items, etc. Several logs for clawing, climbing, etc. shall be provided.

5. Bears and tigers require a 4 foot by 6 foot pool, 2 feet deep or a 100 gallon tub or larger for each animal in the cage.

(b) Gray wolf, red wolf, coyote: For one to two animals, a cage 288 square feet, 8 feet high with concrete footings or buried wire mesh to prevent escape by digging. Outdoor cages over 1,000 square feet (uncovered) shall have vertical jump walls at least 8 feet high with a 45 degree, inward angle overhang 2 feet wide or, jump walls 10 feet high without an overhang. Vertical walls shall be constructed with a minimum of 11 1/2 gauge chain link or equivalent strength material.

1. Required cage furnishings: den boxes and elevated platform(s) that will accommodate all animals in the enclosure simultaneously; several logs; protected shelf areas at no more than 1 foot above ground level; gnawing items, tree branches, boxes, balls, bones, barrels, drums, rawhide, pools, etc.
(c) Bobcats, lynx, badgers, servals, ocelots, jaguarundis, leopard cats, grey fox, red fox: For one to two animals, a cage 72 square feet, 6 feet high. Foxes and badgers require concrete footings or buried wire mesh to prevent escape by digging.

1. Required Cage Furnishings: Den boxes of appropriate size that will accommodate all animals simultaneously; non-injurious devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation such as tree branches, boxes, balls, bones and other chewing items, barrels, drums, foraging items, etc.

2. For climbing animals: a climbing tree with 3 or more 4-inch diameter branches shall be available for each animal; a 14-inch by 36-inch protected shelf area shall be provided for each animal, situated at least 3 feet above the floor.

3. For non-climbing animals: several logs shall be provided, as well as protected shelf areas at no more than 1 foot above ground level.

4. Badgers require gnawing items, and an area of clean soil of sufficient depth to provide for digging.

(d) Fennec fox, raccoons, coati-mundis, kinkajous, cacomistles, and other species of the same families: For one to two animals, a cage 48 square feet, 6 feet high. Foxes and badgers require concrete footings or buried wire mesh to prevent escape by digging.

1. Required Cage Furnishings: Den boxes of appropriate size that will accommodate all animals simultaneously; non-injurious devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation such as tree branches, boxes, balls, bones and other chewing items, barrels, drums, foraging items, etc.

2. For climbing animals: a climbing tree with 3 or more 4-inch diameter branches shall be available for each animal; a 14-inch by 36-inch protected shelf area shall be provided for each animal, situated at least 3 feet above the floor.
3. For non-climbing animals: several logs shall be provided, as well as protected shelf areas at no more than 1 foot above ground level.

(e) River otters, beavers: For one or two animals, a cage 256 square feet, 6 feet high. Each cage shall have an 8 foot by 8 foot pool of clean water, 3 feet deep.

1. Required Cage Furnishings: Otter must have a variety of climbing surfaces, a slide, and a dry place with nest box for sleeping and retreat; noninjurious devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation boxes, balls, bones and other chewing items, barrels, logs, drums, foraging items, etc.

2. Beavers must have a well-drained den box of appropriate size to accommodate all individuals simultaneously; Bark-covered branches must be available at all times for gnawing.

(f) Smaller aquatic animals such as mink, muskrat and nutria: For one or two animals, a cage 36 square feet, 6 feet high.

1. Required cage furnishings: a pool 2 feet by 4 feet, 2 feet deep; den boxes of appropriate size to accommodate all individuals simultaneously; gnawing material and chewing material.

2. Mink require a tree for climbing, and an elevated shelf for loafing.

(g) Ferrets, weasels, skunks, prairie dogs, woodchucks, armadillos, squirrels and rabbits:

1. For one or two animals, a cage 36 square feet, 6 feet high.

2. Required cage furnishings: nest boxes that will accommodate all animals simultaneously; gnawing items; non-injurious devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation compatible with the species, such as branches, logs, boxes, balls, PVC tubing, etc.

