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Code of Alabama 1975, Section 9-2-8

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**GAME AND FISH DIVISION NAME CHANGE TO
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Act No. 99-637, passed by the Alabama Legislature, renamed the Game and Fish Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Pursuant to this Act, wherever reference is made in these regulations to the Game and Fish Division or the Division of Game and Fish, the reference should be construed to refer to Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

DEFINITION OF HUNTING

Hunting includes pursuing, shooting, killing, capturing and trapping wild animals, wild fowl, wild birds, and all lesser acts, such as disturbing, harrying or worrying, or placing, setting, drawing, or using any device used to take wild animals, wild fowl, wild birds, whether they result in taking or not, and includes every act of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take wild animals, wild fowl, or wild birds.

**REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
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DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES

STATE OF ALABAMA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-2-8, Code of Alabama 1975, I do hereby publish the official 2023-2024 pamphlet of the following regulations of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the State of Alabama, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. These regulations have been promulgated pursuant to the authority of Title 9 of the Code of Alabama 1975, or other laws of the State of Alabama. Any person, firm, corporation or association so violating or attempting to violate any of these regulations or any part of same, shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalty or penalties as provided for by the Code of Alabama, 1975, Section 9-1-4, or as otherwise specifically provided for by the laws of the State of Alabama.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher M. Blankenship". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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220-2-.167 Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone Rule

- (1) Hunters **SHALL** submit samples for chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing from all deer harvested on any Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Special Opportunity Area (SOA), Community Hunting Area (CHA), State Waterfowl Refuges, or Physically Disabled Hunting Area (PHDA) located within the CWD High Risk Zone (HRZ) or Buffer Zone (BZ) at the WMA Check Station, or Drop-off Sampling freezer locations, or a scheduled DCNR Mobile Sampling location.
- (2) Hunters **SHALL** submit samples for CWD testing from all deer harvested within the High Risk Zone (HRZ) of the Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone (CMZ) at DCNR mobile sampling locations or Drop-off Sampling freezer locations on scheduled dates announced by press release and posted to the website below. All other days, hunters are encouraged to submit samples for CWD testing. **www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info**
- (3) Hunters **SHALL** submit samples for CWD testing from all deer harvested within the Buffer Zone (BZ) of the CMZ at DCNR mobile sampling locations or Drop-off Sampling freezer locations on scheduled dates announced by press release and posted to the website below. All other days, hunters are encouraged to submit samples for CWD testing. **www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info**
- (4) All deer harvested in the CMZ must be properly recorded and reported through the Game Check System pursuant to Regulation 220-2-.146.
- (5) No whole cervid or cervid body parts taken from the HRZ shall be transported outside of the HRZ. This restriction shall not apply to meat of a cervid species 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.
- (6) No whole cervid or cervid body parts taken from the BZ shall be transported outside the CMZ. This restriction shall not apply to meat of a cervid species 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.
- (7) Deer processors or taxidermists shall apply for a DCNR Carcass Disposal Transport permit when transporting outside of the designated zones, as applicable. **www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info**
- (8) Deer located in a county within a CWD HRZ or BZ shall not be transported (live or dead) out of that county for relocation or rehabilitation.
- (9) Hunters may find DCNR Best Management Practices for carcass disposal at the following link: **www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info**.
- (10) There shall be no baiting or supplemental feeding of wildlife within the CMZ. Grain, salt products, minerals, or consumable natural and manufactured products may not be placed or put out for wildlife with the following exceptions:
 - (a) Seed or grain used solely for normal agricultural, forest management, or wildlife food plot production purposes.
 - (b) Feed solely placed inside an active hog trap.
 - (c) Feed for attracting birds and squirrels with common bird and squirrel feeders placed within 100 feet of a residence or occupied building.

220-2-.01 2023-2024 Hunting Seasons

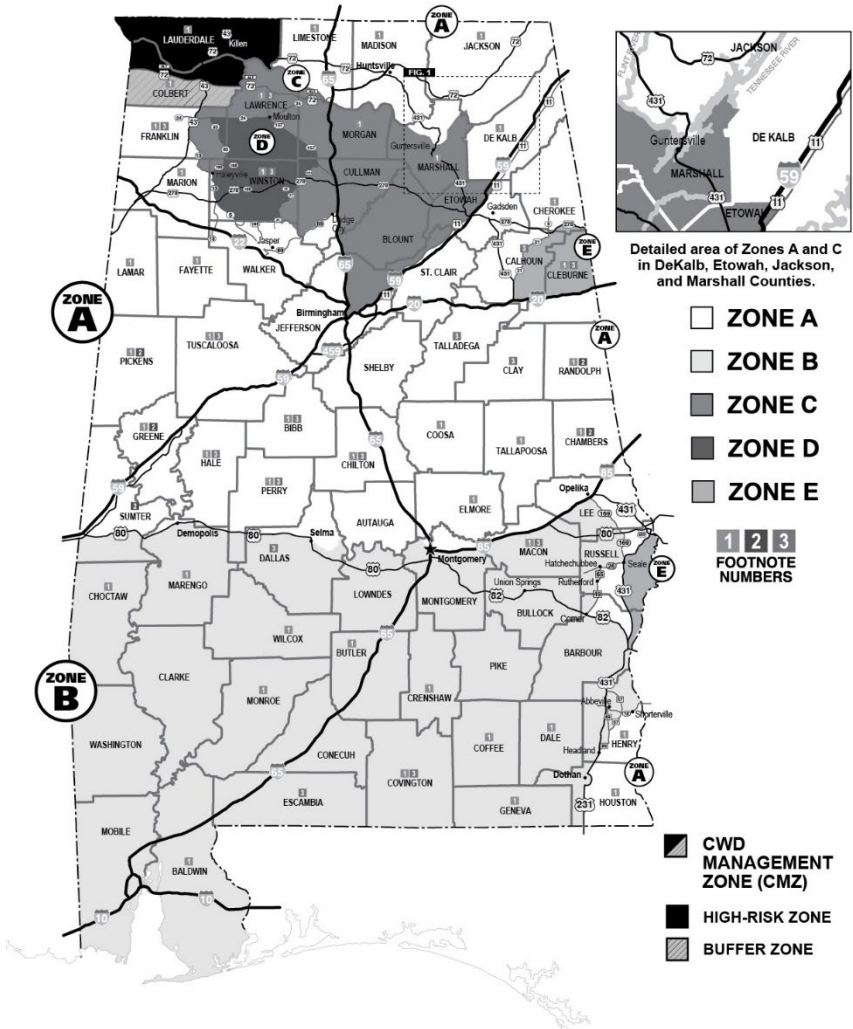
(1) DEER

- (a) ANTLERED BUCKS** are defined as those male deer with one or more antlers visible above natural hairline.
- (b) UNANTLERED DEER** are defined as all deer without one or more antlers visible above the natural hairline.
- (c) WHITE-TAILED ANTLERED BUCK LIMIT** – Three per hunter during all combined seasons, one per day. 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.

1. EXCEPTIONS:

- (i) 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).
- (ii) WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) BONUS BUCK** – One per hunter during all combined bonus buck hunt dates will be allowed to be harvested from a selected collection of WMAs on specific hunt dates depicted on the AREA permits that will not count towards the hunter’s State three buck limit. Must be validated at WMA check station by WWF personnel.
- (d) WHITE-TAILED UNANTLERED DEER LIMIT** - During the Unantlered Deer Gun, Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle, Archery, 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 below for selected areas with one deer per day limit on U.S. Forest Service Lands.
- (e) SPECIAL YOUTH (UNDER 16) DEER HUNTING** – Statewide, (includes all Privately Owned, Leased Lands, and Open Permit – Public Lands (except Wildlife Management Areas) in Zones A, B, C, & CMZ November 10-13 and in Zones D & E October 27 – 30. 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 2023 – 2024 AREA Permits for youth deer hunting dates and other information.
- (f) DEER ZONE DESCRIPTIONS:**

2023-2024 DEER SEASON ZONE MAP



If notes 1, 2, or 3 appear by the county listed and for CMZ information, see the special exceptions below. 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.

- (1) **ZONE A (see map):** Those areas with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of the Alabama/Mississippi state line and US Hwy. 80 (Sumter County), east along US Hwy. 80 to the US Hwy. 80 Bypass in Selma (Dallas County); east along US Hwy 80 Bypass to the Alabama River; east 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 – Lee County); 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 Road 65;

south along Russell County Road 65 to Russell County Road 4; west along Russell County Road 4 to Russell County Road 49; south along Russell County Road 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 Road 57; south along Henry County Road 57 to Henry County Road 99; south along Henry County Road 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; east along the Alabama/Florida state line to the Chattahoochee River; north along the Chattahoochee River to US Hwy. 82; west along US Hwy. 82 to US Hwy. 431; north along US Hwy. 431 to US Hwy. 280; east along US Hwy. 280 to Alabama/Georgia state line; north along Alabama/Georgia state line to I-20; west along I-20 to AL Hwy. 21; north along AL Hwy. 21 to US Hwy. 278; east along US Hwy 278 to the Alabama/Georgia state line; north along the Alabama/Georgia state line to the Alabama/Tennessee state line; west along the Alabama/Tennessee state line to the Lauderdale County/Limestone County line; south along the Lauderdale County/Limestone County line to the Tennessee River; west along the Tennessee River to the Colbert County/Lawrence County line; south along the Colbert County/Lawrence County line to the Colbert County/Franklin County line; west along the Colbert County/Franklin County line to the Alabama/Mississippi state line; south along the Alabama/Mississippi state line ending at US Hwy. 80 (Sumter County). **Excludes Zones C, D, E, and CMZ descriptions below.**

- (2) **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 (Sumter County), east along US Hwy. 80 to the US Hwy. 80 Bypass in Selma (Dallas County); east along US Hwy. 80 Bypass to the Alabama River; east 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 – Lee County); 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 Road 65; south along Russell County Road 65 to Russell County Road 4; west along Russell County Road 4 to Russell County Road 49; south along Russell County Road 49 to US Hwy. 82; east along US Hwy. 82 to US Hwy. 431; south along US Hwy. 431 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 Road 57; south along Henry County Road 57 to Henry County Road 99; south along Henry County Road 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; west along the Alabama/Florida state line to the Alabama/Mississippi state line, north along the Alabama/Mississippi state line ending at US Hwy. 80 (Sumter County). **Excludes Zone E description below.**
- (3) **ZONE C (see map):** Those areas of Blount, Cullman, Etowah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Marion, Morgan, Marshall, St. Clair, Walker, and Winston Counties with the following boundaries: beginning at the Colbert County/Franklin County line on US Hwy. 43/13, south along US Hwy. 43/13 to Spruce Pine (Franklin County); south along AL Hwy. 13 to AL Hwy. 195 in Haleyville (Winston County); north along AL Hwy. 195 to Winston County Road 93; north along Winston County Road 93 to Franklin County Road 93; north along Franklin County Road 93 to Franklin County Road 81; north along Franklin County Road 81 to Franklin County Road 83; north along Franklin County Road 83 to AL Hwy. 24; east along Alabama Hwy. 24 to intersection with AL Hwy. 157 in Moulton (Lawrence County); south along AL Hwy. 157 to Cullman County Road 1114; south along Cullman County Road 1114 to US Hwy. 278 in Jones Chapel (Cullman County); west along US Hwy. 278 to Helicon Road (Winston County Road 77); south along Helicon Road (Winston County Road 77) to Winston County Road 41 in Arley (Winston County); south along Winston County Road 41 to the Sipsey Fork; south along the Sipsey Fork to US Hwy. 69; north along US Hwy. 69 to I-65; south along

I-65 to I-59; north along I-59 to US Hwy. 11; north along US Hwy. 11 to Etowah County/Dekalb County line; west along Etowah County/Dekalb County line to Dekalb County/Marshall County line; north along Dekalb County/Marshall County line to Marshall County/Jackson County line, north along Marshall County/Jackson County line to Tennessee River; west along Tennessee River to the Colbert County/Lawrence County line; south along the Colbert County/Lawrence County line to the Colbert County/Franklin County line; west along the Colbert County/Franklin County line ending at US Hwy. 43/13. **Excludes Zone D description below.**

- (4) **ZONE D (see map):** Those areas of Cullman, Franklin, Lawrence, Morgan and Winston Counties with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of AL Hwy. 157 and AL Hwy. 24 in Moulton (Lawrence County); south along AL Hwy. 157 to Cullman County Road 1114; south along Cullman County Road 1114 to US Hwy. 278 in Jones Chapel (Cullman County); west along US Hwy. 278 to Helicon Road (Winston County Road 77); west along Helicon Road (Winston County Road 77) to Winston County Road 41 in Arley (Winston County); south along Winston County Road 41 to the Sipsey Fork; south along the Sipsey Fork to the Winston County/Walker County line; west along the Winston County/Walker County line to AL Hwy. 5; north along AL Hwy. 5 to AL Hwy. 13 at Natural Bridge (Winston County); north along AL Hwy. 13 to AL Hwy. 195 in Haleyville (Winston County); north along AL Hwy. 195 to Winston County Road 93; north along Winston County Road 93 to Franklin County Road 93; north along Franklin County Road 93 to Franklin County Road 81; north along Franklin County Road 81 to Franklin County Road 83; north along Franklin County Road 83 to AL Hwy. 24; east along AL Hwy. 24 ending at intersection with AL Hwy. 157 in Moulton (Lawrence County).
- (5) **ZONE E (see map):** Those areas of Barbour and Russell Counties with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of US Hwy. 82 and US Hwy. 431 in Eufaula (Barbour County), north along US Hwy. 431 to US Hwy. 280; east along US Hwy. 280 to the Chattahoochee River; south along the Chattahoochee River to US Hwy. 82; west along US Hwy. 82 ending at intersection with US Hwy. 431 (Barbour County); and those areas of Calhoun, Cherokee, and Cleburne Counties with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of I-20 and AL Hwy. 21 (Calhoun County); north along AL Hwy. 21 to AL Hwy. 9 in Piedmont (Calhoun County); north along AL Hwy. 9 to US Hwy. 278; east along US Hwy. 278 to the Alabama/Georgia state line; south along the Alabama/Georgia state line to I-20; west along I-20 ending at intersection with AL Hwy. 21 (Calhoun County).
- (6) **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Zone (see map):** The CWD Management Zone (CMZ) includes all of Lauderdale and Colbert Counties.
- (a) Within the CMZ, the High-Risk Zone (HRZ) includes Lauderdale County and the portion of Colbert County with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of the Tennessee River and the Alabama/Mississippi State line, south along the Alabama/Mississippi State line to US Hwy 72; east along US Hwy 72 to US Hwy 72 ALT; east along US Hwy 72 ALT to the Colbert County/Lawrence County Line, north along the Colbert County/Lawrence County line to the Tennessee River; west along the Tennessee River ending at the Alabama/Mississippi state line.
- (b) Within the CMZ, the Buffer Zone (BZ) includes those portions of Colbert County with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of the Alabama/Mississippi State line and US Hwy 72, south along the Alabama/Mississippi State line to the Colbert County/Franklin County line; east along the Colbert County/Franklin County line to the Colbert County/Lawrence County line; north along the Colbert County/Lawrence County line to US Hwy 72 ALT; west along US Hwy 72 ALT to US Hwy 72; west along US Hwy 72 ending at the Alabama/Mississippi state line.

(g) DEER SEASON ZONES:

ZONE A			
Archery-Stalk Hunting		October 14, 2023 – February 10, 2024	Either Sex
Special Youth Gun		November 10 – 13, 2023	Either Sex
Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle	Privately Owned or Leased Land and USFS Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs)	November 13 – 17, 2023	Either Sex
Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 18, 2023 – February 10, 2024	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 18 – December 8, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 9 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – February 10, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 18, 2023 – January 15, 2024	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 18 – December 8, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 9 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – 15, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
ZONE B			
Archery-Stalk Hunting		October 14 – 24, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		October 25, 2023 – February 10, 2024	Either Sex
Special Youth Gun		November 10 – 13, 2023	Either Sex
Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle	Privately Owned or Leased Land and USFS Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs)	November 13 – 17, 2023	Either Sex
Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 18, 2023 – February 10, 2024	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 18 – December 8, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 9 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – February 10, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 18, 2023 – January 15, 2024	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 18 – December 8, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 9 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – 15, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
ZONE C			
Archery-Stalk Hunting		October 14, 2023 – February 10, 2024	Either Sex
Special Youth Gun		November 10 – 13, 2023	Either Sex
Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle	Privately Owned or Leased Land and USFS Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs)	November 13 – 17, 2023	Either Sex
Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 18 – 26, 2023	Either Sex
		November 27 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 16 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – February 10, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 18 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 16 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – February 10, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		November 18 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 18 – 26, 2023	Either Sex
		November 27 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 16 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – 15, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 18 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 16 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – 15, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		November 18 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only

ZONE D			
Archery-Stalk Hunting		September 30, 2023 – January 15, 2024	Either Sex
		January 16 – 27, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
Special Youth Gun		October 27 – 30, 2023	Either Sex
Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle	Privately Owned or Leased Land and USFS Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs)	October 30 – November 3, 2023	Either Sex
Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 4 – 17, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		November 18 – 26, 2023	Either Sex
		November 27 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 16 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Land	January 1 – 27, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		November 4 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 16 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – 27, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 4 – 17, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		November 18 – 26, 2023	Either Sex
		November 27 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	December 16 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		November 4 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 16 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
ZONE E			
Archery-Stalk Hunting		September 30, 2023 – January 15, 2024	Either Sex
		January 16 – 27, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
Special Youth Gun		October 27 – 30, 2023	Either Sex
Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle	Privately Owned or Leased Land and USFS Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs)	October 30 – November 3, 2023	Either Sex
Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 4, 2023 – January 15, 2024	Either Sex
		January 16 – 27, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 4 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 16 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – 27, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 4, 2023 – January 1, 2024	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 4 – December 15, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 16 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE MANAGEMENT ZONE (CMZ)			
Archery-Stalk Hunting		October 14, 2023 – February 10, 2024	Either Sex
Special Youth Gun		November 10 – 13, 2023	Either Sex
Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle	Privately Owned or Leased Land and USFS Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs)	November 13 – 17, 2023	Either Sex
Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 18, 2023 – February 10, 2024	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 18 – December 8, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 9 – 31, 2023	Either Sex
		January 1 – February 10, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 18, 2023 – January 15, 2024	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 18 – December 8, 2023	Antlered Bucks Only
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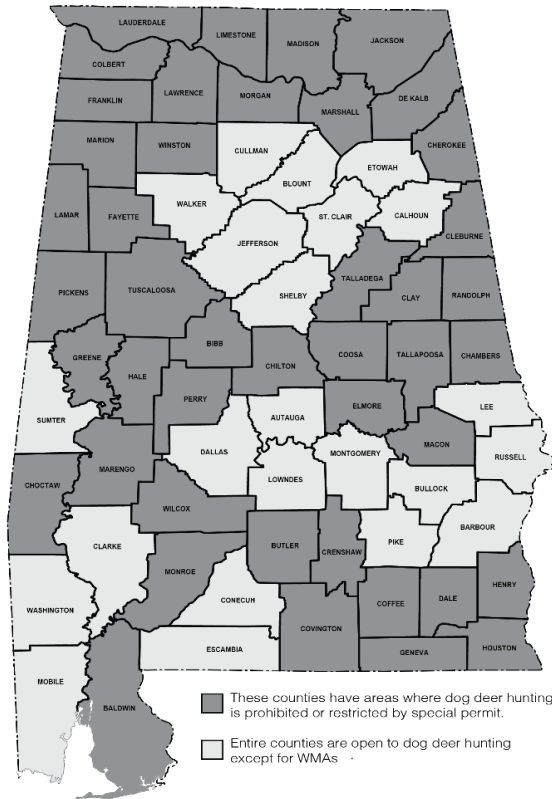
(h) SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

(1) DOG DEER HUNTING RESTRICTIONS:

(i) *Dog Deer Hunting Prohibited Except by Special Permit from the Department:* **BALDWIN**; **CHAMBERS**; **CHOCTOW** (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 west of US Hwy. 43); **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 5, south to County Road 47, south to County Road 2, 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).