3. Arboreal squirrels require a nest box, elevated 5 feet off the ground, of appropriate size to accommodate all individuals simultaneously; a central climbing tree with at least 3-inch branches and appropriate gnawing items.
4. Armadillos, prairie dogs, and woodchucks require concrete footings or buried wire mesh to prevent escape by digging, and an area of clean soil of sufficient depth to provide for digging.

(h) Cervidae: For one or two animals, a paddock enclosing 1000 square feet, 8 feet high.

(i) Equidae and Camelids: For one or two animals, a paddock enclosing 1000 square feet

(j) Small Primates such as bush babies, loris, mouse lemurs, tamarins, marmosets and squirrel monkeys: For one or two animals, a cage 36 square feet, 6 feet high. Each cage shall have a heated indoor enclosure with wooden perching shelves large enough to accommodate all individuals. Heat must be provided if the temperature falls below 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

1. Required cage furnishings: Each cage shall have perching area(s) and nest box(es) that will accommodate all animals in the enclosure simultaneously. Each cage shall also have tree branches and other climbing apparatus and devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation compatible with the species, such as boxes, balls, mirrors, foraging items, etc.

2. Outdoor facilities - Construction material shall consist of 14-gauge, ½” mesh fencing or equivalent to prevent escape and provide protection from predators. If a larger mesh is used, the cage must be lined with a second layer of ½” hardware cloth to prevent injuries caused by predators reaching into the cage.

3. Indoor facilities - Potential escape routes shall be equipped with wire or grating not less than 14 gauge or equivalent.

(k) Medium-sized lemurs such as ruffed, cata, gentle, and new world monkeys such as capuchins, sakis, uakaris, and other family members: For one or two animals, a cage 49 square feet, 6 feet high. Each cage shall have a heated indoor enclosure with wooden perching shelves large enough to accommodate all individuals. Heat must be provided if the temperature falls below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Cages shall be constructed with a minimum of 11 1/2 gauge chain link or equivalent strength material.
1. Required cage furnishings: Each cage shall have perching area(s) and nest box(es) that will accommodate all animals in the enclosures simultaneously. Each cage shall also have tree branches and other climbing apparatus and devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation compatible with the species, such as boxes, balls, mirrors, foraging items, etc.

2. Outdoor facilities - Construction material shall consist of not less than 11-1/2-gauge chain link or equivalent.

3. Indoor facilities - Potential escape routes shall be equipped with wire or grating not less than 11-1/2 gauge or equivalent.

   (1) Large prosimians such as sifakas, and indris, large arboreal monkeys such as howlers, spiders, and woolly, and large old world monkeys such as macaques, guenons, mangabeys, colobus, and other family members: For one or two animals, a cage 256 square feet, 12 feet high. Each cage shall have a heated indoor enclosure with wooden perching shelves large enough to accommodate all individuals. Heat must be provided if the temperature falls below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Cages shall be constructed with a minimum of 11 1/2 gauge chain link or equivalent strength material.

1. Required cage furnishings: Each cage shall have perching area(s) and nest box(es) that will accommodate all animals in the enclosures simultaneously. Each cage shall also have tree branches and other climbing apparatus and devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation compatible with the species, such as boxes, balls, mirrors, foraging items, etc.

2. Outdoor facilities - Construction material shall consist of not less than 11-1/2-gauge chain link or equivalent.

3. Indoor facilities - Potential escape routes shall be equipped with wire or grating not less than 11-1/2 gauge or equivalent.

   (m) Baboons, mandrills and drills: For one or two animals, a cage 400 square feet, 8 feet high. Each cage shall have a heated indoor enclosure with wooden perching shelves large enough to accommodate all individuals. Heat must be provided if the temperature falls below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Cages shall be constructed with a minimum of 9 gauge chain link or equivalent strength material.
1. Required cage furnishings: Each cage shall have perching area(s) and shelter(s) that will accommodate all animals in the enclosure simultaneously. Each cage shall have horizontal climbing logs and tree branches and devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation compatible with the species, such as boxes, balls, mirrors, foraging items, etc.

2. Outdoor facilities - Construction material shall consist of not less than 9-gauge chain link or equivalent.

3. Indoor facilities - Potential escape routes shall be equipped with wire or grating not less than 9-gauge or equivalent.

(n) Gibbons and siamangs: For one or two animals, a cage 900 square feet, 12 feet high. Each cage shall have a heated indoor enclosure with wooden perching shelves large enough to accommodate all individuals. Heat must be provided if the temperature falls below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Cages shall be constructed with a minimum of 9 gauge chain link or equivalent strength material.

1. Required cage furnishings: Each cage shall have perching area(s) and shelter(s) that will accommodate all animals in the enclosure simultaneously. Each cage shall have horizontal bars across the cage at least 8 feet above the ground, and tree branches and other climbing apparatus and devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation compatible with the species, such as boxes, balls, mirrors, foraging items, etc.

2. Outdoor facilities - Construction material shall consist of not less than 9-gauge chain link or equivalent.

3. Indoor facilities - Potential escape routes shall be equipped with wire or grating not less than 9-gauge or equivalent.

4. Wet or dry moats may be substituted for the required fencing with the written approval of the Division. For island exhibits, wet moats shall be used that are no less than 24 feet wide, with 50 percent of the water having a depth twice the height of the tallest animal.

(o) Chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans: For one or two animals, a cage 900 square feet, 10 feet high. For each additional animal, increase cage size by 50 percent of original
floor area. Each cage shall have a heated indoor enclosure with wooden platforms or perching shelves large enough to accommodate all individuals. Heat must be provided if the temperature falls below 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

1. Required cage furnishings: Each cage shall have perching area(s) and shelter(s) horizontal climbing apparatus, tree branches and other climbing apparatus and devices to provide physical stimulation or manipulation compatible with the species, such as boxes, balls, mirrors, foraging items, etc.

2. For gorillas: Each cage shall have a platform(s) large enough to accommodate all animals simultaneously; such platform(s) shall be elevated three feet.

3. Outdoor facilities - Cage construction materials shall consist of steel bars at least 1 inch in diameter, two-inch galvanized pipe, masonry block or their equivalent.

4. Indoor facilities - In rooms where the wildlife is maintained, potential escape routes shall be equipped with steel bars at least 1 inch in diameter, two-inch galvanized pipe or their equivalent.

5. Wet or dry moats may be substituted for the required fencing with the written approval of the Division. For island exhibits, wet moats shall be used that are no less than 24 feet wide, with 50 percent of the water having a depth twice the height of the tallest animal.

(11) Association of Zoos and Aquariums Accreditation

(a) The other provisions of this regulation notwithstanding, current accreditation of an exhibitor by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) shall be accepted as full compliance with all provisions of this regulation.

(12) The penalty for the violation of any provision of this rule shall be as provided by Section 9-11-327, Code of Ala. 1975.

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PENALTY: As provided by Section 9-11-327, Code of Ala. 1975.
220-2-.155 **Paddlefish Management Areas And Seasons Established.** (REPEALED)  
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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-11-140, 9-11-300, 9-11-301.  

**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

220-2-.156 **Release Of Captive Raised Cervidae.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation licensed under 9-11-30 or 9-11-261, or any buyer or recipient from any of such persons, to knowingly or intentionally release any captive raised member of the family Cervidae into the wild except those areas bounded by enclosures which effectively restrict the egress of such animals.  
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**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

220-2-.157 **Definition Of Area Regulation.** For the purposes of Section 9-11-244, Code of Ala. 1975, and Rule 220-2-.11, Alabama Administrative Code, as it applies to the hunting of deer and feral swine, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that any bait or feed (as defined in Section 9-11-244) located beyond 100 yards from the hunter and not within the line of sight of the hunter, is not a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over the area where the hunter is attempting to kill or take the deer or feral swine. For the purpose of this regulation, “not within the line of sight” means being hidden from view by natural vegetation or naturally occurring terrain features. This regulation shall not apply on public lands.  
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220-2-.158 Guntersville Reservoir Paddlefish Management Area and Season Established.