(ii) *By Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs):* **BIBB**; **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).

DOG DEER HUNTING RESTRICTIONS AT A GLANCE



2. U.S. CORP OF ENGINEERS LANDS:

On U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Lands in Alabama, the special muzzleloader, air rifle, and unantlered deer seasons are allowed the same as privately owned or leased lands in those counties if USACE does not further restrict. Be aware to consult 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 areas are closed to hunting.

For complete information concerning hunting on USACE lands, visit the USACE Mobile District website at the following:

[https://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Hunting/.](https://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Hunting/)

3. U. S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS):

- (i) **STALK HUNTING** – same season dates as open permit for county except Wildlife Management Areas – one deer per day.
- (ii) **DOG DEER HUNTING** – No Dogs, except for USFS Lands within Calhoun, Clay, and Talladega counties during the Dog Deer Season on open permit-public lands – on Thursdays and Fridays until 2:00 p.m.; on weekends during legal shooting hours. No dog deer hunting on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of each week unless

Christmas Day or New Year's Day falls on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. No other state or federal holidays are included in this exception. One deer per day.

- (iii) **NO DOG DEER HUNTING ON THE PINEY WOODS/IVORY MOUNTAIN AREA** – The borders of which are defined as follows: bounded by the Cleburne County line to the north running east and west, then to the west by Clay County Road 3 running south to State Route 49; The south border is Clay County Road 66 running east and west from State Route 49 to Hwy 9; The eastern border is Hwy 9 running north from Clay County Road 66 to the Cleburne County line.

4. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE MANAGEMENT ZONE (CMZ):

- (i) **STALK HUNTING** – All deer season dates and bag limits in the CMZ for all Stalk Deer Hunting seasons (Archery, Special Youth, Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle, and Gun) on Privately Owned or Leased and Open Permit Public Land are the same as those listed for Zone A. This does not apply to Wildlife Management Areas and Community Hunting Areas located within the CMZ.
- (ii) **DOG DEER HUNTING** – Dog Deer Hunting season dates in the CMZ are the same as those listed for Zone A. Restrictions specific to Colbert and Lauderdale Counties as stated in NOTE 1 also apply.
- (iii) **OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS** – See Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone Rule 220-2-.167 for CWD sampling requirements, restrictions on transport and disposal of deer carcasses and heads, restrictions on feeding and baiting of wildlife, and other applicable requirements and restrictions for CWD Management.

(2) TURKEY:

TURKEY SEASON ZONES



- ZONE 1 MARCH 25 – MAY 8** (DECOYS ALLOWED APRIL 4 – MAY 8)
- ZONE 2 APRIL 1 – MAY 8** (DECOYS ALLOWED APRIL 11 – MAY 8)
- ZONE 3 NOVEMBER 18-26** (NO DECOYS ALLOWED)
DECEMBER 9 – 31 (NO DECOYS ALLOWED)
MARCH 25 – MAY 8 (DECOYS ALLOWED APRIL 4 – MAY 8)

GOBBLERS ONLY

One gobbler per day, four gobbler bag limit during combined fall and spring season.

SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT (DECOYS ALLOWED)

Saturday & Sunday the week prior to opening of spring season.

SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT (DECOYS ALLOWED)

One day prior to all regular season opening days. Participants must meet medical requirements of regulation 220-2-.109(2)(d).

WMA and U.S. Forest Service Ranger Districts

Bankhead Ranger District; WMAs - Lauderdale, Freedom Hills, Black Warrior, Coon Gulf, Riverton CHA and Martin CHA: April 8 - May 8 (daylight - 1 p.m.)

REMAINDER OF NATIONAL FORESTS DISTRICTS (Talladega Ranger District, Shoal Creek Ranger District, Oakmulgee Ranger District, Tuskegee Ranger District and Conecuh Ranger District) and WMAs THAT ALLOW TURKEY HUNTING: April 1 - May 8 (daylight - 1 p.m.)

BAG LIMIT

- One gobbler per day, four gobbler bag limit during combined fall and spring season.
- No more than two gobblers from any one WMA, CHA, or National Forest Ranger District
- No more than one gobbler during the first 10 days of each season from each WMA, CHA and National Forest Ranger District



REMEMBER TO GAME CHECK YOUR HARVEST!

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- (a) **GOBBLERS ONLY** - Limit one per day, four gobbler bag limit during combined fall and spring seasons.
- (b) **SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT:** Saturday & Sunday the week prior to opening of the spring season. Decoys allowed.

(c) **SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT:** one day prior to all Regular Season opening days. Participants must meet medical requirements of regulation 220-2-.109(2)(d). Decoys allowed only for spring season.

(d) **TURKEY SEASON ZONES:**

1. ZONE 1: Autauga; Baldwin; Barbour; Bibb; Blount; Bullock; Butler; Calhoun; Chambers; Cherokee; Chilton; Choctaw; Cleburne; Coffee; Conecuh; Coosa; 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; Greene; Hale; Henry; Houston; Jackson; Jefferson; Lamar; Lee; Lowndes; Macon; Marengo; Marion; Marshall; Mobile; Montgomery; Perry; Pickens; Pike; Russell; Shelby; St. Clair; Sumter; Tallapoosa; Tuscaloosa; Walker; Washington; and Wilcox.

(i) **SPRING SEASON (no decoys first 10 days):** *March 25 – May 8*

2. ZONE 2: Colbert; Cullman (north of Lewis Smith Lake and north of Cullman County Road 437 and west of I-65.); Franklin; Lauderdale; Lawrence; Limestone; Madison; Morgan; and Winston.

(i) **SPRING SEASON (no decoys first 10 days):** *April 1 – May 8*

3. ZONE 3: Clarke; Clay; Covington; Monroe; Randolph; and Talladega.

(i) **FALL SEASON (decoys prohibited):** *November 18 – November 26*
December 9 – December 31

(ii) **SPRING SEASON (no decoys first 10 days):** *March 25 – May 8*

(3) **MOURNING and WHITE-WINGED DOVE:**

Shooting on opening day in each zone starts at 12:00 noon until Sunset.

(a) **NORTH ZONE: All counties except those listed below in South Zone.**

Limit 15 a Day – (90 Days)

Split Season with Shooting Hours:

12 o'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)

September 2

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

September 3 – October 22

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

November 18 – November 26

One half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

December 16 – January 14

(b) **SOUTH ZONE: Baldwin; 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)

September 9

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

September 10 – October 29

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

November 18 – November 26

One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

December 16 – January 14

(4) **BOBWHITE QUAIL:**

November 4 – February 29

Limit 8 a Day – 8 in Possession

Closed on the Bankhead National Forest

(5) **RABBIT:**

September 9 – March 3

Limit 8 a Day – 8 in Possession

(6) **SQUIRREL:**

September 9 – March 3

Limit 8 a Day – 8 in Possession

Fox squirrel closed on the Bankhead National Forest

- (7) **RACCOON:** No Bag Limit – Private Owned and Leased Lands *No Closed Season*
 Limit 5 per Party – Open Permit-Public Land *No Closed Season*
 May be hunted daytime and nighttime hours.
***No running of dogs on open-permit lands during daytime or after 3:00 am during spring turkey season.**
- (8) **OPOSSUM:** No Bag Limit *No Closed Season*
 May be hunted daytime and nighttime hours.
***No running of dogs on open-permit lands during daytime or after 3:00 am during spring turkey.**
- (9) **ALLIGATOR:** *By Special Limited Quota Permit Only*
 Must apply on-line at www.outdooralabama.com beginning at 8:00 AM on the first Tuesday in June and ending at 8:00 AM on the second Tuesday of July. Must be an Alabama resident or an Alabama lifetime hunting license holder to apply.
- (a) **West Central Management Area:** The private and public waters in **Monroe** (north of US Hwy. 84) **Wilcox**, and **Dallas** Counties. (Nighttime only)
- (b) **Coastal Management Area:** The private and public waters in **Baldwin** and **Mobile** Counties that lie South of I-10. (Nighttime only)
- (c) **Southwest Management Area:** 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. Hwy. 43 and south of U.S. Hwy. 84. (Nighttime only)
Sunset on 2nd Thursday in August – Sunrise on the Sunday immediately following the 2nd Thursday in August
Sunset on the 3rd Thursday in August – Sunrise on the Sunday immediately following the 3rd Thursday in August
- (d) **Southeast Management Area:** The private and public waters in **Barbour**, **Coffee**, **Covington**, **Dale**, **Geneva**, **Henry**, **Houston**, and **Russell** Counties (excluding public Alabama state waters in Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries). (Nighttime only)
Sunset on the 2nd Saturday in August – Sunrise on the 1st Monday in September
- (e) **Lake Eufaula Management Area:** 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). (Daytime and Nighttime)
Sunset on the Friday preceding the 3rd Saturday in August – Sunrise on the Monday immediately following the 1st Sunday in October
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- (10) **BOBCAT:** No Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only *No Closed Season*
 See 220-2-.07 for legal hunting hours.
 See tagging requirement under regulation 220-2-.30
 Trapping is limited to legal furbearer season.
***No running of dogs on open-permit lands during daytime or after 3:00 am during spring turkey season.**

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

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- (11) **COYOTE:** No Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only *No Closed Season*
 See 220-2-.07 for legal hunting hours.
 Trapping by landowner or his/her agent.
***No running of dogs on open-permit lands during daytime or after 3:00 am during spring turkey season.**
- (a) **PRIVATELY OWNED AND LEASED LANDS:** *Special Nighttime Season*
- No Bag Limit – May be hunted during nighttime hours only.
***Begins 12:00 am on the day after the last day of Gun Deer Season in that Zone and ends 30 minutes prior to sunrise on the opening day of Archery Deer Season in that Zone.**
Must have a valid annual resident or nonresident nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license.
 Additional license may be required.
Note: Landowner(s) or his/her official agent may obtain a permit through the local district office for nuisance control hunting outside of the dates of deer gun season.
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- (12) **FERAL SWINE:** No Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only *No Closed Season*
 See 220-2-.07 for legal hunting hours.
 Upon capture, it shall be unlawful to release any live feral swine.
 See regulation 220-2-.86.
 Trapping by landowner or his/her agent.
- (a) **PRIVATELY OWNED AND LEASED LANDS – DOGS ONLY:**
Special Nighttime Season
May 11 – August 31
- No Bag Limit – May be hunted nighttime hours only
 Dogs only – no firearms allowed.
- (b) **PRIVATELY OWNED AND LEASED LANDS:** *Special Nighttime Season*
- No Bag Limit – May be hunted during nighttime hours only.
***Begins 12:00 am on the day after the last day of Gun Deer Season in that Zone and ends 30 minutes prior to sunrise on the opening day of Archery Deer Season in that Zone.**
Must have a valid annual resident or nonresident nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license.
 Additional license may be required.
Note: Landowner(s) or his/her official agent may obtain a permit through the local district office for nuisance control hunting outside of the dates of deer gun season.
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- (13) **FOX:** No Bag Limit *No Closed Season*
 May be hunted daytime and nighttime hours.
 Nighttime hours with dogs only. See Trapping for more information.
***No running of dogs on open-permit lands during daytime or after 3:00 am during spring turkey season.**
- Note: Permit may be obtained through the local district office for the trapping of nuisance furbearers outside the dates of trapping season.*
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- (14) **BEAVER, NUTRIA, AND GROUNDHOG:** *No Closed Season*
 No Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only
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- (15) **STARLINGS, CROWS, AND HOUSE SPARROWS:** *No Closed Season*
 No Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only

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- (16) **BEAR, MOUNTAIN LION, AND RUFFED GROUSE** *No Open Season*
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- (17) **WOODCOCK:** Limit 3 a Day *December 15 – January 28*
 Shooting Hours – One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.
Note: Contingent upon federal register
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- (18) **SNIPE:** Limit 8 a Day *November 11– February 25*
 Shooting Hours – One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.
Note: Contingent upon federal register
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- (19) **CLAPPER RAIL, KING RAIL, VIRGINIA RAIL, SORA, AND GALLINULE:** Limit 15 a Day *September 9 – September 24*
November 25 – January 17
 Shooting Hours – One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.
Note: Contingent upon federal register
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- (20) **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.
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220-2-.77 2023-2024 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose, Teal and Sandhill Crane Hunting Seasons

- (1) The following 2023-2024 hunting seasons for duck, coot, merganser, goose, teal and sandhill crane, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

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- (a) **Duck, Coot, and Merganser:** *November 24 – November 25*
December 2- January 28

Duck: Limit 6 ducks a day and may include no more than 4 Mallards (no more than 2 of which may be female), 3 Wood Ducks, 1 Mottled Duck, 2 Black Ducks, 2 Rehead, 1 Pintail, 2 Canvasback, and 1 Scaup. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Merganser: Limit 5 a day, only 2 may be a Hooded Merganser. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Coot: Limit 15 a day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

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- (b) **Goose:** *September 2 – October 1*
October 14 – October 28
November 24 – November 25
December 2 – January 28

Shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day.

Dark Geese (Canada, White-Fronted, & Brant):

The aggregated bag limit shall be 5 a day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Light Geese (Snow, Blue, And Ross's):

The aggregated bag limit shall be 5 a day. The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

(c) **Sandhill Crane**

**December 2 – January 7
January 15 – January 30**

By Limited Quota Permit only. Must apply online at www.outdooralabama.com. Only residents and Lifetime License holders of the State of Alabama who are sixteen (16) years of age or older and in possession of a valid hunting license and a valid Alabama State Duck Stamp may apply for a Sandhill Crane Permit. There is a \$20 fee to accept the Sandhill Crane Permit in addition to a small processing fee.

Hunting Zone will be that area North of Interstate 20 from the Georgia state line to the interchange with Interstate 65, then East of Interstate 65 to the interchange with Interstate 22, then North of Interstate 22 to the Mississippi state line. Excludes the remainder of the state.

Limit 3 per person per permit. Shooting hours: Sunrise to Sunset.
Legal arms and ammunition are same as waterfowl.

(d) **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 9 - 24

Limit 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, Active Military, and Military Veteran's Waterfowl Hunting Days:**

November 18, 2023, & February 3, 2024, in accordance with regulations.

Same shooting hours, bag limits, and legal arms and ammunition apply as in regular waterfowl season, in accordance with Rule 220-2-.119.

(g) **Non-toxic shot:**

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:

Valid 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.

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 air boats in their official capacities.

220-2-.119 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.

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 Alligator.

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.

220-2-.07 Legal Hunting Hours for Game Animals

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, with the following exceptions: fox may be hunted during nighttime hours with light and dogs only; 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; and coyote and feral swine may be hunted during nighttime hours during the applicable special nighttime season.

220-2-.04 Game Birds Designated

- (1) **Resident Game Birds:** Bobwhite Quail, Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey.
- (2) **Migratory Game Birds:** Wild Duck; Wild Goose; Brant; Virginia, King, and Clapper Rail; Sora; Coot; Wilson Snipe; Woodcock; Mourning and White-Wing Dove; Gallinule; Merganser; and Sandhill Crane.

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.

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.

220-2-.118 Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program

Any person hunting migratory birds (woodcock, dove, rails, sora, Wilson's snipe, coots, gallinule, merganser, ducks, geese or sandhill crane) 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.

220-2-.12 Game Bag, Hunting Coat, Etc., Shall be Open to Inspection

- (1) Pursuant to the Code of Alabama, 1975, Sections 9-11-259 and 9-11-85, 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.

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.

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.

220-2-.18 Possession Limit

- (1) 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 paragraphs (1)(a) and (1)(b) of this rule.
 - (a) 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. All deer and/or turkeys in possession, beyond 48 hours from harvest or in the possession of any other person that did not harvest the deer or turkey, must have accompanying Game Check confirmation numbers.
 - (b) Possession limit of one day bag does not apply on legally taken game birds or game animals after they have been packaged and/or prepared for storage. All deer and/or turkeys in possession, beyond 48 hours from harvest or in the possession of any other person that did not harvest the deer or turkey, must have accompanying Game Check confirmation numbers.

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

NAME: _____ LICENSE NO. (IF APPLICABLE): _____			UNANTLERED DEER		
ANTLERED DEER— One of the three must have 4 pts, 1” or longer on one side			USE BACK OR ATTACH HANDWRITTEN VERSION TO RECORD ADDITIONAL UNANTLERED DEER.		
Harvest Date	Points	Confirmation #	Season Year	Harvest Date	Confirmation #
/ /	R: L:			/ /	
/ /	R: L:			/ /	
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NOTE: For Barbour County – minimum of 3 points, 1” or longer, on one antlered deer. Further restrictions apply on certain management areas. See Wildlife Management Area information.				/ /	
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<u>TURKEY</u>					
Harvest Date	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /
Confirmation #					

- 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. In addition, any other person who is in possession of a deer or turkey not harvested by that person shall have in their possession either: (1) written documentation including the name and Conservation Identification Number (CID) of the person(s) who harvested the deer or turkey, as well as the date(s) of harvest and Game Check confirmation number(s) of all deer and/or turkeys in their possession or (2) a DCNR Transfer of Possession Certificate, available at www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/hunter-resources.
- (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.
- (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.

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.

220-2-.02 Legal Arms, Ammunition, and Equipment for Hunting

(1) GENERAL PROHIBITIONS:

- (a) 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 Enforcement Officers for inspection.
- (c) 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 except as provided by Rule 220-2-.03 for laser type range finders with computational capabilities on bows; as provided by section (1)(d) listed below; or when the person possesses a current nighttime feral swine and coyote license and is hunting those species during the dates of the established special nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting season.
- (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 except for persons possessing a current nighttime feral swine and coyote license, hunting those species during dates of the established special nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting season.
- (f) It shall be unlawful to possess fully automatic firearms while hunting any species of wildlife.

(2) **DEER:**

- Rifles using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition.
- Pre-charged pneumatic air powered guns, .30 caliber or larger.
- Pre-charged pneumatic arrow shooting rifles using an arrow equipped with a broadhead which has a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8 inch and 2 sharpened edges.
- 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) **TURKEY:**

- (a)
- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.
 - Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03.
 - Pre-charged pneumatic arrow shooting rifles using an arrow equipped with a broadhead which has a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8 inch and 2 sharpened edges.
- (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 any 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.
- Pre-charged pneumatic air powered guns, .30 caliber or larger.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows.
- Muzzleloaders and black powder handguns of any caliber.
- Pre-charged pneumatic arrow shooting rifles using an arrow equipped with a broadhead which has a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8 inch and 2 sharpened edges.
- 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** [NOTE: Special rules and regulations apply to the use of Raptors for hunting. For a complete copy of the Falconry regulation, visit:
www.outdooralabama.com/wildlife-management-areas/legal-methods-hunting-alabama

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.