(1) An experimental one-year commercial fishing season for paddlefish (Polyodon spathula) is hereby established for one area in Guntersville Reservoir, Alabama, in 2017, as provided for below. This area is hereafter referred to as a Paddlefish Management Area (PMA), and is hereby established as, and shall constitute, a special fishery “wildlife management area”, in accordance with Sections 9-11-300 and 9-11-301 of the Code of Ala. 1975. This PMA will occur in the upper portion of Guntersville Reservoir in Jackson County, as described below. These rules shall govern according to the following restrictions and regulations:

(2) Location.

(a) **Upper Guntersville Reservoir Paddlefish Management Area (UGR) (Jackson County):** The public waters of the mainstem portion (tributaries excluded) of the Tennessee River (Upper Guntersville Reservoir) from TRM 414.5 (34.9532382°N 85.7019227°W) to TRM 385.9 (34.6402099°N 85.9757707°W). This is from the railroad bridge at Bridgeport that crosses Long Island to the HWY 35 Bridge at Scottsboro. A total of 28.6 river miles will be open for commercial harvest of paddlefish.

(3) Season.

(a) **UGR:** March 6 (Monday) – March 21 (Tuesday), 2017. Weekend (Saturday and Sunday) commercial paddlefish fishing is not permitted.

(4) Fishing Hours.

(a) **UGR:** Gill nets can be set, checked, and handled between legal sunrise and sunset hours; Monday – Friday. Gill nets can be set overnight; however, it is illegal to set, check, or handle gill nets between legal sunset and sunrise hours.
Gill nets must be removed from the water by legal sunset hour each Friday.

(5) **Persons Eligible.** Due to the need for the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (ADWFF) to collect reliable fishery-dependent harvest data from this experimental one-year season, only Alabama residents and non-residents that have held a valid paddlefish harvester permit for the previous 2013 through 2016 Alabama River Paddlefish Management Area seasons are eligible to enter the drawing for a separate harvester permit for the UGR Paddlefish Management Area. Not less than fifty percent (50%) of the available permits shall be made available to eligible Alabama residents. In no event shall the percentage of available permits for nonresidents of any other state exceed any percentage restriction placed on that state’s nonresidents to commercially harvest paddlefish in that state.

(6) **Harvest Permits.** The following permits and tags are established and required to commercially harvest paddlefish in Alabama:

(a) **Alabama Residents.** Commercial Paddlefish Harvester Permit [$750.00]. This permit is required for the holder to fish and take paddlefish in a designated paddlefish management area for the purpose of harvesting flesh and roe during designated commercial paddlefish seasons. This permit also allows one commercial fishing helper per permit holder. An Alabama Commercial Freshwater Fishing License is required in addition to the Commercial Paddlefish Harvester Permit to harvest and possess paddlefish.

(b) **Nonresidents.** Nonresident Commercial Paddlefish Harvester Permit – The cost for the permit will be same as what the applicant’s State of residency would charge an Alabama resident to commercially fish for paddlefish in that State but in no event shall the cost be less than the fee charged to a resident of Alabama. This permit is required for the holder to fish and take paddlefish in a designated paddlefish management area for the purpose of harvesting flesh and roe during designated seasons. This permit also allows one commercial fishing helper per permit holder. An Alabama Commercial Freshwater Nonresident Fishing License is required in addition to the Nonresident Commercial Paddlefish Harvester Permit to harvest and possess paddlefish.
(c) **Carcass Tags.** It shall be required that all harvested paddlefish possess an Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (ADWFF) issued serial tag attached through the dorsal fin. Paddlefish harvesters will tag each harvested paddlefish after the fish is removed from the net and placed in their fishing vessel. The tag is to remain on the fish until the flesh is processed and packaged for retail sale.

(7) **Dealer’s Licenses.** (Required by Section 9-11-153, Code of Ala. 1975, as amended by Act No. 2012-471).