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.

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 handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife in violation of law.

220-2-.16 Period for Training Bird Dogs

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.

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 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.

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, 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 field trial event. Organized field 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 State Lands Division.

220-2-.25 Imported Game Birds, Game Animals 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 and/or the possession of imported 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 and/or the

possession of imported 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 the importation or possession 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.

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.

220-2-.11 Prohibited Methods and Devices for Hunting

- (1) 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:
 - (a) 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 or animal from any vehicle on a public road.
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) Fire or smoke whether man-made or natural.
 - (d) 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.

- (e) 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. Mechanical parts include, but are not limited to, decoys attached to weapons or handheld and manipulated to produce movement such as fanning or reaping. It is further provided, however, that no turkey decoys shall be lawful except during spring turkey season in the area of use.
 - (f) 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.
 - (g) 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.
 - (h) Gasoline or any noxious chemical or gaseous substance to drive wildlife from their burrows, dens, or retreats.
- (2) 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 except as provided by Rule 220-2-.03 for laser type range finders with computational capabilities on bows; as provided by Rule 220-2-.02 for conditional use of laser sighting devices by legally blind hunters; or when the person possesses a current nighttime feral swine and coyote license and is hunting those species during the dates of the established special nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting season.

220-2-.157 Definition of Area Regulation

For purposes of Section 9-11-244, Code of Alabama 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.

220-2-.160 Definition of Immediate Family

For the purposes of Section 9-11-44(d), Code of Alabama 1975, “immediate family” is defined as: a landowner’s spouse, children, parents, brothers, and sisters.

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.

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 of 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.

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.

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. 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 cooperators a report based on the biological information submitted.
 - (12) The penalty for violation of any of the provisions of this regulation shall be as provided by law.

220-2-.29 Open Trapping Seasons on Fur-bearers

The open seasons during which fur-bearing animals may be trapped in Alabama during 2023-2024 are hereby established:

**BOBCAT, FOX, MINK, MUSKRAT, OTTER
AND STRIPED SKUNK:** *October 28 – February 29*

**BEAVER, COYOTE, NUTRIA, RACCOON,
OPOSSUM & FERAL SWINE:** *No Closed Season*

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.

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.

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. It shall be unlawful for any person to trap in the State of Alabama without identifying each trap with a metal tag bearing the name and address or Conservation Identification Number (CID) of the owner. Instructions for obtaining a CID are available at www.outdooralabama.com.
- (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 Fisheries 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 the 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.

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.

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:

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

220-2-.169 Deer Enclosure Registration License

- (1) Any person, firm, corporation, or association that operates an enclosure for a game animal of the species of the family Cervidae defined in Ala. Code Section 9-11-500(1) and that complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations may apply for registration of each enclosure with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (2) Registration forms must be submitted for each enclosure, by location on or before July 1 of each year for the upcoming hunting season. The forms are available at www.outdooralabama.com.
- (3) Registrants may hunt deer by gun deer stalk hunting methods during the period of October 15 thru January 6, unless a different period is designated by the Department. Outside of designated dates, deer can only be hunted by bow and arrow stalk hunting methods that are applicable to the deer zone where the property is located as described in 220-2-.01 Hunting Seasons.
- (4) Each individual enclosure must be in full compliance with applicable laws, county and municipal ordinances, and Department rules and regulations, specifically Ala. Admin. Code R. 220-2-.147 and 220-2-.156. Such enclosures must contain only species of the family Cervidae as defined in Section 9-11-500(1).
- (5) Enclosures must at all times be open for entry and inspection by Conservation Officers and other duly authorized agents of the Department.
- (6) Deer hunters permitted to hunt under this registration must adhere to all applicable state and local laws and ordinances, as well as Department rules and regulations.
- (7) A violation of any provision of this rule is subject to the revocation, suspension, or denial of registration, and may also be subject to civil and criminal sanctions imposed by Alabama Act No. 2022-423.

220-2-.138 Licensed Game Breeders

For further information, visit:

www.outdooralabama.com/licenses/commercial-licenses-permits

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.

220-2-.142 Turtle Dealer/Farmer Regulation

- (1) Definitions:

“Division” – Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

“Director” – The Director of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

“Turtle Farmer” - Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of propagating legally acquired captive indigenous turtles or turtle eggs for commercial purposes.

“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.

220-2-.96 Alligator Farming Regulations

For further information, visit: www.outdooralabama.com/licenses/commercial-licenses-permits

220-2-.95 Alligator Nuisance Control Hunter Regulations

NOTE: One part of this regulation generally prohibits the feeding or enticement with feed, of any wild American alligator. For other provisions and the full text of the regulation, visit: www.outdooralabama.com/hunting

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 major river drainage.

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; or propagate the following nongame wildlife species, any parts or reproductive products of such species, or any hybrids 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**

Common Name

- Cavefish, Alabama
- Cavefish, Southern
- Chub, Shoal
- Chub, Spotfin
- Darter, Bankhead
- Darter, Blotchside

Scientific Name

Speoplatyrhinus poulsoni
Typhlichthys subterraneus
Macrhybopsis hyostoma
Erimonax monachus
Percina sipsi
Persina burtoni

• Darter, Bluebreast	<i>Etheostoma camurum</i>
• Darter, Boulder	<i>Etheostoma wapiti</i>
• Darter, Brighteye	<i>Etheostoma lynceum</i>
• Darter, Coldwater	<i>Etheostoma ditrema</i>
• Darter, Crystal	<i>Crystallaria asprella</i>
• Darter, Goldline	<i>Percina aurolineata</i>
• Darter, Halloween	<i>Percina crypta</i>
• Darter, Holiday	<i>Etheostoma brevirostrum</i>
• Darter, Lipstick	<i>Etheostoma chuckwachatte</i>
• Darter, Lollipop	<i>Etheostoma neopteron</i>
• Darter, Rush	<i>Etheostoma phytophilum</i>
• Darter, Scaly Sand	<i>Ammocrypta vivax</i>
• Darter, Slackwater	<i>Etheostoma boschungii</i>
• Darter, Slenderhead	<i>Percina phoxocephala</i>
• Darter, Snail	<i>Percina tanasi</i>
• Darter, Trispot	<i>Etheostoma trisella</i>
• Darter, Tuscumbia	<i>Etheostoma tuscumbia</i>
• Darter, Vermilion	<i>Etheostoma chermocki</i>
• Darter, Watercress	<i>Etheostoma nuchale</i>
• Logperch, Blotchside	<i>Percina burtoni</i>
• Madtom, Frecklebelly	<i>Noturus munitus</i>
• Madtom, Mountain	<i>Noturus eleutherus</i>
• Minnow, Suckermouth	<i>Phenacobius mirabilis</i>
• Sculpin, Pygmy	<i>Cottus paulus</i>
• Shad, Alabama	<i>Alosa alabamae</i>
• Shiner, Blackmouth	<i>Notropis melanostomus</i>
• Shiner, Blue	<i>Cyprinella caerulea</i>
• Shiner, Bluestripe	<i>Cyprinella callitaenia</i>
• Shiner, Broadstripe	<i>Pteronotropis euryzonas</i>
• Shiner, Cahaba	<i>Notropis cahabae</i>
• Shiner, Dusky	<i>Notropis cummingsae</i>
• Shiner, Ironcolor	<i>Notropis chalybaeus</i>
• Shiner, Palezone	<i>Notropis albizonatus</i>
• Sunfish, Spring Pygmy	<i>Elassoma alabamae</i>
• Sturgeon, Alabama	<i>Scaphirynchus suttkusi</i>
• Sturgeon, Gulf	<i>Acipenser oxyrhynchus desotoi</i>
• Sturgeon, Lake	<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>

(b) **AMPHIBIANS**

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
• Amphiuma, One-toed	<i>Amphiuma pholeter</i>
• Frog, Crawfish	<i>Lithobates areolatus</i>
• Frog, Gopher	<i>Lithobates capito</i>
• Frog, Little Grass	<i>Pseudacris ocularis</i>
• Frog, Mississippi Gopher	<i>Lithobates sevosa</i>
• Frog, River	<i>Lithobates heckscheri</i>
• Frog, Wood	<i>Lithobates sylvaticus</i>
• Hellbender, Eastern	<i>Cryptobranchus sp</i>
• Mudpuppy	<i>Necturus maculosus maculosus</i>
• Salamander, Reticulated Flatwoods	<i>Ambystoma bishopi</i>
• Salamander, Eastern Tiger	<i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>
• Salamander, Green	<i>Aneides aeneus</i>
• Salamander, Red Hills	<i>Phaeognathus hubrichti</i>

- Salamander, Seal *Desmognathus monticola*
- Salamander, Seepage *Desmognathus aeneus*
- Salamander, Small-mouthed *Ambystoma texanum*
- Salamander, Southern Dusky *Desmognathus auriculatus*
- Salamander, Southern Red-backed *Plethodon serratus*
- Salamander, Tennessee Cave *Gyrinophilus palleucus*
- Siren, Reticulated *Siren reticulata*
- Treefrog, Pine Barrens *Hyla andersonii*
- Waterdog, Black Warrior *Necturus alabamensis*

(c) **REPTILES**

Common Name

- Lizard, Eastern Slender Glass
- Lizard, Mimic Glass
- Skink, Coal
- Skink, Southeastern Five-Lined
- Snake, Pine
- Snake, Eastern Indigo
- Snake, Eastern Coral
- Snake, Gulf Salt Marsh
- Snake, All Native King
- Snake, Rainbow
- Snake, Southern Hognose
- Terrapin, Diamondback
- Tortoise, Gopher
- Turtle, Alabama Red-bellied
- Turtle, All Map
- Turtle, Flattened Musk
- Turtle, Alligator Snapping
- Turtle, Razor-backed Musk

Scientific Name

- Ophisaurus attenuates longicaudus*
- Ophisaurus mimicus*
- Plestiodon anthracinus*
- Plestiodon inexpectatus*
- Pituophis melanoleucus* spp.
- Drymarchon couperi*
- Micrurus fulvius*
- Nerodia fasciata clarkia*
- Lampropeltis* spp.
- Farancia erytrogramma*
- Heterodon simus*
- Malaclemys* spp.
- Gopherus polyphemus*
- Pseudemys alabamensis*
- Graptemys* spp.
- Sternotherus depressus*
- Macrochelys temminikii*
- Sternotherus carinatus*

Informational Note: See Section 9-11-269, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to protection of the flattened musk turtle (*Sternotherus depressus*).

(d) **BIRDS**

All nongame birds are protected under the provisions of this regulation except crows, and non-native species including starlings, house sparrows, Eurasian collared doves, rock pigeons.

(e) **MAMMALS**

Common Name

- Bat, Brazilian Free-tailed
- Bat, Eastern Small-footed
- Bat, Gray
- Bat, Indiana
- Bat, Little Brown
- Bat, Northern Long-eared
- Bat, Northern Yellow
- Bat, Rafinesque's Big-eared
- Bat, Southeastern
- Bat, Tricolored
- Gopher, Southeastern Pocket
- Manatee, West Indian
- Mouse, Alabama Beach
- Mouse, Meadow Jumping
- Mouse, Perdido Key Beach
- Shrew, Pygmy

Scientific Name

- Tadarida brasiliensis*
- Myotis leibii*
- Myotis grisescens*
- Myotis sodalis*
- Myotis lucifugus*
- Myotis septentrionalis*
- Lasiurus intermedius*
- Corynorhinus rafinesquii*
- Myotis austroriparius*
- Perimyotis subflavus*
- Geomys pinetis*
- Trichechus manatus*
- Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*
- Zapus hudsonius*
- Peromyscus polionotus trissylepsis*
- Sorex hoyi*

- Shrew, Smoky *Sorex fumeus*
- Cottontail, Appalachian *Sylvilagus obscurus*
- Rabbit, Marsh *Sylvilagus palustris*
- Skunk, Spotted *Spilogale putorius*
- Weasel, Long-tailed *Neogale frenata*
- Woodrat, Allegheny *Neotoma magister*

(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 for any Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake (*Crotalus adamanteus*), hybrid, or any parts, or possess alive any Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake or hybrid without a permit from the Commissioner. Nothing herein is intended to prevent the relocation of live Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnakes (*Crotalus adamanteus*) to suitable native habitat within the county of capture when conducted in the same day as capture and with landowner permission.
- (4) It shall be unlawful to possess more than one (1) box turtle or to offer for sale, sell, or trade for anything of value any box turtle (*Terrapene* spp.), box turtle part, or reproductive product except by permit as outlined in paragraph (1).

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:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
• Alabama cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus jonesi</i>
• Alabama cave shrimp	<i>Palaemonias alabamiae</i>
• Alabama creekmussel	<i>Strophitus connasaugaensis</i>
• Alabama creekshell	<i>Anodontoides radiates</i>
• Alabama hickorynut	<i>Obovaria unicolor</i>
• Alabama lamp mussel	<i>Lampsilis virescens</i>
• Alabama moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus acutissimus</i>
• Alabama pearlshell	<i>Margaritifera marrianae</i>
• Alabama rainbow	<i>Villosa nebulosa</i>
• Alabama spike	<i>Elliptio arca</i>
• American burying beetle	<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>
• Ample elimia	<i>Elimia ampla</i>
• Angled marstonia	<i>Marstonia angulobasis</i>
• Angular dwarf crayfish	<i>Cambarellus lesliei</i>
• Anthony's riversnail	<i>Athearnia anthonyi</i>
• Armored marstonia	<i>Marstonia pachyta</i>
• Armored rocksnail	<i>Lithasia armigera</i>
• Auger elimia	<i>Elimia teretria</i>
• Black mudalia	<i>Elimia melanoides</i>
• Black sandshell	<i>Ligumia recta</i>
• Boxclaw crayfish	<i>Cambarus distans</i>

- Brooch elimia
- Burrowing bog crayfish
- Cahaba ancyliid
- Cahaba pebblesnail
- Cajun dwarf crayfish
- Canoe creek clubshell
- Capillaceous crayfish
- Celestial crayfish
- Chattahoochee crayfish
- Chipola slabshell
- Choctaw bean
- Cobble elimia
- Cockle elimia
- Cockscomb crayfish
- Coosa creekshell
- Coosa moccasinshell
- Coosa pyrg
- Coosa River spiny crayfish
- Corpulent hornsnail
- Cracking pearly-mussel
- Creeper
- Crisscross crayfish
- Cumberland combshell
- Cumberland moccasinshell
- Cumberland monkeyface
- Cylindrical lioplax
- Delicate spike
- Depression crayfish
- Downy rainbow
- Duck river dartsnapper
- Elktoe
- Engraved elimia
- Escambia crayfish
- Etowah heelsplitter
- Fanshell
- Fine-lined pocketbook
- Fine-rayed pigtoe
- Fire elimia
- Fireback crayfish
- Flat pebblesnail
- Flatnose crayfish
- Flaxen elimia
- Flint river crayfish
- Florida floater
- Fuzzy pigtoe
- Georgia pigtoe
- Greensaddle crayfish
- Gulf moccasinshell
- Heavy pigtoe
- Inflated heelsplitter
- Inflated spike
- Jackknife crayfish
- Elimia broccata*
- Creaserinus burrisi*
- Rhodacmea cahawbensis*
- Clappia cahabensis*
- Cambarellus shufeldtii*
- Pleurobema athearni*
- Procambarus capillatus*
- Procambarus holifieldi*
- Cambarus howardi*
- Elliptio chipolaensis*
- Obovaria choctawensis*
- Elimia vanuxemiana*
- Elimia cochliaris*
- Procambarus clemmeri*
- Villosa umbrans*
- Medionidus parvulus*
- Marstonia hershleri*
- Faxonius spinosus*
- Pleurocera corpulenta*
- Hemistena lata*
- Strophitus undulatas*
- Procambarus marthae*
- Epioblasma brevidens*
- Medionidus conradicus*
- Theliderma intermedia*
- Lioplax cyclostomaformis*
- Elliptio arctata*
- Cambarus rusticiformis*
- Villosa villosa*
- Epioblasma ahlstedti*
- Alasmidonta marginata*
- Elimia perstriata*
- Procambarus escambiensis*
- Lasmigona etowaensis*
- Cyprogenia stegaria*
- Hamiota altilis*
- Fusconaia cuneolus*
- Elimia exusta*
- Cambarus pyronotus*
- Lepyrium showalteri*
- Procambarus planirostris*
- Elimia boykiniana*
- Faxonius cooperi*
- Utterbackia peggyae*
- Pleurobema stroadianum*
- Pleurobema hanleyianum*
- Cambarus manningi*
- Medionidus penicillatus*
- Pleurobema taitiana*
- Potamilus inflatus*
- Elliptio purpurella*
- Procambarus hubbelli*

• Kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranchnus fasciolaris</i>
• Lacon exit cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus laconensis</i>
• Lacy elimia	<i>Elimia crenatella</i>
• Lagniappe crayfish	<i>Procambarus lagniappe</i>
• Latticed elimia	<i>Elimia mihalcikae</i>
• Lavender burrowing crayfish	<i>Creaserinus byersi</i>
• Least crayfish	<i>Cambarellus diminutus</i>
• Lilyshoals elimia	<i>Elimia annettae</i>
• Linear cobalt crayfish	<i>Cambarus gentryi</i>
• Longnose crayfish	<i>Cambarus longirostris</i>
• Longsolid	<i>Fusconaia subrotunda</i>
• Manitou cavesnail	<i>Antrorbis breweri</i>
• Mississippi pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema beadleianum</i>
• Mobile crayfish	<i>Procambarus lecontei</i>
• Monkeyface	<i>Theliderma matanevra</i>
• Moss pyrg	<i>Marstonia scalariformis</i>
• Mountain fork crayfish	<i>Cambarus diupalma</i>
• Mountain midget crayfish	<i>Cambarus parvoculus</i>
• Mucket	<i>Actinonaias ligamentina</i>
• Muddy rocksnail	<i>Lithasia salebrosa</i>
• Narrow pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia escambia</i>
• Oblong rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis compacta</i>
• Ohio pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema cordatum</i>
• Okaloosa crayfish	<i>Procambarus okaloosae</i>
• Orangenacre pocketbook	<i>Hamiota persovalis</i>
• Oval pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema pyriforme</i>
• Ovate clubshell	<i>Pleurobema perovatum</i>
• Oyster mussel	<i>Epioblasma capsaeformis</i>
• Painted creekshell	<i>Villosa taeniata</i>
• Painted rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis coosaensis</i>
• Pale Lilliput	<i>Toxolasma cylindrellus</i>
• Panhandle crayfish	<i>Procambarus evermani</i>
• Peninsula crayfish	<i>Procambarus paeninsulanus</i>
• Phantom cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus pecki</i>
• Pheasantshell	<i>Actinonaias pectorosa</i>
• Pink mucket	<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>
• Plicate rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis plicata</i>
• Prickly cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus hamulatus</i>
• Princess elimia	<i>Elimia bellacrenata</i>
• Prominence riverlet crayfish	<i>Hobbseus prominens</i>
• Purple bankclimer	<i>Elliptoideus sloatianus</i>
• Puzzle elimia	<i>Elimia varians</i>
• Pyramid pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema rubrum</i>
• Rabbitsfoot	<i>Theliderma cylindrica</i>
• Rayed kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranchnus foremanianus</i>
• Rough hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera foremani</i>
• Rough pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema plenum</i>
• Round ebonyshell	<i>Reginaia rotulata</i>
• Round hickorynut	<i>Obovaria subrotunda</i>
• Round pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema sintoxia</i>
• Round-ribbed elimia	<i>Elimia nassula</i>
• Round rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis ampla</i>

• Rugged hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera alveare</i>
• Saddle crayfish	<i>Faxonius durrelli</i>
• Salt Spring hydrob	<i>Pseudotryonia grahamae</i>
• Sculpin snail	<i>Stiobia nana</i>
• Sculptured pigtoe	<i>Cyclonaias infucata</i>
• Sheepnose	<i>Plethobasus cyphus</i>
• Shelta cave crayfish	<i>Orconectes sheltae</i>
• Shiny pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia cor</i>
• Shiny-rayed pocketbook	<i>Hamiota subangulata</i>
• Shrimp crayfish	<i>Faxonius lancifier</i>
• Skirted hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera pyrenella</i>
• Slabside pearlymussel	<i>Pleuronaia dolabelloides</i>
• Slackwater crayfish	<i>Cambarus halli</i>
• Slender campeloma	<i>Campeloma decampii</i>
• Slenderclaw crayfish	<i>Cambarus cracens</i>
• Slippershell mussel	<i>Alasmidonta viridis</i>
• Smoothnose crayfish	<i>Procambarus hybus</i>
• Snuffbox	<i>Epioblasma triquetra</i>
• Southeastern prairie crayfish	<i>Procambarus hagenianus hagenianus</i>
• Southern clubshell	<i>Pleurobema decisum</i>
• Southern combshell	<i>Epioblasma penita</i>
• Southern elktoe	<i>Alasmidonta triangulata</i>
• Southern hickorynut	<i>Obovaria jacksoniana</i>
• Southern kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranthus jonesi</i>
• Southern pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema georgianum</i>
• Southern purple lilliput	<i>Toxolasma corvunculus</i>
• Southern sandshell	<i>Hamiota australis</i>
• Southern White River crayfish	<i>Procambarus zonangulus</i>
• Speckled burrowing crayfish	<i>Creaserinus danielae</i>
• Speckled crayfish	<i>Cambarus lentiginosus</i>
• Spectaclecase	<i>Margaritifera monodonta</i>
• Spike	<i>Euryaia dilatata</i>
• Spindle elimia	<i>Elimia capillaris</i>
• Spotted rocksnail	<i>Leptoxis picta</i>
• Spur crayfish	<i>Procambarus lewisi</i>
• Squat elimia	<i>Elimia variata</i>
• Stately elimia	<i>Elimia dickinsoni</i>
• Straightedge crayfish	<i>Procambarus hayi</i>
• Striate hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera striata</i>
• Sweet home Alabama cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus speleocoopi</i>
• Tallapoosa crayfish	<i>Cambarus englishi</i>
• Tapered pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia burkei</i>
• Teardrop elimia	<i>Elimia lachryma</i>
• Tennessee bean	<i>Venustaconcha trabalis</i>
• Tennessee bottlebrush crayfish	<i>Barbicambarus simmonsii</i>
• Tennessee clubshell	<i>Pleurobema oviforme</i>
• Tennessee heelsplitter	<i>Lasmigona holstonia</i>
• Tennessee pigtoe	<i>Pleuronaia barnesiana</i>
• Triangular kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranthus greenii</i>
• Tulotoma	<i>Tulotoma magnifica</i>
• Twisted dwarf crayfish	<i>Cambarus rotatus</i>
• Vernal crayfish	<i>Procambarus viaeviridis</i>

- Warrior pigtoe *Pleurobema rubellum*
- Warty rocksnail *Lithasia lima*
- Watercress Snail *Fontigens nickliniana*
- White sping cave crayfish *Cambarus veitchorum*
- White wartyback *Plethobasus cicatricosus*
- Wicker ancyliid *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.

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.

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 redear (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:

Pickereel – chain, redbfin, and grass pickereel.

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.

220-2-.35 Seasons, Creel and Size Limits for Fish on Public Waters or Banks Thereof

- (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:

DAILY CREEL LIMITS, POSSESSION LIMITS AND SIZE LIMITS

- (a) **Black Bass.....10**
Includes combinations of 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. No more than 5 of the daily creel limit of 10 may be smallmouth bass. See exceptions for shoal bass in specific tributaries of the Chattahoochee River.
- (b) **Walleye.....2**
It shall be illegal to take or attempt to take walleye by any method from Sweetwater Lake located in the Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, from White Plains Lake (also known as Whitesides Mill Lake), Calhoun County and from Shoal Creek upstream of White Plains Lake, Calhoun and Cleburne Counties. It shall also be illegal to take or attempt to take walleye by any method from Lake Mitchell on the Coosa River between Mitchell Dam and Lay Dam or from its tributary streams, Walnut Creek in Chilton County, Hatchet Creek in Coosa and Clay Counties, Weogufka Creek in Coosa County, the Mulberry Fork River and the Sipsey Fork River or any of their tributary streams in Blount, Cullman, Lawrence, Walker, and Winston Counties, or the Duck River Reservoir in Cullman County. 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.....5**
It is illegal to possess any Sauger less than 15 inches in total length.
- (d) **White Bass.....15**
- (e) **Yellow Bass.....15**
- (f) **Saltwater Striped Bass, and Hybrids or Combinations.....15**
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.....30**
It is illegal to possess any crappie less than nine inches in total length taken from Alabama public waters, including Aliceville Reservoir and 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.....No Limit**
- (i) **Catfish (under 34 inches).....No Limit**
- (j) **Catfish (over 34 inches).....1**
This size limit shall not apply to catfish harvested from the Perdido, Conecuh, Blackwater, Yellow, Choctawhatchee, Chipola, and Chattahoochee rivers basins. It shall be unlawful to transport live catfish 34 inches in length or greater beyond the boundaries of this state.
- (k) **Bream.....50**
- (l) **Rainbow Trout.....5**
It shall be unlawful to fish with more than two rods or 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 for definition of culling).
- (m) **Alligator Gar.....1**
All alligator gar caught with commercial fishing gear must be immediately returned to the water with the least possible harm.

- (n) **Sturgeon**.....**Closed Season**
All sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water with the least possible harm.
 - (o) **Paddlefish or Spoonbill**..... **Closed Season**
All paddlefish must be immediately returned to the water with the least possible harm.
 - (p) **Skipjack Herring**.....**100**
- (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) **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.
 - (c) **Harris Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.
 - (d) **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.
 - (e) **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.
 - (f) **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)
 - (g) **Lewis Smith Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any black bass between 13 inches and 15 inches in total length.
 - (h) **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.
 - (i) **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).
 - (j) **Pickwick Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass or largemouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.
 - (k) **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.
 - (l) **Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its Tributaries** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.
 - (m) **Weiss Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess crappie less than 10 inches in total length.
 - (n) **West Point Reservoir and its Tributaries** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass less than 14 inches in total length.
 - (o) **Wheeler Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.
 - (p) **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.
 - (q) **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.
 - (r) **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)(1), (4)(f), and (4)(i), “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.

220-2-.159 Special Duck River Reservoir Daily Creel and Possession Limits for Sport Fish

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.

- (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.
- (d) **Walleye:** It is illegal to possess Walleye in the Duck River Reservoir.

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 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.

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.

220-2-.122 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 Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) The term "commercial fishing" shall be defined as the legal taking of non-game fish by any person from either state.
- (5) 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:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Daily Creel Limit</u>
BLACK BASS	10
(Includes Largemouth, Smallmouth, Kentucky or Spotted, Redeye or Coosa, and Shoal)	
WHITE BASS, SALTWATER STRIPED BASS AND SALTWATER STRIPED-WHITE BASS HYBRIDS, IN THE AGGREGATE	15
(Only 2 of which may be 22 inches or longer in length)	
CRAPPIE	30
BREAM	50
(Includes Bluegill, Redbreast, Warmouth, Shadow Bass and all other species of bream)	
PICKEREL	15

- (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.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT - MISSISSIPPI

Reciprocal Agreement Pertaining to Sport Fishing on the Tennessee River. Reciprocal agreements are in effect whereby sports fishing licenses of Mississippi and Alabama are mutually recognized for fishing either the water or from the banks of said water of the following part of the Tennessee River or embayment or impoundments.

All that part of the Tennessee River and its embayment and impoundments between the junction of the Tennessee-Alabama-Mississippi line and a north-south line projected across the Tennessee River from the eastern end of the old Riverton Lock, except and exclusive of that part of the Big Bear Embayment lying south of the Southern Railroad bridge.

All that part of the Tombigbee River, its embayments, impoundments and navigation channel, from river mile 322 to the Aliceville Lock and Dam.

Creel limits pertaining to sport fishing of Alabama shall apply to Mississippi licenses when fishing in the State of Alabama and the creel limits pertaining to sport fishing in the State of Mississippi shall apply to Alabama licenses when fishing in the State of Mississippi.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT - TENNESSEE

Reciprocal Agreement Pertaining to Tennessee River-Pickwick Lake. A reciprocal agreement is in effect between the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to recognize the sport fishing licenses of the two states within the impounded waters of the Tennessee River-Pickwick Lake lying within Hardin County, Tennessee, and Lauderdale County, Alabama, from Pickwick Dam (approximately TRM 207.8) upstream to where the common boundary line of Colbert County, Alabama, and Tishomengo County, Mississippi, meet the Lauderdale County, Alabama, boundary line at approximately TRM 224.8. It is agreed that:

Sport fisherman duly licensed or legally exempt from license requirements by the State of Tennessee may, without further license, fish with ordinary hook and line, pole, casting, spinning, and fly rods and reels, and use artificial lures and natural bait in the area of Pickwick Lake described above.

Likewise, sport fishermen duly licensed or legally exempt from license requirements by the State of Alabama may, without further license, fish with ordinary hook and line, pole, casting, spinning, and fly rods and reels, and use artificial lures and natural bait in the area of Pickwick Lake described above.

Except for licenses and fishing methods covered in this agreement, all creel limits, size limits, and other laws, rules and regulations enacted by the State having jurisdiction must be adhered to while fishing in that state's waters.

2020-2-45 Commercial or Non-Game Fish Designated

The following shall be designated as commercial or non-game fish: Freshwater 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.

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:

IMPOUNDMENT

COUNTY

Gantt	Covington
Point A	Covington
Oliver	Tuscaloosa
Inland	Blount
Thurlow	Elmore, Tallapoosa
Yates	Elmore, Tallapoosa
Opelika City Lake	Lee
Purdy	Shelby, Jefferson
Thollocco	Dale
Oliver	Russell
Goat Rock	Lee
Columbia	Houston
Little Bear Creek	Franklin
Upper Bear Creek	Marion, Franklin, Winston
Bear Creek	Franklin

- (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 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.

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 Alabama 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.

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 this fish.

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 Licensed-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
 - 1. Grabbling, noodling, or hand fishing by means of hands, stick (reed, pvc pipe, string, or other similar object), or single barbless hook attached to stick (reed, pvc pipe, string, or other similar object).
 - 2. Treble hooks, multi hooks, or any barbed hooks are prohibited.
 - (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 Code of Ala. 1975, § 9-11-22 with the license number of the commercial fisherman owning the equipment imprinted on the tag and have the location of the equipment marked pursuant to Code of Ala. 1975, § 9-11-147.
 - (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, provided 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 may fish such baskets in compliance with Code of Alabama 1975, §§ 9-11-190 through 9-11-198.

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

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

- (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 Martin. Wire baskets may not be used in any other areas of Elmore County except as listed above.

220-2-.04L Wire Basket Fishing Regulation - Shelby County

Any person who possesses a valid wire basket license may fish such baskets in Shelby County under the provisions as set out by the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 9-11-190 through Section 9-11-198; provided, however, that such baskets shall have a wire mesh of two (2) inches.

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 non-game 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 Alabama, Regular Session 1983.

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, and the following species of suckers: spotted sucker, *Minytrema melanos*; black redbhorse, *Moxostoma duquesnei*; golden redbhorse, *Moxostoma erythrurum*; and the blacktail redbhorse, *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.

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 January, February and March, provided such nets are checked a minimum of once every 12 hours and 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.

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

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.
- (4) 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.

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

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.

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, attempt to take, catch or kill any species of fish from public waters by the use of any firearms;
- (3) to take, 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, 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 take, attempt to take, catch, or kill any species of fish by grabbling, noodling, or hand fishing by means of hands with the aid of treble hook, multi hook, or barbed hook;
- (6) 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;
- (7) 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;
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) to utilize more than three rods and reels or poles or any combination thereof while fishing Weiss Reservoir or Neely Henry Lake.

220-2-.153 Purchase of Game Fish Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to buy or purchase or offer to buy or purchase any game fish that the person knew, or reasonably should have known, was caught or taken from the public fresh waters of this state or any other state.

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.

220-2-.124 Nonindigenous Aquatic Plant Regulation

For purposes of enforcement of Sections 9-20-1 through 9-20-7, Code of Alabama 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:

COMMON NAME

- African elodea
- alligatorweed
- Brazilian elodea

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Lagarosiphon spp
Alternanthera philoxeroides
Egeria densa

• curlyleaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>
• Eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>
• floating waterhyacinth	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>
• giant salvinia	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>
• hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
• hygrophila	<i>Hygrophila polysperma</i>
• limnophila	<i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i>
• parrot-feather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
• purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
• rooted waterhyacinth	<i>Eichhornia azurea</i>
• spinyleaf naiad	<i>Najas minor</i>
• water-aloe	<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>
• water-lettuce	<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>
• water chestnut	<i>Trapa natans</i>
• water spinach	<i>Ipomea aquatica</i>

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*, *Catoprion*, 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 (*Lissachitina 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 from the family *Channidae* (*Chamui spp.*);
 - Any species of Mud carp (*Cirrhinus spp.*);
 - Any species of fish “rudd” (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*) or “roach” (*Rutilus rutilus*) or any hybrids of either species;
 - Zander (*Sander lucioperca*);
 - European Perch (*Perca fluviatilis*);
 - Eurasian Minnow (*Phoxinus phoxinus*);
 - Wels Catfish (*Silurus glanis*);
 - Prussian Carp (*Carassius gibelio*);
 - Crucian Carp (*Carassius carassius*);
 - Any species of eel from the family of *Anguillidae* not native to Alabama;
 - Amur Sleeper (*Perccottus glenii*);
 - Any species of venomous reptile which has never naturally existed in the wild in Alabama including but not limited to venomous snakes of the families *Viperidae*, *Atractaspididae*, *Elapidae*, *Hydrophiidae* and *Colubridae*, except for hognose snakes (genus *Heterodon*);
 - Any species of bird, mammal, reptile, or amphibian listed as injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
 - Any species of Tegus (*Salvator sp.*);
 - Any species of Mongooose;
 - 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 (*Antilocapridae*), 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 Alabama 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 Alabama, 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 Alabama 1975. Accredited educational, research, and rehabilitation facilities shall be exempt from this regulation through the written permission of the Commissioner or his designee.

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.

220-2-.162 Wild Baitfish Regulation

Within the jurisdiction of the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, it shall be unlawful to transport any live baitfish, having been caught or harvested from streams, rivers, public lakes or reservoirs in Alabama, away from the waters in which they are caught. Further, it is unlawful to import any live baitfish, having been caught or harvested from streams, rivers, public lakes, or reservoirs from any area outside the State of Alabama. For the purposes of this regulation, baitfish are defined as any species of fish or crayfish (Superfamily *Astacoidea*) that are legal to use as bait for recreational or commercial fishing in Alabama.

This regulation does not prohibit the possession or the use of live baitfish on or within the waters from which they have been caught or harvested. Nor does it prohibit the possession, importation, or use of live baitfish acquired from commercial producers and bait shops located within or outside the State of Alabama, provided the origin of these fish was not from a wild caught source.

For purposes of this regulation, refer to 220-2-.42(1) for a description of the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries jurisdictional line.

220-2-.163 Restrictions on Certain Species of Asian Carp

No person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association shall possess, sell, offer for sale, release, or cause to be distributed within the State of Alabama any live fish of the genus *Hypophthalmichthys spp.* (silver carp, bighead carp, largescale silver carp) except for holders of valid commercial fishing licenses engaged in harvesting individuals of these species from the public waters of Alabama for sale to licensed fish dealers and/or processors and aquaculture producers holding a valid written permit issued by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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
 - Chambers County Public Lake
 - Coffee County Public Lake
 - Dallas County Public Lake
 - DeKalb County Public Lake
 - Geneva County Public Lake
 - Lamar County Public Lake
 - Madison County Public Lake
 - Monroe County Public Lake
 - Walker County Public Lake
 - Bibb County Public Lake
 - Clay County Public Lake
 - Crenshaw County Public Lake
 - Dale County Public Lake
 - Fayette County Public Lake
 - Leon Brooks Hines Public Lake (Escambia County)
 - Lee County Public Lake
 - Marion County Public Lake
 - Pike 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 or as specified by an agent of the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (6) Fishing in State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes Regulated
 - (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 counted and weighed by the concessionaire unless the concessionaire is absent.
 - (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. 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.
- (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 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.
- (c) 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.

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

220-2-.104 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 (*Megaloniais 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 (*Oblivaria reflexa*)
- Southern Mapleleaf (*Quadrula apiculata*)
- Bankclimber (*Plectomerus dombeyanus*)
- Bleufer (*Potamilus purpuratus*)

It shall be unlawful to take any other species of freshwater mussel for commercial purposes in the State of Alabama.

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:

- (1) Coosa River from Jordan Dam upstream to the Alabama-Georgia State line.
- (2) Alabama River from the mouth to the confluence of Coosa and Tallapoosa Rivers with the exception of the Cahaba River.
- (3) Tombigbee River from mouth to U. S. Interstate 59.
- (4) Black Warrior River from mouth to U. S. Interstate 59.
- (5) 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.

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.

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.

220-2-.49 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 (<i>Megaloniais nervosa</i>)	4 inches
Threeridge (<i>Amblema plicata</i>)	2 5/8 inches
Pistol Grip (<i>Tritogonia verrucosa</i>)	2 5/8 inches
Elephant Ear (<i>Elliptio crassidens</i>)	2 5/8 inches
Mapleleaf (<i>Quadrula quadrula</i>)	2 5/8 inches
Ebony Shell (<i>Fusconaia ebenus</i>)	2 3/8 inches
Pink Heel Splitter (<i>Potamilus alatus</i>)	4 inches
Three Horn (<i>Obliquaria reflexa</i>)	1 3/4 inches
Southern Mapleleaf (<i>Quadrula apiculata</i>)	2 5/8 inches
Bankclimber (<i>Plectomerus dombeyanus</i>)	3 inches
Bleufer (<i>Potamilus purpuratus</i>)	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.

220-2-.50 Harvest of Freshwater Mussels Restricted to Daylight 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).

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.

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 Gunterville 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.
- (6) The Alabama River from the mouth of Mulberry Creek (RM 220.0) downstream to the Edmund Pettus Bridge (RM 205.3).

220-2-.53 Mussel Buyers Required to Report

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.

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.

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

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 check 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.
 - (c) 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.

220-2-.134 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;
- (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.