(a) **Alabama Residents.** Commercial Paddlefish Dealer’s License [$750.00]. This license is required of every resident person, firm, association, or corporation to buy, sell, process, or ship paddlefish roe or flesh acquired from a permitted paddlefish harvester. Any employee or agent of a dealer shall be required to possess a copy of the dealer license, signed by the dealer, at all times he is performing any activities pursuant to such license. This license is not required for a permitted paddlefish harvester to sell or ship within Alabama paddlefish roe or flesh that the harvester has caught, to an Alabama licensed commercial paddlefish dealer. An Alabama wholesale freshwater fish dealer license is required in addition to the Commercial Paddlefish Dealer’s License to buy, process, sell, or ship paddlefish roe and flesh.

(b) **Nonresidents.** Commercial Paddlefish Dealer’s License—The cost for this license will be same as what the applicant’s State of residency would charge an Alabama resident to buy, sell, process, or ship paddlefish roe or flesh within that State but in no event shall the cost be less than the fee charged to a resident of Alabama. This license is required of every nonresident person, firm, association, or corporation to buy, sell, process, or ship paddlefish roe or flesh acquired from a permitted paddlefish harvester. Any employee or agent of a dealer shall be required to possess a copy of the dealer license, signed by the dealer, at all times he is performing any activities pursuant to such license. This license is not required for a permitted paddlefish harvester to sell or ship within Alabama paddlefish roe or flesh that the harvester has caught, to an Alabama licensed commercial paddlefish dealer. An Alabama wholesale freshwater fish dealer license is required in addition to the Commercial Paddlefish Dealer’s License to buy, process, sell, or ship paddlefish roe and flesh.

(8) **Size Limit.**
(a) The minimum length to possess and harvest paddlefish is 38” (965.2 mm) eye-to-fork (EFL) and only egg-bearing females are legal. The EFL is the length from the anterior portion of the eye (front of eye) to the fork of the tail measured with a flexible tape measured along curvature of the body. The possession and harvest of any male paddlefish, female paddlefish with no eggs, and female paddlefish under 38” EFL is prohibited.

(b) Prior to sale to a commercial paddlefish dealer, paddlefish carcasses may not be altered in a manner that the length of the fish cannot be determined. If a paddlefish has been altered to not allow the minimum length determination, then the carcass and roe are subject to confiscation.

9 Applications.

(a) Commercial paddlefish harvester permit applications for all of the 2017 Paddlefish Management Areas will automatically be sent to all commercial freshwater fishers who held an Alabama commercial freshwater fishing license from October 1, to September 30, of the previous year. Eligible nonresident commercial freshwater fishers that wish to apply for an Alabama commercial paddlefish permit may obtain the necessary forms and information by contacting ADWFF at (334) 242-3471.

(b) A total of 5 separate eligible applicants will be randomly selected for the opportunity to purchase a permit for the UGR Paddlefish Management Area.

(c) Commercial paddlefish harvester permits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

10 Mandatory Training Course. All permitted commercial paddlefish harvesters will be required to attend a pre-season briefing and instruction meeting prior to the paddlefish fishing season. This meeting will be held for commercial paddlefish harvester permit holders with the date, time, and location to be announced prior to the season opening. This meeting will only be open to valid commercial paddlefish harvester permit holders and not to the public. Each commercial paddlefish harvester permit will be endorsed by a fisheries biologist after the meeting. This endorsement is required and must be shown to a Conservation Officer or ADWFF fisheries biologist if requested.
(11) **Designated Boat Ramp and Mandatory Check Station.** All commercial paddlefish harvesters and helpers can only launch and take out from the designated boat ramp and all harvested fish are to be checked by an ADWFF biologist before the fish is processed at the following designated ramp:

(a) **UGR Paddlefish Management Area.**

1. State boat ramp off of HWY 117 bridge west side of the Tennessee River.

(12) **Gear and Fishing Restrictions: UGR Paddlefish Management Area.**

(a) Paddlefish may only be harvested by the use of gill nets, as provided for below.

(b) A gill net (may be referred to hereafter within as “net” or “nets”) is defined as a single net attached to float and lead lines.

(c) The use of tied-down gill nets (hobbled) is prohibited.

(d) The use of monofilament and multifilament (nylon) nets are permitted.