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 by bow and arrow (including crossbows) only. Hunting will be permitted through a limited quota permit system selected by random computerized selection for designated areas of the park November 6, 2023– February 9, 2024. Permit holders and their properly licensed guest must be 16 years of age or older. Hunters may only hunt in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. Stalk hunting only, no dogs. Hunters will be allowed to take up to three deer total during the permitted hunt, only one of which may be an antlered buck. All three deer may be harvested the same date. State buck harvest limits will apply.
An Adult Mentored Hunt administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will take place January 12, 2024 – January 14, 2024.
- (2) Frank Jackson State Park – Whitetail Deer Hunt by bow and arrow (including crossbows) only. Hunting will be permitted through a limited quota permit system selected by random computerized selection for designated areas of the park November 3, 2023 – February 9, 2024. Permit holder may be accompanied by one youth guest or one properly licensed guest 16 years of age or older. If bringing a youth guest, permit holder must be at least 21 year of age or the parent of the youth guest. Hunter may only hunt in their assigned hunt unit on their specified hunt date. Stalk hunting only, no dogs. State harvest limits will apply.
- (3) Alligator: The following State Park will be open for Alligator season in accordance with state laws and regulations as set forth in 220-2-.143 and 220-2-.01:
 - (a) Frank Jackson State Park is open to those possessing an Alligator Possession Tag for the Southeast Zone.
- (4) Coyote: Open during any scheduled State Park Special Opportunity Hunting Season at Oak Mountain State Park and Frank Jackson State Park 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.
- (5) Falconry: The following State Parks will allow falconry in accordance with state laws and regulations during squirrel and rabbit hunting seasons as set forth in Rules 220-2-.01 and 220-2-.02: 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.

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.

220-2-.22 Wildlife Management Areas and Sanctuaries Established

- (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 (Clebune, 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 Wildlife Management Area (Morgan, Lawrence); 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); Red Hills Wildlife Management Area (Monroe); 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); Coon Gulf Tract (Jackson); Crow Creek Refuge (Jackson); Crow Creek Special Opportunity Area (Jackson); Martin Community Hunting Area (Tallapoosa); Blackwater River Special Opportunity Area (Baldwin); Cedar Creek Special Opportunity Area (Dallas); Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge Special Opportunity Area (Choctaw); Uchee Creek Special Opportunity Area (Russell); Fred T. Stimpson Special Opportunity Area (Clarke); Portland Landing Special Opportunity Area (Dallas); Prairie Glades Special Opportunity Area (Montgomery); Thigpen Hill Special Opportunity Area (Butler); Upper State Special Opportunity Area (Clarke); and Little River State Forest Special Opportunity Area (Monroe).
- (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); Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge (Lauderdale); Watercress Darter National Wildlife Refuge (Jefferson); Fem Cave National Wildlife Refuge (Jackson); and Sauta Cave National Wildlife Refuge (Jackson). The boundary lines and areas for these refuges are established by Federal authorities.
- (4) Rule 220-2-.22, as previously promulgated, is hereby expressly repealed.
For WMA maps, please visit: www.outdooralabama.com/wildlife-management-areas

220-2-.55 Wildlife Management Areas of Alabama

(1) It shall be unlawful on ALL DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION MANAGED WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, COMMUNITY HUNTING AREAS, SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREAS, PHYSICALLY DISABLED 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; or possess firearms (see (b) for exceptions), traps, or bow and arrow, except bow fishing equipment, without a valid Wildlife Management Area (WMA) 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 non-residents 16 years of age and older]. 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 unless required for limited quota hunt registration. PLUS, in order to hunt waterfowl on AREAS, all licensed hunters must have, in addition to the otherwise required licenses, a current HIP certification, a valid State Waterfowl Stamp (if required) and a valid Federal Waterfowl Stamp (if required). In addition to license and stamp requirements, an AREA Permit and a WMA Daily Permit are required unless using the Outdoor Alabama WMA Check-In application to check in and out each hunt day. For those using the WMA Daily Permit, the tear-off stub with the number matching the Daily Permit must be deposited in the return slot of the self-service box. The remaining Permit portion is to be retained in possession of the hunter while hunting, filled out completely, and deposited into the return slot of the self-service box at an AREA check station or kiosk for each day hunted.
- (b) Nothing in this regulation prohibits the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for personal protection. Refer to 220-2-.126 for Public Shooting Range Regulation pertaining to the use of shooting ranges located on AREAS. All other possession of arms and ammunition must align with scheduled AREA seasons during legal hunting hours and are limited to those permitted for each game species as detailed in this regulation.
- (c) To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting. (Leashed dogs may be used for the express purpose of retrieving wounded deer, limited to two (2) dogs for each tracking event.)
- (d) To use dogs for hunting of feral swine or small game where dogs are expressly prohibited (except for the scheduled special feral swine dog hunt on W.L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta WMAs).
- (e) To use dogs for hunting, training, or any other purpose outside any AREA established season.
- (f) To conduct organized man drives during stalk deer hunts outside the hours of 10:00AM – 2:00PM.
- (g) For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on any AREA unless accompanied by an adult who is either 21 years of age or older or the parent, and who is in possession of all state hunting licenses, stamps, and permits required to hunt on an AREA.
- (h) To exceed daily or seasonal regular state bag limit for any game species unless otherwise specified for AREA.
- (i) To have in possession any fully automatic rifle or any firearms, ammunition, or bow and arrow except as described below:
 1. DEER: Stalk Hunting – Rifles using centerfire mushrooming ammunition, pre-charged pneumatic arrow shooting rifles using an arrow equipped with a broadhead which has a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8" and two (2) sharpened edges, pre-charged pneumatic air powered guns .30 caliber or larger, shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using slugs or single round balls, muzzle-loading firearms .40 caliber or larger, or handguns or pistols using centerfire mushrooming ammunition. All applicable laws regarding possessing and carrying handguns must be followed.
 2. DEER: Stalk Hunting – Primitive Weapons Hunt – Muzzle-loading rifles or muzzle-loading handguns .40 caliber or larger, muzzle-loading shotguns, pre-charged pneumatic arrow shooting rifles using an arrow equipped with a broadhead which has a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8" and two (2) sharpened

- edges, pre-charged pneumatic air-powered guns .30 caliber or larger, or bow and arrow (including crossbow, see (1)(i)13. below).
3. DEER: Stalk Hunting – Archery – bow and arrow (including crossbows, see (1)(i)13. below).
 4. DEER: Dog Hunts – Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using buckshot only.
 5. FERAL SWINE SPECIAL SEASONS: The same provisions as set out in (1)(i)1. and (1)(i)2. above, except at Seven Mile Island where Primitive Weapons Stalk Deer Hunt provisions only apply, as set out in (1)(i)2. above, with the addition of shotguns with slugs. OUTSIDE SPECIAL SEASONS: May be killed during any scheduled AREA hunt using arms and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts during daylight hours only.
 6. TURKEY: Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using No. 2 shot or smaller and bow and arrow (including crossbows, see (1)(i)13. below).
 7. DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE, AND RAIL: 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 No. 2 shot or smaller and bow and arrow (including crossbows, see (1)(i)13. below).
 8. WATERFOWL & SANDHILL CRANE: 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 steel shot, T size or smaller and bow and arrow (including crossbows, see (1)(i)13. below). Waterfowl may also be hunted with other U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved shot and sizes.
 9. QUAIL: Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using No. 4 shot or smaller and bow and arrow (including crossbows, see (1)(i)13. below).
 10. SQUIRREL, CROW, AND RABBIT: Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using No. 4 shot or smaller, rimfire firearms, muzzle-loading rifles and muzzle-loading handguns .40 caliber or smaller, rifles operated by air, and bow and arrow (including crossbows, see (1)(i)13. below).
 11. RACCOON AND OPOSSUM – Daylight hours: Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using No. 4 shot or smaller, rimfire firearms, and bow and arrow (including crossbows, see (1)(i)13. below). Nighttime hours: Shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller or .22 caliber rimfire firearms.
 12. BOBCAT, COYOTE, AND FOX: May be hunted during any scheduled AREA hunt using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts during daylight hours only.
 13. BOW AND ARROW (including Crossbows): Conforming to the provisions of Rule 220-2-.03, will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts. Crossbows will be legal during any open bow and arrow season dates for any species. All archery equipment used during the bow fishing season of March 1 – August 31 must conform to the provisions of Rule 220-2-.46, relating to bow fishing.
 14. FALCONRY: Will be legal on all AREA scheduled small game hunts for legally permitted falconers.
 15. TRAPPING: Standard .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms only (no magnums), during daylight hours only.
- (j) To trap furbearers except as permitted under 220-2-.30 and as specified for each AREA in 220-2-.56.
 - (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 (1)(ii) below] 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.
 - (l) For hunters on dog deer hunts to leave stand assigned to them until instructed. The Geneva State Forest WMA dog hunt will be limited to 100 standers, registered and permitted through a limited quota hunt registration. Further, it shall be unlawful for

- any hunter to release a dog not approved by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) personnel on the Geneva State Forest WMA during the hunt.
- (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 Ranger District. 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 WMAs by sundown on the first Sunday following the last day of turkey season; 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 WFF personnel being responsible for any damages or loss and the owner assessed a \$10.00 a day storage fee. No campers are permitted on Barbour or Freedom Hills WMAs, until September 1, unless approved by written 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 designated game species while legally 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.
 - (q) To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam, or timber operation; within 100 yards of any paved public road or highway; within a posted safety zone; 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 WMA roads closed to vehicular traffic (roads closed with gates and/or signage indicating closed to vehicular traffic) on Geneva State Forest and Upper Delta WMAs are allowed during scheduled dog deer hunts; hunters using shotguns with No. 6 shot or smaller are allowed to hunt AREA roads and right-of-ways, excluding any named county or state roads]. On AREAS located within U.S. Forest Service lands, hunters must adhere to U.S. Forest Service rules specific to that Ranger District.
 - (r) To transport harvested deer or turkey from any AREA before reporting harvest in the Game Check System. Hunters must also submit such harvests at the WMA check station for data collection if hunt date is indicated as a mandatory check station day on the Outdoor Alabama WMA Application or AREA Permit. All other harvested game must be recorded on the Outdoor Alabama WMA Application or WMA Daily Permit.
 - (s) 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 AREAS. 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.
 - (t) For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE (i.e. ATV, UTV, motorcycle, or electric-powered bike) on Charles D. Kelley-Autauga, Black Warrior, Blue Spring, Boggy Hollow, William R. Ireland, Sr. – Cahaba River, Choccolocco, Coosa, David K. Nelson, Hollins, Jackson County Waterfowl Areas (except Coon Gulf Tract), Little River, Lowndes, Martin Community Hunting Area, Mulberry Fork, Oakmulgee, Perdido River, Red Hills, and Forever Wild Gothard – AWF Yates Lake AREAS.
 - (u) For any unauthorized person to possess or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on Barbour, Coon Gulf Tract of Jackson County Waterfowl Areas, Freedom Hills, Geneva State Forest, Grand Bay Savanna, James D. Martin-

Skyline, Lauderdale, Mobile-Tensaw Delta, W.L. Holland, Sam R. Murphy, Riverton, Seven Mile Island, Swan Creek, Mallard Fox Creek, and Upper Delta AREAS, except when utilized for the express purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, or related activities; and when operated only on regularly used roads depicted on WMA map to be open for motorized vehicle traffic (excluding Geneva State Forest Zone B).

- (v) For any unauthorized person to possess or operate ANY LICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any AREA, except when utilized for the express purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, or sanctioned activities (excluding AREAS established within the boundaries of U.S. Forest Service National Forests or other cooperating agency lands that otherwise regulate such activities); and when operated only on regularly used roads depicted on AREA Permit to be open for motorized vehicle traffic.
- (w) For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses on any AREA except on roads open to motorized vehicles, excluding Charles D. Kelley-Autauga and Geneva State Forest Zone A (where no horses are permitted); and in areas, roads, and trails, designated as open to horses, excluding Charles D. Kelley-Autauga and Geneva State Forest Zone A (where no horses are permitted). On Coosa WMA horses are not permitted in the campgrounds from October 1 until after the last day of turkey season.
- (x) For any unauthorized person to ride or 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, James D. Martin-Skyline, the Jacinto Port Tract of W.L. Holland, and Mobile-Tensaw Delta AREAS where horses are only allowed on designated horse trails. At Freedom Hills, the Jacinto Port Tract of W.L. Holland, and Mobile-Tensaw Delta AREAS horses are only allowed from March 1 to the beginning of turkey season and May 15 to September 14. Riding or possession of horses on any AREA, except those on National Park Service lands, U.S. Forest Service lands, and Geneva State Forest, shall be restricted to holders of a valid WMA license and a valid AREA Permit.
- (y) For any person to hunt or trap any wildlife species (except turkey, migratory birds, and while hunting legally designated species during legal nighttime hours) without wearing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or full sized hunter orange hat, except when hunting from an elevated tree stand twelve (12) feet or more from the ground, when hunting in an enclosed blind, or when traveling in an enclosed vehicle. A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of the hunter orange hat.
- (z) 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, or access to the gate, is impeded.
- (aa) For any person to possess, deposit, distribute, or scatter grain/corn, salt, litter, or any other materials on any AREA without receiving written approval from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
- (bb) To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, firewood, plants, dirt, gravel, or sod without legal authorization.
- (cc) To erect any permanent tree stand; install any screw-in type steps, spikes, or nails; or otherwise damage any tree.
- (dd) 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.
- (ee) 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.

- (ff) To violate any restrictions posted on the Outdoor Alabama WMA Check-In application, AREA Permit, or WMA Daily Permit, or posted restrictions regarding entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.
 - (gg) To release any animal, bird, fish, or other wildlife on any AREA without first obtaining written permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
 - (hh) To possess any open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.
 - (ii) For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow, except on days of hunter's choice gun deer hunts. Nothing in this regulation prohibits the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt, take, or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
 - (jj) To possess or use any wild turkey calls to mimic sounds made by wild turkeys from March 1 until the opening day of youth turkey seasons and from the close of youth turkey season to the opening day of physically disabled turkey season or regular turkey season opening day on AREAs with turkey seasons.
 - (kk) For anyone 16 years of age or older to hunt any species on any AREA on days of youth gun deer hunts, or for anyone to hunt small game during primitive weapon or gun deer hunts, except on Grand Bay Savanna, W.L. Holland, and Mobile-Tensaw Delta WMAs, and except waterfowl in Upper Delta (Zone B) WMA.
 - (ll) For any unauthorized person to possess or use any game camera/device capable of monitoring remotely and/or capable of automatically transmitting photos and/or videos from March 1 – May 31 on an AREA without first obtaining written permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
 - (mm) For any unauthorized person to launch, land or possess or use any unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)/drone on an AREA without first obtaining written permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
- (2) Individuals must follow the listed rules to participate in the scheduled youth hunts on any AREA.
- (a) 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 16th birthday.
 - (c) Adult is defined as those individuals 21 years of age or older or the parent of the youth who are in possession of all required state hunting licenses, stamps, and permits as described in (1)(a).
 - (d) Only one firearm will be allowed for each youth. Only the youth hunter will be permitted to utilize the firearm for hunting.
- (3) Special Opportunity Areas (SOA) – Hunting on Blackwater River, Cedar Creek, Choctaw NWR (Primitive Weapon Deer Hunt), Crow Creek, Fred T. Stimpson, Portland Landing, Prairie Glades, Uchee Creek, Upper State, Little River, and Thigpen Hill Special Opportunity Areas (SOA) will be permitted through a limited quota permit system determined by random computerized selection. In order to apply, ALL applicants are required to obtain a Conservation Identification Number (CID). Those residents who are 16 to 64 years of age and non-residents 16 years of age or older must have a valid WMA license to register for the SOA hunt selection process. Applicants must visit www.outdooralabama.com to register for a limited number of quota permits available for hunts on these AREAS.

Successful resident applicants 16 to 64 years of age and non-residents 16 years of age or older must obtain and have in possession a valid Alabama hunting license, WMA license, and state and federal duck stamps if applicable. **Any violation of any rules, regulations, or laws by permit holder or guest while hunting on any SOA will result in those individuals forfeiting the remainder of their hunt and forfeiting their SOA eligibility for the remainder of the current season and the entire following season.** Failure to participate in the solicited hunt without providing Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries 7 days prior notice of cancellation, by email to the hunt coordinator, will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future SOA hunts.

Permit holders and guests shall only hunt and scout in their assigned hunt unit(s) on specified dates. All other access on any SOA is restricted (excluding Choctaw NWR) to foot traffic and non-motorized vehicles only and only during daylight hours from May 15 to September 1; with the exception of Crow Creek, Fred T. Stimpson, Upper State, and Prairie Glades where all other access is restricted.

All deer and turkey hunters are required to report all harvests pursuant to the Game Check requirements in regulation 220-2-.146. It shall be unlawful for any limited quota permitted hunter to hunt without checking in and out of the SOA daily using the Outdoor Alabama WMA Check-In Application or with a WMA Daily Permit from self-service kiosk. When using the WMA Daily Permit, the tear-off stub with number matching Daily Permit must be 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 the hunter until the end of the day, then filled out and deposited in the self-service box before leaving the SOA each day. Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the managing biologist within one week of hunt dates.

Other requirements for hunters participating in limited quota hunts on the SOAs include:

(a) **District II –**

1. **On Crow Creek SOA:**

(i) Archery Deer Hunts:

- (I) It shall be unlawful to access or hunt on Crow Creek SOA unless selected for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned hunt unit. The permit holder and one properly licensed guest may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned hunt unit for those permitted times and days.
- (II) Hunters may enter the Crow Creek SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset; Hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
- (III) It shall be unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle on the SOA without WFF written authorization.
- (IV) It shall be unlawful to use gasoline-powered motors on the SOA.
- (V) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.

(ii) Waterfowl Hunts:

- (I) It shall be unlawful to access or hunt on Crow Creek SOA unless selected for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s). The permit holder and four properly licensed guest(s) may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) for those permitted times and days. The guests may be different people each hunt day.
- (II) Hunters may enter the Crow Creek SOA at 4:00 AM; Hunting may begin at legal shooting hours; all hunting activity is prohibited after 12:00 noon; and all parties must exit the SOA no later than 1:30 PM. It shall be unlawful to leave assigned hunt unit except when departing the SOA for the day.
- (III) It shall be unlawful to operate any motorized vehicle on the SOA without WFF written authorization.
- (IV) It shall be unlawful to use gasoline-powered motors on the SOA.
- (V) Temporary blinds may be used for the duration of the hunt and must be removed by permit holder on last hunt day.

(b) **District III –**

1. **On Cedar Creek and Portland Landing SOA:**

- (i) It shall be unlawful to hunt on Cedar Creek and Portland Landing SOA unless selected for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s).

The permit holder and allowed guest(s) may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) for those permitted days.

- (ii) Deer Hunts:
 - (I) Each deer hunt begins at 12:00 noon on day one and ends at 12:00 noon on day four. With the exception of the day one start time and day four end time, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset each day. Hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - (II) Antlered bucks harvested are required to have a minimum inside spread of 16” or 18” main beam (3x the length of the ear).
 - (III) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (IV) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.
- (iii) Youth Gun (Antlerless) Deer Hunts:
 - (I) Permit holder 21 years of age or older or the parent of one of the youth may be accompanied by up to two youth guest hunters. The permit holder may also have a properly licensed supervising adult being 21 years of age or older or a parent of one 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 two-day hunt, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset each day. Hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - (III) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from each deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.
- (iv) Turkey Hunts:
 - (I) Hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise; each turkey hunt begins at and ends at legal shooting hours; hunters must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset; each turkey hunt ends at 1:30 PM on the last day.
 - (II) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (III) Turkey hunters are required to record the harvest date, body weight, spur length, and beard length of all harvested turkeys on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet.
- (v) Small Game Hunts:
 - (I) Hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise; each small game hunt begins and ends at legal shooting hours; hunters must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset. No scouting days prior to hunt dates.
 - (II) Permit holder may be accompanied by up to three properly licensed guests. The guests may be different people each hunt day.
- (vi) Waterfowl Hunts:
 - (I) Hunters may enter the Portland Landing SOA (no waterfowl hunt on Cedar Creek SOA) at 4:00 AM; Hunting may begin at legal shooting hours; all hunting activity is prohibited after 12:00 noon; and all parties must exit the SOA no later than 1:30 PM. It shall be unlawful to leave assigned hunt unit except when departing the SOA for the day.
 - (II) Permit holder may be accompanied by three properly licensed guests. Guests may be different people each hunt day.

(c) **District IV –**

1. On Uchee Creek SOA:

- (i) It shall be unlawful to hunt on Uchee Creek SOA unless selected for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s). The permit holder and allowed guest(s) may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) for those permitted days.
- (ii) **Deer Hunts:**
 - (I) Each deer hunt begins at 12:00 noon on day one and ends at 12:00 noon on day four. With the exception of the day one start time and day four end time, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset each day. Hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - (II) Antlered bucks harvested are required to have a minimum inside spread of 16” or 18” main beam (3x the length of the ear).
 - (III) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (IV) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.
- (iii) **Youth Gun (Antlerless) Deer Hunts:**
 - (I) Permit holder 21 years of age or older or the parent of one of the youth may be accompanied by up to two youth guest hunters. The permit holder may also have a properly licensed supervising adult being 21 years of age or older or a parent of one 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 two-day hunt, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset each day. Hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - (III) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurement of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from each deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.
- (iv) **Turkey Hunts:**
 - (I) Hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise; each turkey hunt begins and ends at legal shooting hours; hunters must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset; each turkey hunt ends at 1:30 PM on the last day.
 - (II) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (III) Turkey hunters are required to record the harvest date, body weight, spur length, and beard length of all harvested turkeys on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet.
- (v) **Small Game Hunts:**
 - (I) Hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise; each small game hunt begins and ends at legal shooting hours; hunters must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset. No scouting days prior to hunt dates.
 - (II) Permit holder may be accompanied by up to three properly licensed guests. The guests may be different people each hunt day.
- (vi) **Waterfowl Hunts:**
 - (I) Hunters may enter the SOA at 4:00 AM; hunting may begin at legal shooting hours; all hunting activity is prohibited after 12:00 noon; and all parties must exit the SOA no later than 1:30 PM. It shall be unlawful to leave assigned hunt unit except when departing the SOA for the day.

- (II) Permit holder may be accompanied by three properly licensed guests. Guests may be different people each hunt day.

2. On Prairie Glades SOA:

- (i) It shall be unlawful to access or hunt on Prairie Glades SOA unless selected for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on assigned SOA and hunt unit(s). The permit holder and one guest may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) for those permitted days.
- (ii) Deer Hunts:
 - (I) Hunters may enter the Prairie Glades SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset; hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
- (iii) Dove Hunts:
 - (I) Travel to assigned hunt unit(s) shall be from 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM during the first season segment (September and October) and 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon during the second and third season segments (November, December, and January). All hunts end at legal sunset.
 - (II) Permit holder is allowed one properly licensed guest.

(d) District V –

1. On Blackwater River SOA:

- (i) It shall be unlawful to hunt on Blackwater River SOA unless selected for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s). The permit holder and allowed guest(s) may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) for those permitted days.
- (ii) Deer Hunts:
 - (I) Each deer hunt begins at 12:00 noon on day one and ends at 12:00 noon on day four. With the exception of the day one start time and day four end time, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset each day. Hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - (II) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (III) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.

2. On Choctaw NWR SOA:

- (i) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunt:
 - (I) It shall be unlawful to hunt on Choctaw NWR SOA during specific primitive weapons hunt dates unless selected for a limited quota permit on assigned hunt unit(s). The permit holder and allowed guest may only hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) for those permitted times and days.
 - (II) Each deer hunt begins at 12:00 noon on day one and ends at 12:00 PM on day four of the hunt. With the exception of the day one start time and day four end time, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset each day. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - (III) Permit holder is allowed one properly licensed guest each day. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (IV) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as

complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from each deer harvested and leave it at SOA/NWR kiosk.

3. On Fred T. Stimpson SOA:

- (i) It shall be unlawful to hunt on Fred T. Stimpson SOA unless selected for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s). The permit holder and allowed guest(s) may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) for those permitted.
- (ii) Archery Deer Hunts:
 - (I) Each deer hunt begins at 12:00 noon on day one and ends at 12:00 noon on day four. With the exception of the day one start time and day four end time, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset each day. Hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - (II) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (III) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.
- (iii) Youth Gun Deer Hunts:
 - (I) Permit holder 21 years of age or older or the parent of one of the youth may be accompanied by up to two youth guest hunters. The permit holder may also have a properly licensed supervising adult being 21 years of age or older or a parent of one 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 two-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.
 - (III) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Youth deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from each deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.
- (iv) Youth Squirrel Hunts:
 - (I) Permit holder 21 years of age or older or the parent of one of the youth 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 of age or older or a parent of one of the youth, for a maximum of five hunters to a party for each 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) Hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise; each small game hunt begins and ends at legal shooting hours; hunters must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset. No scouting days prior to hunt date.
- (v) Turkey Hunts:
 - (I) Hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise; each turkey hunt begins and ends at legal shooting hours; hunters must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset; each turkey hunt ends at 1:30 PM on the last day.
 - (II) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.

- (III) Turkey hunters are required to record the harvest date, body weight, spur length, and beard length of all harvested turkeys on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet.

4. On Little River and Thigpen Hill SOA:

- (i) It shall be unlawful to hunt on Little River and Thigpen Hill SOA unless selected for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s). The permit holder and allowed guest(s) may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) for those permitted days.
- (ii) Deer Hunts:
 - (I) Each deer hunt begins at 12:00 noon on day one and ends at 12:00 noon on day four. With the exception of the day one start time and day four end time, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset each day. Hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - (II) Antlered bucks harvested are required to have at least three antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one side.
 - (III) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (IV) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.
- (iii) Youth Gun Deer Hunts:
 - (I) Permit holder 21 years of age or older or the parent of one of the youth may be accompanied by up to two youth guest hunters. The permit holder may also have a properly licensed supervising adult being 21 years of age or older or a parent of one 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 two-day hunt, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset each day. Hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - (III) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from each deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.
- (iv) Turkey Hunts:
 - (I) Hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise; each turkey hunt begins and ends at legal shooting hours; hunters must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset; each turkey hunt ends at 1:30 PM on the last day.
 - (II) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (III) Turkey hunters are required to record the harvest date, body weight, spur length, and beard length of all harvested turkeys on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet.
- (v) Small Game Hunts:
 - (I) Hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise; each small game hunt begins and ends at legal shooting hours; hunters must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset. No scouting days prior to hunt dates.
 - (II) Permit holder may be accompanied by up to three properly licensed guests. The guests may be different people each hunt day.

5. On Upper State SOA:

- (i) It shall be unlawful to hunt on Upper State SOA unless selected for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s). The permit holder and allowed guest(s) may only access (excluding approved scouting days) and hunt the assigned SOA and hunt unit(s) for those permitted days.
- (ii) Archery Deer Hunts:
 - (I) Each deer hunt begins at 12:00 noon on day one and ends at 12:00 noon on day four. With the exception of the day one start time and day four end time, hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise and must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset each day. Hunt times begin and end at legal shooting hours. Travel to and from assigned hunt unit(s) may also occur between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
 - (II) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (III) Deer hunters are required to record harvest date, sex, lactation status of doe, body weight, and antler measurements of bucks on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet. Deer hunters are also required to extract a lower jawbone from each deer harvested and leave it at SOA kiosk.
- (iii) Turkey Hunts:
 - (I) Hunters may enter the SOA 1½ hours prior to legal sunrise; each turkey hunt begins and ends at legal shooting hours; hunters must exit the SOA by 1½ hours after legal sunset; each turkey hunt ends at 1:30 PM on the last day.
 - (II) Permit holder may have one properly licensed guest. The guest may be a different person each hunt day, but the guest bag is cumulative.
 - (III) Turkey hunters are required to record the harvest date, body weight, spur length, and beard length of all harvested turkeys on provided data forms, as well as complete the provided hunter observation data sheet.

220-2-.164 Crow Creek, Mud Creek, and Raccoon Creek Wildlife Management Areas Waterfowl Hunting

- (1) In addition to 220-2-.55, it shall be unlawful on Crow Creek, Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek Wildlife Management Areas (WMA):
 - (a) For any person to leave any vehicle parked at the established 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 locations.
 - (b) For any person to create or hunt from any dug-out or excavated area.
 - (c) To construct and/or utilize permanent waterfowl hunting blinds (those using building materials, flooring, or flotation and/or remaining in position overnight) anywhere on the Jackson County Waterfowl (Mud Creek, Crow Creek, and Raccoon Creek) WMAs.
 - (d) For any blinds to be left in said areas for more than one (1) 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.
 - (e) For any person to leave waterfowl decoys overnight.
 - (f) For any person to access the water in the section of Mud Creek WMA that lies west of the railroad tracks and east of the furthest west Mud Creek WMA boundary 48 hours prior to waterfowl season openings. Persons may enter that area at 3:00 AM on waterfowl season opening days.
 - (g) To have more than 25 shotgun shells in the possession of each hunter (excluding youth hunters during the designated youth hunt days) while hunting waterfowl on all Jackson County Waterfowl Management Areas (Crow Creek WMA, Mud Creek WMA, and Raccoon Creek WMA).

- (2) The following shall apply to the DEWATERING UNITS on Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek WMAs:
- (a) All boats and/or boat blinds used for hunting waterfowl shall be launched and removed daily or shall be floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring.
 - (b) It is unlawful for any person to use commercial fishing gear from October 31st through the second Saturday in February.
 - (c) Temporary blinds may be used for one (1) day only and removed by the hunter. All such blinds, except boat blinds, left for more than one (1) day shall be disposed of as deemed advisable by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
 - (d) All activity is prohibited from 7:00 PM to 3:00 AM during the period of Nov. 1 – Feb. 15 and 48 hours prior to waterfowl season openings.
 - (e) It is unlawful to use airboats.
 - (f) It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except during Special Teal Season, The Special Early Goose Season, and the last two weeks of waterfowl season. All waterfowl hunting activity in the Mud Creek (Wannville) and Raccoon Creek dewatering units is prohibited on those days unless authorized by the personnel of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
 - (g) It is unlawful to use gasoline-powered motors in Mud Creek (Wannville) dewatering unit and Raccoon Creek dewatering unit (North of Hwy 117).
 - (h) It is unlawful to launch any vessel prior to 3:00 AM daily. All hunters preparing to hunt waterfowl are not allowed in the water prior to 3:00 AM daily.
- (3) It is unlawful to operate airboats and air-cooled motors (go-devil type motors) on all portions of Crow Creek Refuge and North Sauty Refuge from November 1 to April 14 of each year. Airboats are prohibited on the Green Tree Reservoir in the Mud Creek WMA at all times.

220-2-.165 Mallard-Fox and Swan Creek Wildlife Management Areas Waterfowl Hunting

- (1) In addition to 220-2-.55, it shall be unlawful on Swan Creek and Mallard-Fox Creek Wildlife Management Areas (WMA):
- (a) For any person to leave any vehicle parked at the established 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 create or hunt from any dug-out or excavated area.
 - (c) To construct and/or utilize permanent waterfowl hunting blinds (those using building materials, flooring, or floatation and/or remaining in position overnight) anywhere on the Swan Creek or Mallard-Fox Creek WMAs, except on the Swan Creek WMA dewatering unit where specified. 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.
 - (d) For any person using waterfowl decoys on Swan Creek WMA to leave said decoys out overnight unless they are at a limited quota blind location.
 - (e) To have more than 25 shotgun shells in the possession of each hunter (excluding youth hunters during the designated youth hunt days) while hunting waterfowl on Swan Creek WMA and Mallard-Fox Creek WMA.
- (2) The following shall apply to the dewatering unit on Swan Creek WMA:
- (a) All boats and/or boat blinds used for hunting waterfowl shall be launched and removed daily or shall be floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to fish from October 31st through the second Saturday in February.
- (c) Temporary blinds may be used for one (1) day only and removed by the hunter. All such blinds, except boat blinds, left for more than one (1) day shall be disposed of as deemed advisable by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (d) All activity is prohibited when gates are closed. There shall be no activity from 7:00 PM to 3:00 AM, during the periods when gates are open. Gates are opened the morning of the November youth/military waterfowl hunt day and closed that night. Gates are opened the opening day of regular waterfowl season. Gates are closed each Monday night and opened each Friday morning of regular waterfowl season, until the last fourteen days of regular waterfowl season during which gates remain open. Gates are closed the night of the last day of regular waterfowl season and opened the morning of the February youth/military waterfowl hunt day and remain open until June 1st.
- (e) It shall be unlawful to use airboats.
- (f) It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except during the last two weeks of waterfowl season. During the dates between the youth/military waterfowl hunting days and regular season, gates to West Dike Road and the Main Launch Road will be locked. All waterfowl hunting activity in the Swan Creek dewatering unit is prohibited on those days unless authorized by the personnel of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (g) All limited quota blinds to be placed in the Swan Creek WMA dewatering unit must be registered in accordance with the following conditions:
 1. The allocation of blinds will be determined through a limited quota system by random selection for individuals 16 years of age or older. In order to apply, ALL applicants are required to obtain a Conservation Identification Number (CID); those who are 16 to 64 years of age must have a hunting license (All Game, Small Game, or Heritage license), State Duck Stamp, and a WMA license to register for the blind drawing. Applicants will be processed through www.outdooralabama.com. **Any violation of rules, regulations, or laws by permit holder or guest while hunting the dewatering unit will result in that individual losing their eligibility for the remainder of the waterfowl season and their blind being disqualified for the remainder of the season. The disqualified blind will have to be removed within 48 hours of notification. Any violator may be prevented from entering future online blind drawings, depending on the severity of the violation.** All waterfowl hunting blinds of selected applicants must be at Swan Creek WMA between the hours of 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM on the third Saturday of October for inspection. Only thirty (30) selected blinds will be installed at predetermined sites in the dewatering unit. All registered blinds receiving one of the 30 predetermined sites must be installed at the predetermined blind location marker prior to gate closing on October 31st.
 2. Blinds must meet "Selected Blind Specifications" established by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and deemed acceptable by an inspecting team to be approved for use. For information or a copy of the specifications, call (256) 353-2634.
 3. 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 WMA. Tags may not be transferred 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.
4. The Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division's Blind Governing Committee shall be the final authority in resolving any dispute concerning selected waterfowl blinds. The Blind Governing Committee shall be made up of the following people: District I Conservation Enforcement Supervisor, two (2) Conservation Enforcement Officers, District I Supervising Wildlife Biologist, and the Wildlife Biologist for Swan Creek WMA.
 5. 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.
 6. Selected blinds 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. Blind markers shall not be moved or otherwise altered or tampered with. 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 in violation of this regulation. If it is determined by the Blind Governing Committee that a blind marker has been moved, otherwise altered, or tampered with, that blind shall be subject to disqualification from hunting by the Blind Governing Committee.
 7. Any blind location that is unoccupied by the selected party 30 minutes prior to legal shooting hours may be utilized by the public.
 8. The removal of all blinds shall be conducted from the Sunday following the February youth/military waterfowl day to no later than the third Sunday of February.
 9. It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl within 150 yards of an occupied or unoccupied blind.
 10. It shall be unlawful to be within the Swan Creek WMA dewatering unit on youth/military waterfowl hunt days unless you are an eligible hunter or are accompanying an eligible hunter (only the eligible hunter may hunt).
 11. The committee shall have the authority to disqualify any blind if a dispute occurs and it cannot be resolved; or for any violation involving Selected Blind Specifications; or for any violation of any portion of this section of the regulation pertaining to the Swan Creek dewatering unit. 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 and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
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220-2-.56 2023-2024 Wildlife Management Area Hunting Seasons

(1) 2023-2024 Wildlife Management Area Hunting Seasons.

NOTE: All game animals harvested (excluding those Bonus Bucks validated by WFF personnel) on all Wildlife Management Areas must be included in each hunter's seasonal statewide and daily bag limit(s).

(a) District I 2023-2024 Wildlife Management Area Seasons and Bag Limits
(Northwest Alabama)

1. BLACK WARRIOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Lawrence and Winston Counties)

DEER:

Zone A & B (Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Sept. 30 – Jan. 15

One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 16 – 27.

One antlered buck a day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B.

Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. 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 and MANDATORY check station day requirements.

(Youth)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 28 - 29.

One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. Hunters must submit all harvested deer at check station for data collection. *No antler restrictions apply.

(Primitive Weapons)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 30 – Nov. 3.

One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B.

Zone A (Gun)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 4 - 5.

One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 4 and 5 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 9 – 12, Nov. 23 – 26, and Dec. 14 – 17. One antlered buck a day. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Zone B (Gun)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 16 – 19, Nov. 30 – Dec 3, and Dec. 7 – 10. One antlered buck a day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

***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

TURKEY:

(Youth) **April 6 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled) **April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
(Regular) **April 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Black Warrior WMA.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

QUAIL: **CLOSED.**

WOODCOCK: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING
(excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

2. FREEDOM HILLS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Colbert County)

DEER:

Zones A & B (Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10.

Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. **Archery hunters must abide by all MANDATORY check station day requirements and gun hunt antler restrictions.**

(Youth) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 - 12.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Hunters must submit all harvested deer at check station for data collection. ***No antler restrictions apply.**

Primitive Weapons) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. ***No antler restrictions apply.**

(Gun) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 23 – 26, Dec. 14 – 17, and Jan. 18 – 21.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *** No antler**

restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all harvested deer harvested on Fridays and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Zone A (Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 4 – 7 and Jan. 25 – 28. One antlered buck a day. (Jan. 6 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area). *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all harvested deer harvested on Fridays and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Zone B (Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 11 – 14 and Feb. 1 – 4. One antlered buck a day. (Feb. 3 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area). *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all harvested deer harvested on Fridays and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open 9:00 AM to 7:00 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) April 6 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only
(Physically Disabled) April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
(Regular) April 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Freedom Hills WMA.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

DOVE: **State season.** (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset). First two weeks of season: Saturdays and Wednesdays only. Remainder of state season except, no hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

QUAIL: **Nov.4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **State season.** No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,
 RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

3. LAUDERDALE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Lauderdale County)

DEER:

<u>Zones A & B</u>	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Archery hunters must abide by all MANDATORY check station day requirements.
	(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 - 12.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Hunters must submit all harvested deer at check station for data collection. Check station will be open 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 - 19, Nov. 23 - 26, Dec. 21 - 24, and Dec. 28 – 31.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. (Dec. 30 BONUS BUCK DAY, must be validated by WFF personnel). It is MANDATORY to bring all harvested deer harvested on Nov. 18-19, Nov. 24-25, Dec. 22-23, and Dec. 29–30 of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
<u>Zone A</u>	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, Dec. 14 – 17, and Jan. 4 – 7.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. It is MANDATORY to bring all harvested deer harvested on Fridays and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
<u>Zone B</u>	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 7 – 10, and Jan. 11 – 14.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. (Jan. 13 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area). It is MANDATORY to bring all harvested deer harvested on Fridays and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

TURKEY: (Youth) **April 6 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)**. Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)**. Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)**. Gobblers only.
Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Lauderdale WMA.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3**. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3**. No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3**. No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29**. No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

WATERFOWL: **State Season**. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **State season**. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FERAL SWINE (Special Season): **Feb. 12 – 18**. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29**. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

4. RIVERTON COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA

(Colbert County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 14 – Feb. 10**. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunts.