(e) The maximum number of gill nets permitted to fish concurrently is five and only five gill nets may be in possession on the water and during commercial paddlefish fishing.

(f) The use of mechanical gear (rollers) to deploy and retrieve gill nets is permitted.

(g) A fluorescent orange float is required on each float end. The float size must be approximately the size of a 1-gallon milk container or similar to a bullet-type float measuring 5” in diameter and 11” in length.

(h) Total length of each gill net cannot exceed 300 feet.

(i) There is no restriction on gill net depth.

(j) Gill nets must have a minimum mesh size of 6-inch bar measure (knot to knot).
(k) Gill nets (i.e., beginning with the float line) must be submerged three feet or more beneath the surface. Clip on floats (buoys) are not considered part of the net for depth purposes only.

(l) Gill nets must be checked at least 2 times in a 24-hour period to prevent bycatch mortality.

(m) The “tying up” of any harvested paddlefish to a tree or limb is prohibited.

(n) A large live well is permitted if the harvesters wish to keep the fish alive while on the water.

(o) All harvested paddlefish must be kept in the harvester’s boat until they reach land for processing.

(p) Paddlefish eggs may not be removed outside of the fish’s body cavity while on the water or adjacent bank. Eggs can only be removed at the boat ramp (on land) or processing facility after the fish has been checked by a ADWFF fisheries biologist.

(q) No processed paddlefish and/or eggs outside of the body cavity can be in possession while on the water.

(r) A 12-gauge needle may be inserted into the abdomen between the pectoral and pelvic fins to determine the presence of eggs in paddlefish over 38 inch EFL. Paddlefish may be checked once with a needle on either side of the abdomen for a total of 2 times per paddlefish season. Repeated checking of paddlefish is not permitted. This needle and syringe device must be on board every commercial paddlefish harvester fishing vessel and kept in a sanitary manner. Paddlefish less than 38 inch EFL must be returned immediately to the water without being checked. It shall be illegal to harvest or possess any paddlefish with more than 2 punctures.

(s) A 2-inch portion of ovary (including some eggs) must remain attached to each harvested paddlefish until the fish and eggs are received by a licensed commercial paddlefish dealer.

(t) Paddlefish eggs removed from the fish must be kept in separate containers—eggs from one fish per container. Each container must be labeled with the paddlefish tag number
and as paddlefish roe. One container must match one harvested paddlefish.

(u) Blocking of harvested paddlefish is not permitted.

(v) Paddlefish may not be possessed alive away from harvested waters.

(w) The gill rakers inside the mouth can be cut to bleed the fish.

(x) The harvest of Asian carp species is permitted. These species include: Bighead Carp (Hypophthalmichthys nobilis), Silver Carp (Hypophthalmichthys molitrix), Black Carp (Mylopharyngodon piceus) and Grass Carp (Ctenopharyngodon idella). If not harvested, the release of live bighead, silver, and black carps is not permitted. Each fish should be dispatched in a humane manner.

(y) Commercially harvested paddlefish (or parts thereof) taken from an authorized PMA and sold must be marketed to a licensed wholesale fish dealer who has a valid Alabama commercial paddlefish dealer license; provided however, that all parts other than roe may be sold within Alabama by the harvester to other individuals for their personal consumption.

(z) All commercial paddlefish harvester permit holders are required to allow boarding of their vessel if requested by an ADWFF conservation officer, agent, or biologist to examine their catch.

(aa) Citations for the violation of any commercial fishing laws or regulations during the paddlefish season may result in confiscation of fishing equipment (i.e., boat, boat motor, boat trailer, gillnets and associated gear) and paddlefish roe and flesh as evidence.

(bb) Conviction of any laws or regulations from a paddlefish season may result in the loss of opportunity to apply for a future commercial paddlefish harvester permit and forfeiture of confiscated fish equipment, paddlefish roe and flesh.

(cc) Each gill net must be fished independent of other nets and cannot be tied together.
During the commercial paddlefish season it is prohibited for any person to possess, buy, sell, or ship across Alabama state lines whole paddlefish, paddlefish parts or eggs without proper permits and documentation as determined by the ADWFF.