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 11 – 12**. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 13 – 17**. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Open each Wednesday and Saturday of the regular Gun Deer Season in Colbert County and from **Nov. 18 – 26, Dec. 9 – 17, and Jan. 13 – 21**. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

TURKEY: (Youth) **April 6 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)**. Gobblers only.

(Physically Disabled) **April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)**. Gobblers only.

(Regular) **April 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)**. Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Riverton CHA.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
CROW:	Sept. 1 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	Nov. 4 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	State season. No hunting on days of gun deer and primitive weapons hunts.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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

DEER:		
	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Oct. 14 – Feb. 10. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. 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 and MANDATORY check station day requirements.
	(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Nov. 11 - 12. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Nov. 13 – 17. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Nov. 20 – 26, Dec. 14 – 17, Dec. 26 – Jan. 1, Jan. 11 – 14, and Jan. 25 – 28. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM) Gobblers only
	(Physically Disabled)	March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM) Gobblers only
	(Regular)	April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM) Gobblers only

**Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Sam R. Murphy WMA.**

CROW:	Sept. 1 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
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RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only. No hunting nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:	State season. (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season)	Sept. 2 – 10 and Feb. 10 – 18. Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	Nov. 4 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	State season. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	State season. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 - Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

6. SEVEN-MILE ISLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(Lauderdale County)

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

DEER:	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting, Hunter's Choice:</u> Oct. 14 – Feb. 10. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Nov. 13 – 17, and Feb. 5 - 10. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. (Nov. 17 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving AREA).
TURKEY:		CLOSED.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only.
DOVE:		State season (12:00 Noon until sunset on opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise until sunset).
CROW:		Sept. 1 – March 3.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):		Sept. 9 – Oct. 13, and Feb. 12 – 18. Shotguns using slugs only, primitive weapons, bow and arrow, and crossbows. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 9 – March 3. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
RAIL:		State season.
QUAIL:		Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.
SNIPE:		State season.
WATERFOWL:		State season.

WOODCOCK: **State season.**
 BOWFISHING: **March 1 – Aug. 31.** Nongame fish only.
 BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, BEAVER, RACCOON,
 OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
 FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

(ii) KEY CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: HUNTING ALLOWED ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIES AND ONLY ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, FRIDAYS, AND SATURDAYS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING SEASONS:
 (Lauderdale County)

DEER: (Archery) **Stalk Hunting, Hunters Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
 TURKEY: **CLOSED.**
 RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only.
 DOVE: **State season.** (12:00 Noon until sunset on opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise until sunset).
 RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
 CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.**
 QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.**
 WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **State season.**
 BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON,
 OPOSSUM & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
 FERAL SWINE (Special Season) **Sept. 9 – Oct. 13, and Feb. 12 – 18.** Shotguns using slugs only, primitive weapons, bow and arrow, and crossbows. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
 WATERFOWL, RAIL, &
 FURBEARER TRAPPING: **CLOSED.**

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

DEER: (Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 14 – Nov. 17.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
 TURKEY: **CLOSED.**
 RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only.
 CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** (Closed During Regular Waterfowl Season).
 DOVE: **State season.** 12:00 Noon until sunset each day of the season (NO MORNING HUNTING).
 RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
 RAIL: **State season.**

SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:	State season. Dewatering unit open 7 days/week.
YOUTH, VETERANS, & ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL:	State season. (25 shell limit does not apply to youth hunters on these days).
WATERFOWL:	State season. 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.
SANDHILL CRANE:	State season. (Sunrise to 12:00 noon) By limited quota permit only.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	State season.
BOWFISHING:	March 1 – Aug. 31. Nongame fish only.
BOBCAT, BEAVER, FOX, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & COYOTE:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
QUAIL:	CLOSED.
FURBEARER TRAPPING: (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.
No waterfowl or sandhill crane hunting in Swan Creek dewatering impoundments (outlined on map/regulation form) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except during special teal and early goose season and the last 14 days of regular waterfowl season. All waterfowl hunting activity prohibited in these locations on these days except scouting by foot.	

(b) District II 2023-2024 Wildlife Management Area Seasons and Bag Limits (Northeast Alabama)

1. CHOCCOLOCCO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA and MT. LONGLEAF NWR SEGMENT (Calhoun and Cleburne Counties)

DEER:

<u>Zones A & B</u>	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Sept. 30 – Jan. 15.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt.
		<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 16 – 27.</u> One antlered buck a day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. Archery hunters must harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only gun deer hunts. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station days.
	(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 28 – 29.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *No antler restrictions apply.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 30 – Nov. 3.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.

- Zone A** (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 – 19. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 4 – 5, Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, and Dec. 14 – 17. One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 4 – 5, Nov. 18, Dec. 1 – 2, and Dec. 15 – 16 (including archery) to the check station located at the intersection of Forest Service Road 500 and 553 for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**
- Zone B** (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 24 – 25. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 9 – 12, Dec. 7 – 10, and Dec. 21 – 24. One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 10 – 11, Nov. 24 – 25, Dec. 8 – 9, and Dec. 22 (including archery) to the check station located at the intersection of Forest Service Road 522 and AL Hwy 9 for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

***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.**

Zones A & B

- TURKEY:** (Youth) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Choccolocco WMA.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – Feb. 29.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. **No dogs – daylight hours only on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.**

DOVE: **State season.** (12:00 noon until sunset). **Closed on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.** Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed. No hunting in Quail Area A or B on Wednesdays and Saturdays during quail season.

FERAL SWINE (Special Season): **Oct. 1 – 9 and March 1 – 10.** Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
Quail AREAS A and B hunting only on Wednesdays and Saturdays of state season. Bag Limit: 4 quail per person per day.

WOODCOCK: **State season.** No hunting on days of scheduled gun deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,
 RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. **Closed on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.**

2. COOSA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Coosa County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10.
 One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** 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 and MANDATORY check station day requirements.**

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 11 – 12. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***No antler restrictions apply.**

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 13 – 17, Dec. 28 – Jan. 1. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 30 to the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 18 – 19 and Nov. 24 – 25. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18 - 19 and Nov. 24 - 25 (including archery) to the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church or mobile check station on WMA Rd. 817 for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 7 - 10, Dec. 21 - 24, Jan. 4 - 7, Jan. 11 - 14, Jan. 18 - 21, Jan. 25 - 28, and Feb. 1 - 4. One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested to the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church on Dec. 8 - 9, Dec. 22 - 23, Jan. 5 - 6, Jan. 12 - 13, Jan. 19 - 20, Jan. 26 - 27, and Feb. 2 - 3 (including archery) for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 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) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

**Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.
 No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.
 No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Coosa WMA.**

FERAL SWINE (Special Season): **Sept. 1 – 11 and March 1 – 12.** Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

DOVE: **State season.** (12:00 noon until sunset on opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise to sunset). Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **State season.** No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: **State season.** No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,
 RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

3. CROW CREEK, MUD CREEK AND RACCOON CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND COON GULF TRACT

(Jackson County)

(i) Crow Creek, Mud Creek & Raccoon Creek WMAs:

DEER: (Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 21 – 29 and Dec. 30 – Jan. 7.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Primitive Weapons) **Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 13 -17.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Oct. 21 & 28, Nov. 13 – 17, Dec. 30, and Jan. 6 to check station at Wannville office for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

TURKEY: **CLOSED.**

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.**

DOVE: **State season.** (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise until sunset remainder of season.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 – March 3. No hunting on days of archery and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth or primitive weapons deer hunts..
RAIL, WOODCOCK, & SNIPE:	State season.
SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:	State season. Dewatering unit open 7 days/week.
YOUTH, VETERANS, & ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL:	State season. (25 shell limit does not apply to youth on these days).
WATERFOWL:	State seasons (½ hour before sunrise to sunset).
SANDHILL CRANE:	State season (Sunrise to 12:00 noon) By limited quota permit only.
BOWFISHING:	March 1 – Aug. 31. Nongame fish only.
FERAL SWINE (archery only):	March 1 – 14. Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
QUAIL:	CLOSED.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

No waterfowl or sandhill crane hunting in Mud Creek (Wannville) and Raccoon Creek dewatering impoundments (outlined on map/regulation form) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except during special teal and early goose season and the last 14 days of regular waterfowl season. All waterfowl hunting activity prohibited in these locations on these days except scouting by foot.

(ii) Coon Gulf Tract:

DEER:	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:</u> Oct. 14 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth deer hunt.
	(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:</u> Nov. 11 – 12. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:</u> Nov. 13 – 17. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:</u> Nov. 18 – 19, Nov. 23 – 26, and Jan. 11 – 14. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	April 6 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	April 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season. No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season. No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Coon Gulf Tract.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
CROW:	Sept. 1 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:	State season. 12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise until sunset remainder of the season.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
RAIL, WOODCOCK, & SNIPE:	State seasons.
FERAL SWINE (Archery only):	March 1 – 14. Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
QUAIL:	CLOSED.
WATERFOWL:	NO OPEN SEASON.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

4. NORTH SAUTY AND CROW CREEK WATERFOWL REFUGES

(Jackson County)

DEER:	(Archery Only)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Oct. 21 – 29 and Dec. 30 – Jan. 7. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Nov. 13 – 17. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Oct. 21 & 28, Nov. 13 – 17, Dec. 30, and Jan. 6 to check station at Wannville office for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Sauta Cave NWR – closed to deer hunting.
TURKEY:		CLOSED.
FERAL SWINE:		Sept. 1 – 9 and May 1 – 8. (Archery, Rimfire and Shotguns with slugs only). Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.
DOVE:		FIRST SEGMENT STATE SEASON (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of first segment).
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 9 – Oct. 20 and Feb. 5 – March 3. No hunting on days of archery and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1 – Oct. 20. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights youth or primitive weapons deer hunts.
BOWFISHING:		April 15 – Aug. 31. Nongame fish only.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,
 RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
 QUAIL: **CLOSED.**
 WATERFOWL: **CLOSED.**
 FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine) **Oct. 28 – Jan. 31** (water or land sets); **Feb. 1-29** (water sets only). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

5. HOLLINS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Clay & Talladega Counties)

DEER:

- Zones A & B** (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. 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 and MANDATORY check station day requirements.**
- (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 11 – 12. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***No antler restrictions apply.**
- (Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 13 – 17 and Dec. 28 – Jan. 1. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 30 (including archery) to the check station located on Clay County Road 4 in for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**
- (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 18 – 19 and Nov. 24 – 25. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18-19 and Nov. 24-25 (including archery) to the check station located on Clay County Road 4 in Hollins or mobile check stations at the intersection of Forest Roads 616 and 607 for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**
- Zone A** (Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 14-17, Jan. 11-14, and Jan. 25-28. One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 15-16, Jan. 12-13, and Jan. 26-27 (including archery) to the mobile check station located at the intersection of Forest Roads 616 and 607 for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

Zone B (Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, Jan. 4-7, Jan. 18-21, and Feb. 1-4. One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 1-2, Jan. 5-6, Jan. 19-20 and Feb. 2-3 (including archery) to the check station located on Clay County Road 4 in Hollins for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

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

TURKEY: (Youth) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Hollins WMA.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

DOVE: **State season.** Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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

DEER:

Zones A & B (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** 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 and MANDATORY check station day requirements.**

- (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 – 12. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***No antler restrictions apply.**
- (Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 30-Dec. 3 One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**
- (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 – 19 and Nov. 24 – 25. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 7 – 10, Dec. 14 – 17, Dec. 21 – 24, Jan. 4 – 7, Jan. 11 – 14, and Jan. 25 – 28. One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone A and Zone B. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested (including archery) on Nov. 18, Nov. 24 – 25, Dec. 15-16, Jan. 5-6, Jan. 12-13, and Jan. 26-27 to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

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

- TURKEY: (Youth) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from James D. Martin-Skyline WMA.

- DOVE: **State seasons** (12:00 noon until sunset). Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- RABBIT:
Zone A **Oct. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
Zone B **Feb. 1 – March 3.**
- SQUIRREL: **Oct. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
- QUAIL: **Nov. 4 - Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- WATERFOWL: **State season.** No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting
Season using weapons and ammunition approved
for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours
only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING
(excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 - Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be
obtained from Area Biologist.

7. LITTLE RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Cherokee and DeKalb Counties)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10.
One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one
antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions
apply.** 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 and MANDATORY check station
day requirements.**

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 – 12. One
deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one
antlered buck. ***No antler restrictions apply.**

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17 and
Dec. 18 – 21. One deer a day, either one unantlered
deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck
restrictions apply.**

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 - 19, Nov.
24 – 25, and Dec. 1 – 2. One deer a day, either one
unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered
buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to
bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18, Nov. 24 –
25, and Dec. 1 – 2 (including archery) to the
check station for data collection. The check
station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 7 – 10,
Dec. 21 – 24, and Jan. 11 – 14. One antlered buck
a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is
MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on
Dec. 8-9, Dec. 22, and Jan. 12-13 (including
archery) to the check station for data collection.
The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to
7:00 PM.**

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

TURKEY: (Youth) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
(Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers
only.

**Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Little River WMA.**

RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:	State season. (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
CROW:	Sept. 1 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	Nov. 4 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	State seasons. No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):	March 1 – 10. Permitted firearms & archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

8. MARTIN COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA (Tallapoosa County)

DEER:	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17 and Dec. 20 - 26.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	April 6 (until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	April 7 (until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	April 8 – May 8 (until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.		
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the CHA regular season.		
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Martin CHA.		
CROW:		Sept. 1 – March 3.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 9 – March 3. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:		Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.
WATERFOWL:		State season.
WOODCOCK:		State season.
FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, FOX, & COYOTE:		Open during any other scheduled WMA hunting season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed.

(c) **District III 2023-2024 Wildlife Management Area Seasons and Bag Limits (Central-West Central Alabama)**

1. CHARLES D. KELLEY - AUTAUGA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Autauga County)

DEER: (Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** 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 and MANDATORY check station day requirements.**

(Youth)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 – 12. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***No antler restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 11 to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

(Primitive Weapons)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17 and Dec. 4 – 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 9 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

(Gun)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 – 19. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

(Gun)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 23 – 26, Dec. 21 – 24, Dec. 28 – Jan. 1, Jan. 18 – 21, and Feb. 1 – 4. One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 30, Jan. 20, and Feb. 3 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 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)
(Physically Disabled)
(Regular)

March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Charles D. Kelley-Autauga WMA.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

CROW:	Sept. 1 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:	State season. (12:00 noon to sunset). Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 - March 3. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
QUAIL:	Nov. 4 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
SNIPE:	State season. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	State season. ½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK:	State season. No hunting on days of gun deer hunts.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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

DEER:	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice</u> : Oct. 14 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt, including Cahaba River Refuge. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station days.
	(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice</u> : Nov. 11 – 12. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. No antler restrictions apply. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge youth only archery.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice</u> : Nov. 13 – 17 and Dec. 4 – 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge.
	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice</u> : Nov. 18 – 19. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge. <u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only</u> : Nov. 23 – 26, Dec. 14 – 17, Dec. 21 – 24, Dec. 28 – Jan. 1, Jan. 11 – 14, and Jan. 25 – 28. (Nov. 25 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area). One antlered buck a day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery

hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge. It is **MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18, Nov. 25, Dec. 15 – 16 and Dec. 23 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 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) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
(Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from William R. Ireland-Cahaba River WMA.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. **No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.**

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only.
DOVE: **State season.** (12:00 noon until sunset).
Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. **No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.**

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

SNIPE: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: **State season.** (½ hour before sunrise until sunset).
No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts. **No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.**

WOODCOCK: **State season.** No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts. **No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.**

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. **No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.**

3. DAVID K. NELSON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Greene, Hale, Marengo, and Sumter Counties)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 14 – Feb. 10.**
One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**
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 and MANDATORY check station days.**
- (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 – 12. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***No antler restrictions apply.**
- (Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply**
- (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 – 19 and Dec. 9 – 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply on all units. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18 and Dec. 9 (including archery) to Runaway Branch II access area for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**
- Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 21 – 24, Jan. 4 - 7, Jan. 18 – 21, and Feb. 1 – 4. One antlered buck a day. ***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) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

**Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.
 No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.
 No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from David K. Nelson WMA.**

- RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only.
 DOVE: **State season.** (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
- QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- WATERFOWL: **State season.** (1/2 hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon). No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts.
- WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- FERAL SWINE (Special Season): **March 6 – 12.** Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
- BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,
 RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved

for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING
(excluding feral swine):

Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

4. LOWNDES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Lowndes County)

Dutch Bend Tract

DEER: (Archery Only)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Oct. 14 – 24.** One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 25 – Feb. 10.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested to check station on open check station days.**

***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: (Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM),** Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Lowndes WMA.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM:

Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only.

DOVE:

State season (12:00 noon until sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:

Sept. 9 – March 3. Hunting allowed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL:

Nov. 4 – Feb. 29. Hunting allowed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

WATERFOWL:

State season. (½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon). Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE:

State season. Hunting allowed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: 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.

FURBEARER TRAPPING
(excluding feral swine):

Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

Remainder of Lowndes WMA

DEER: (Archery)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Oct. 14 – 24.** One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 25 – Feb. 10.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** 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 and MANDATORY check station day requirements.**

- (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 – 12. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. ***No antler restrictions apply.**
- (Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17 and Dec. 14 – 17. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**
- (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 – 19, Nov. 25 – 26, Dec. 9 – 10, Dec. 28 – 31 One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18, Nov. 25, Dec. 9, and Dec. 30 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**
- Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 11 – 14, Jan. 25 – 28, and Feb. 1 – 4. One antlered buck a day. (Jan. 13 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at the check station prior to leaving the Area). ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 30 - 31, Jan. 13 – 14, Jan. 27 – 28, and Feb. 3 – 4 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 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) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
- Bag Limit – No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.
 No more than 1 gobbler per hunter prior to April 1 on any WMA
 No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Lowndes WMA.**
- CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- FERAL SWINE (Special Season): **Sept. 1 – 9 and March 6 – 12.** Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
- RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only.
- DOVE: **State season.** (12:00 noon until sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
- QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
- WATERFOWL: **State season.** (½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon). Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,
 RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

5. MULBERRY FORK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Tuscaloosa & Walker Counties)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** 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 and MANDATORY check station days.**

(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 – 12. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***No antler restrictions apply.**

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17 and Dec. 14 – 17. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 23 – 26. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 24 – 25 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.** Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 18 – 19, Dec. 7 – 10, Dec. 21 – 24, Dec. 28 – Jan. 1, Jan. 4 – 7, Jan. 18 – 21, and Feb. 1 – 4. One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Dec. 23, and Dec. 30 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 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) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

**Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.
 No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.
 No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Mulberry Fork WMA.**

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: DOVE:	Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only. State season. (12:00 noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):	Sept. 1 – 9 and March 6 - 12. Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	Nov. 4 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	State season. (½ hour before sunrise to noon). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	State season. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

6. OAKMULGEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Bibb, Hale, Perry & Tuscaloosa Counties)

DEER: (Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Oct. 14 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. 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 and MANDATORY check station day requirements.
(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Nov. 11 – 12. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *No antler restrictions apply.
(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Nov. 13 – 17 and Dec. 4 – 10. One deer a day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.
(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> Nov. 18 – 19 and Dec. 16 – 17. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18-19 and Dec. 16-17 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. <u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:</u> Nov. 23–26, Dec. 22 – 26, Dec. 29 – Jan. 1, Jan. 4 – 7, and

Jan. 11 - 14. One antlered buck a day. ***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) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
(Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Oakmulgee WMA.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

FERAL SWINE (Special Season): **Sept. 1 – 9.** Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime Hours Only.