1. **Exceptions:**

   (i) Persons who have purchased paddlefish flesh or processed and packaged paddlefish eggs for consumption.

   (ii) Restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, retail fish markets, and wholesale food suppliers selling paddlefish roe or paddlefish parts fully processed, packaged and ready for retail sale in sealed containers.

   (iii) Commercial shipping firms or authorized agents may possess legally taken paddlefish and/or paddlefish eggs or flesh shipped by person having an Alabama commercial roe dealer/buyer license.

(13) **Informational Note. Regulations Already in Effect that Apply to the Commercial Harvest of Paddlefish: Tennessee River**

   (a) All gill nets shall be affixed with a tag which has the name, address, and license number of the commercial paddlefish harvester on the tag.

   (b) At least one buoy per gill net must bear the name, address, and license number of the commercial paddlefish harvester.

   (c) Nets must be staggered when set and cannot be placed closer than 50’ to any other net.

   (d) Nets must be fished in a stationary manner.

   (e) Nets cannot be placed 100’ or closer to the water’s edge.

   (f) Nets cannot be set in a way that the net extends more than half way across any river.

   (g) All fish species designated as game fish must be immediately returned to the waters from whence they were taken.
(h) Other fish species designated as commercial or non-game caught in permitted paddlefish gill nets can be harvested during the paddlefish season.

(i) The cutting or mutilating of paddlefish to check for eggs is prohibited. Except by the use of a 12-gauge needle to check for eggs (see 12 r).

(14) **Harvest, Sale and Shipping Reporting.** Commercial paddlefish harvesters and commercial paddlefish dealers will be required to submit paddlefish daily catch and harvest reports, commercial paddlefish roe buyer’s weekly reports, and/or other reports as determined by the ADWFF. Falsification of, or failure to submit by the specified time or date, the required paddlefish reports to the ADWFF is a violation of this regulation and subjects the person to denial of future fishing privileges.

(15) **License Requirements.** Holders of a commercial paddlefish harvester permit and commercial paddlefish dealer’s license must have government issued picture identification on their person during the commercial paddlefish season and while possessing paddlefish eggs, flesh, and parts. The aforementioned permit and license must also be on their person during the season while possessing paddlefish eggs, flesh, and parts.

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-11-140, 9-11-300, 9-11-301.


**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

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**220-2-.159 Special Duck River Reservoir Daily Creel And Possession Limits For Sport Fish.**

(1) The following special daily creel and possession limits for taking fish in the Duck River Reservoir are hereby established. All other applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources apply.
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(a) Black Bass: It is illegal to possess black bass in the Duck River Reservoir.

(b) Bream: ................................................................. 20

(c) Crappie: .............................................................. 30

It is illegal to possess any crappie less than nine inches in total length.

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Penalty: As provided by law.

220-2-160 Definition Of Immediate Family. For purposes of 9-11-44(d), Code of Ala. 1975, “immediate family” is defined as: a landowner’s spouse, children, parents, brothers, and sisters.

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Penalty: As provided by law.

220-2-161 Cervid Urine Ban.

(1) The use or possession of natural cervid urine from cervids outside of Alabama while hunting is prohibited except that cervid urine may be used if produced in a facility that the department determines:

(a) complies with a federal or a federally approved chronic wasting disease herd certification program and any federal chronic wasting disease protocols and record requirements;

(b) does not allow importation of live cervids;

(c) requires that all cervids exported from the facility be tested for chronic wasting disease upon death and the results are reported to the facility;
(d) is inspected annually by an accredited veterinarian, including inspection of the herd and applicable records; and

(e) maintains a fence at least 8 feet high around the facility and, if the facility is located within 30 miles of a confirmed positive occurrence of chronic wasting disease, is double fenced to prevent direct contact between captive and wild cervids.

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit the use, collection, or sale of cervid urine products originating from within the State of Alabama.

(3) This regulation shall not apply to those urine products which are fully synthetic in composition.

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Penalty: As provided by law.