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

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

(d) District IV 2023-2024 Wildlife Management Area Seasons and Bag Limits (Southeast Alabama)

1. BARBOUR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Barbour and Bullock Counties)

DEER:

Zones A & B (Archery)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14 – 24. One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested to the check station for data collection.**

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check**

		station day requirements. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt.
	(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 – 12.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *No antler restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 11 to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.
	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 – 19, Jan. 4 – 7, and Jan. 18 – 21.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Fridays and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
		<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Feb. 1 – 4. (Feb. 3 Bonus Buck Day must be validated by WFF personnel).</u> One antlered buck a day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Feb. 2-3 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
<u>Zone A</u>	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 1 – 10.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Fridays and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
<u>Zone B</u>	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 15 – 24.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Fridays and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 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) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Barbour WMA.

DOVE: **State season** (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, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
CROW:	Sept. 1 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
QUAIL:	Nov. 4 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
WATERFOWL:	State season. No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	State season. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

2. BLUE SPRING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Covington County)

DEER: (Archery)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Oct. 14 – 24.** One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunts. **Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station day requirements.**

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 25 – Feb. 10.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** **Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station day requirements. No hunting on days of dog deer or youth gun deer hunts.**

(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 - 12.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *No antler restrictions apply.
(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 - 17.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.
(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 - 19, Nov. 24 - 25, Dec. 8 - 9, and Jan. 4 - 7.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18-19, Nov. 24-25, Dec. 8-9, and Jan. 5-6. (Including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. <u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 18 - 21 and Feb. 1-4.</u> One antlered buck a day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Jan. 19-20 and Feb. 2-3 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
(Dog)	<u>Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 13 - 14.</u> One antlered buck a day. (Dec. 29 - 30 By Limited quota permit only, one antlered buck a day). *Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 5:00 AM to 7:00 PM. All hunters must check in before hunting at the check station on dog deer hunting dates.

***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) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 1 - May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

Bag Limit - No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Blue Spring WMA.

CROW: **Sept. 1 - March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.

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

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 - March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 - March 3.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.

QUAIL: **Nov. 4 - Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.

WATERFOWL:	State season. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts. No hunting permitted on Open, Buck, Ditch, and Blue Ponds.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	State season. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. (Excluding Dec. 13 - 14 and Dec. 29 - 30). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

3. BOGGY HOLLOW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Covington County)

DEER:	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:</u> Oct. 14 – 24. Hunting allowed only on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays. One antlered buck a day. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:</u> Oct. 25 – Feb. 10. Hunting allowed only on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt.
	(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:</u> Nov. 11 - 12. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice:</u> Nov. 13 – 17 (Monday – Friday) and Jan. 1 – Feb. 10 (Hunting only allowed on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays). Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
TURKEY:	(Youth) (Physically Disabled) (Regular)	March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only. March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only. April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.		
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.		
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Boggy Hollow WMA.		
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 9 – March 3. Hunting only on Thursdays and Fridays. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March. No hunting on days of youth or primitive weapons hunts.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only, except on Tuesday and Friday nights and nights preceding and nights of youth gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
QUAIL:		Nov. 18 – Feb. 10. Hunting only on Wednesdays and Saturdays. 4 Quail per person per day.
WOODCOCK:		State season. Hunting only on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
FURBEARER TRAPPING:		Feb. 12 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

COYOTE, BOBCAT, FERAL SWINE,
RACCOON, OPPSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

4. GENEVA STATE FOREST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Covington and Geneva Counties)

- DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14 – 24. One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station day requirements.** No hunting on days of dog deer or youth gun hunts.
- (Youth) Dog Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 11. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. By limited quota permit only. Dogs must be approved by DCNR personnel. ***No antler restrictions apply.**
- (Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 13 – 17. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**
- (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Nov. 18 – 19, Nov. 23 - 27, Dec. 14 – 17, and Dec. 28 – 31. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18-19, Nov. 24-25, Dec. 15-16, and Dec. 29 - 30 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**
Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 11 – 14 and Feb. 1 – 10 (Feb. 3 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area). One antlered buck a day. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Jan. 12–13 and Feb. 2-3 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**
- (Dog) Dog Hunting Hunters Choice: Dec. 8 - 9. One unantlered deer or one antlered buck per day. By Limited quota permit only. Dogs must be approved by DCNR personnel. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 5:00 AM to 7:00 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) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)**. Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)**. Gobblers only.
(Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)**. Gobblers only.

**Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.**

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Geneva State Forest WMA.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.

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

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.

QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.

WATERFOWL: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.

WOODCOCK & SNIBE: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** (Excluding Nov. 11 and Dec. 8 - 9). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

5. GOTHARD-AWF YATES LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Elmore County)

DEER:

Zones A & B (Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 14 – Feb. 10.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts.** No hunting on days of youth deer hunts.

(Youth) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 – 12.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Primitive Weapons) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Gun) **Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 18 – 19 and Jan. 19 – Feb. 4.** One antlered buck a day.

<u>Zone A</u>	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 23 – 26, Dec. 7 – 10, Dec. 21 – 24, and Jan. 4 – 7.</u> One antlered buck a day.
<u>Zone B</u>	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, Dec. 14 – 17, Dec. 28 – 31, and Jan. 11 – 14.</u> One antlered buck a day.

TURKEY: (Youth) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
 (Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Gothard-AWF Yates Lake WMA.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

WATERFOWL: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

WOODCOCK: **State season.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, COYOTE & FOX: 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 (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from District IV office.

(e) District V 2023-2024 Wildlife Management Area Seasons and Bag Limits (Southwest Alabama)

1. GRAND BAY SAVANNA COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA (Mobile County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14 – 24. One antlered buck a day.
Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 18 – Feb. 10.</u> Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only. One antlered buck a day. Shotguns with slugs and primitive weapons only. No dogs allowed.
TURKEY:	CLOSED.
CROW:	Sept. 1 – March 3.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only.
DOVE:	State season.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 – March 3. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
RAIL:	State season.
WATERFOWL:	State season.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	State season.
FERAL SWINE, COYOTE, BOBCAT, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

2. MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA AND W.L. HOLLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Baldwin and Mobile Counties)

(Jacinto Port Tract):

DEER:	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14 – 24.</u> One antlered buck a day. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
TURKEY:	(Youth) March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only. (Physically Disabled) March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only. (Regular) April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.	
Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season. No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season. No more than 2 gobblers per hunter from Mobile-Tensaw Delta & W.L. Holland WMA.		
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 9 – Oct. 8 and Feb. 11 – March 3. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, COYOTE & FOX:		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.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):		Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

(Remainder of Mobile-Tensaw Delta and W. L. Holland Wildlife Management Areas Including Tom Roush Tract):

DEER:	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14 – 24.</u> One antlered buck a day. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
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	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 18 – Feb. 10.</u> Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays Only. One antlered buck a day. No dogs allowed.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.		
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.		
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Mobile-Tensaw Delta & W.L. Holland WMA.		
CROW:		Sept. 1 – March 3.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):		Sept. 1 – 10. Dog hunting allowed. Daylight hours only.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only.
DOVE:		State season.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		Sept. 10 – March 3. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
RAIL:		State season.
WATERFOWL:		State season. (½ hour before sunrise to 1:00 PM). (Further restrictions apply for the Mobile-Tensaw Delta Waterfowl Management Zone within the WMA, see Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide.)
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:		State season.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,		
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:		Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for these species (excluding buckshot). No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):		Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

3. PERDIDO RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Baldwin County)

DEER:	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14 – 24.</u> One antlered buck a day. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. 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 and MANDATORY check station days.
	(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 - 12.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17 and Dec. 11 – 17.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 - 19 and Nov. 24 – 25.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 18, 24, and 25 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 7 – 10, Dec. 28 – 31, Jan. 11 – 14, Jan. 25 – 28, and Feb. 1 – 4 (Jan. 27 Bonus buck day, must be validated by WFF personnel prior to leaving the Area). One antlered buck a day. It is **MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 29, Jan. 12 – 13, Jan. 26 – 27, and Feb. 2 – 3 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

TURKEY: (Youth) **March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
(Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.
Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season. No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular Season. No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Perdido River WMA.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 3.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun hunts.
DOVE: **State season.** (Thursdays and Saturdays only; Noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 9 – March 3.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL: **Nov. 4 – Feb. 29.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL: **State season.** No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE: **State season.** No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

4. RED HILLS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Monroe County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14 – 24. One antlered buck a day.
Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunts.
(Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 – 12. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. All deer hunting shall be limited to weapons and ammunition established in Rule 220-2-.02, excluding centerfire rifles, centerfire handguns and buckshot.

(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 18 – Dec. 15 and Dec. 31 – Feb. 10.</u> One antlered buck a day. All deer hunting shall be limited to weapons and ammunition established in Rule 220-2-.02, excluding centerfire rifles, centerfire handguns, and buckshot. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 16 – Dec. 30.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered. All deer hunting shall be limited to weapons and ammunition established in Rule 220-2-.02, excluding centerfire rifles, centerfire handguns, and buckshot.
TURKEY: (Youth)	March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
(Physically Disabled)	March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
(Regular)	April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.	
No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of WMA regular season.	
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Red Hills WMA.	
CROW:	Sept. 1 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1 – March 3. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth gun deer hunt.
DOVE:	State Season. (Noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	Nov. 4 – Feb. 29. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt.
WATERFOWL:	State Season.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	State Season. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt.
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season, excluding youth gun deer hunt, using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Oct. 28 – Feb. 29. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

5. UPPER DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Baldwin and Mobile Counties)

DEER:

<u>Zones A & B:</u> (Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14 – 24.</u> One antlered buck a day. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10.</u> Two deer a 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. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunts.
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	(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 11 – 12.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 13 – 17, and Jan. 11 – 14.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 18 - 19.</u> One antlered buck a day. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 7 – 10.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Dog)	<u>Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 15 – 17.</u> One antlered buck a day. Dog deer hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 a.m.
	<u>Zone A:</u>	(Gun) <u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 28 – 31 and Jan. 25 – 28.</u> One antlered buck a day.
	<u>Zone B:</u>	(Gun) <u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 1 – 7 and Jan. 18 – 21.</u> One antlered buck a day.
		(Dog) <u>Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 20 – 26 and Dec. 1 – 3.</u> One antlered buck a day. Dog deer hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 a.m.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 30 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
	(Physically Disabled)	March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.
	(Regular)	April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.

Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.

No decoys allowed for the first 10 days of the WMA regular season.

No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Upper Delta WMA.

CROW:	Sept. 1 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
RACCOON, & OPOSSUM:	Sept. 1- March 3. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts. Fox: Dogs only, no weapons.
DOVE:	State season. (Wednesday and Saturdays only). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sept. 9 – March 3. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
WATERFOWL: <u>Zone A</u>	State season. (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1:00 PM). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.
	<u>Zone B</u> State season. (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1:00 PM).
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	State season. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting
Season using weapons and ammunition approved
for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours
only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 28 – Feb. 29.** Trapping permits must be
obtained from Area Biologist.

(2) 2023-2024 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons

(a) District II 2023-2024 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits (Northeast Alabama)

1. CROW CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA

(Jackson County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 14 – 15, Oct. 26 – 29, Nov. 2 – 5, and Nov. 16 – 19, Nov. 30– Dec. 3, and Feb. 7-10.** Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date in permitted hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

WATERFOWL: **Dec. 16 – 17, Dec. 23 – 24, Dec. 30 – 31, Jan. 6 - 7, Jan. 13 –14, Jan. 20 – 21, and Jan. 27 – 28.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed permit holder. The permit holder may have four 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 to be determined through random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

(Youth):**Feb. 3.** 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, 21 years of age 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 to be determined through random selection. State bag limits apply for each youth hunter.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:

Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Area 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.

(b) District III 2023-2024 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits (Central-West Central Alabama)

1. CEDAR CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA (Dallas County)

DEER:

(Archery)Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Oct. 14 – 17.** Bag limit of one antlered buck each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 26 – 29.** Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 14 – 17**. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply**. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlerless Deer Only: **Nov. 2 – 5** Bag limit of four antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may each bring one youth 8 – 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, Dec. 28 – 31, Jan. 9 - 12, Jan. 18 – 21, Jan. 25 - 28, and Feb. 1 – 4**. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply**. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may each bring one youth 8 – 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

***To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have:**

- **Inside 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, and antler measurements at kiosk. Hunters must also extract the jawbone and leave it at the kiosk.**
- **Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the district biologist.**

TURKEY: (Regular) **April 5 – 7, April 19 – 21, April 26 – 28, and May 3 – 5**. Bag limit of one gobbler each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 3-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 - 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

(Adult Mentored) **April 12 - 14**. Bag limit of one gobbler for each hunter during the 3-day hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

QUAIL, RABBIT, SQUIRREL, & RACCOON: **Feb. 12 – 18 and Feb 19 – 25**. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests (youth 15 years old and younger can accompany hunt party, in addition to guests) on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Area 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.

2. PORTLAND LANDING SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA

(Dallas County)

DEER:

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14– 17. Bag limit of one antlered buck each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit.

***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 26 – 29. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 14 – 17. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

(Adult Mentored) Stalk Hunting Antlerless Deer Only: Nov. 3 – 5. Dec. 8 – 10, and Dec. 15 – 17. Bag limit of three antlerless deer for each hunter during the 4-day hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, Dec. 28 – 31, Jan. 9 – 12, Jan. 18 – 21, Jan. 25 – 28, and Feb. 1 – 4. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may each bring one youth 8 – 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

***To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have:**

- **Inside 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, and antler measurements at kiosk. Hunters must also extract the jawbone and leave it at the kiosk.**
- **Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the district biologist.**

WATERFOWL: Jan. 6 – 7. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed permit holder. The permit holder may have two 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 to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

TURKEY:

(Regular) **April 5 – 7, April 19 – 21, April 26 – 28, and May 3 - 5.** Bag limit of one gobbler each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 3-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 - 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

- (Adult Mentored) **April 13 - 15.** Bag limit of one gobbler for each hunter during the 3-day hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. Permit to be determined through random selection.
- DOVE: **Sept. 9.** 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. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 – 15 years of age. Permit and specified hunt location to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.
- (Adult Mentored) **Sept. 9.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. Permit to be determined through random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.
- FERAL SWINE:
- (Gun) Stalk Hunting Only: **Mar 2 - 3.** No bag limit. No dogs. Daylight hours only. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 2-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may bring one hunting youth each 8 - 15 years of age.
- QUAIL, RABBIT, SQUIRREL, & RACCOON:**Feb. 12 – 18 and Feb. 19 – 25.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests (youth 15 years old and younger can accompany hunt party, in addition to guests) on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.
- BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Area 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) District IV 2023-2024 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits (Central East Central, Southeast Alabama)

1. PRAIRIE GLADES SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA

(Montgomery County)

- DOVE: **Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, and Oct. 21.** 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. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 – 15 years of age. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.
- DEER: (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter’s Choice: **Dec. 30 – Jan. 1, Jan. 12 – 14, Jan. 26 – 28, and Feb. 8 – 10.** Bag limit of one antlered buck and two antlerless deer each for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 3-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 – 15 years of age. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

2. UCHEE CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA (Russell County)

DEER:

- (Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Oct. 14 – 17 and Oct. 19 – 22.** Bag limit of one antlered buck each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and

in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 26 – 29. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 14 – 17. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

(Youth) Stalk Hunting: Nov. 11 – 12. Bag limit of one antlered buck with at least 3 points on one side and one antlerless deer for each youth hunter during 2-day hunt. **Only Youth 8 – 15 years of age can hunt.** By limited quota permit only for properly licensed adult supervisor and one youth hunter aged 8 – 15 years on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlerless Deer Only: Nov. 2 – 5. Bag limit of four antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, Dec. 14 – 17, Dec. 28 – 31, Jan. 18 – 21, and Feb. 1 – 4. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may each bring one youth 8 – 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

***To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have:**

- **Inside 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, and antler measurements at kiosk. Hunters must also extract the extract jawbone and leave it at the kiosk.**
- **Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the district biologist.**

WATERFOWL: Dec. 9 – 10, Jan. 6 – 7, and Jan. 13 – 14. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed permit holder. 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 limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

TURKEY: (Regular) April 5 – 7, April 12 – 14, April 19 – 21, April 26 – 28, and May 3 – 5. Bag limit of one gobbler each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 3-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 - 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

QUAIL, RABBIT, & SQUIRREL: Feb. 12 – 18 and Feb. 19 – 25. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have

three properly licensed hunting guests (Youth 15 years old and younger can accompany hunt party, in addition to guests) on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Area 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.

(d) District V 2023-2024 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits (Southwest Alabama)

1. BLACKWATER SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA (Baldwin County)

DEER:

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 26 – 29, Nov. 2 – 5, and Nov. 9 – 12. Bag limit of one antlered buck and one antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice: Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, Dec. 14 – 17, Dec. 28 – 31, Jan. 11 – 14, Jan. 25 – 28, and Feb. 1-4. Bag limit of one antlered buck and one antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may each bring one youth 8 – 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

DOVE: **Sept. 16.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. Their permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest on that specified hunt date. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 – 15 years of age. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

QUAIL, RABBIT, & SQUIRREL: **Feb. 12 – 18 and Feb. 19 – 25.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests (youth 15 years old and younger can accompany hunt party, in addition to guests) on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Area 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.

2. CHOCTAW NWR (Choctaw County)

DEER:

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 14 – 17. Bag limit of one antlered buck and one antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

3. FRED T. STIMPSON SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA

(Clarke County)

DEER:

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Oct. 19 – 22**. Bag limit of one antlered buck each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit.

***Antlered buck restrictions apply**. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 26 – 29, Dec. 14 – 17, Jan. 11 – 14, and Jan. 25 – 28**. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit.

***Antlered buck restrictions apply**. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

(Youth Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 4 – 5, Nov. 18 – 19, Dec. 9 – 10, and Dec. 29 – 30**. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer for each youth hunter during 2-day hunt. **Only Youth 8 – 15 years of age can hunt**. ***No antler restrictions apply**. By limited quota permit only for properly licensed adult supervisor and one youth hunter aged 8 – 15 years on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

***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: (Regular) **April 5 – 7, April 12 – 14 and April 26 – 28**. Bag limit of one gobbler each for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 3-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 - 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: (Youth) **Oct. 14 - 15 and Feb. 10 - 11**. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter and a minimum of one youth hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests (youth 15 years old and younger can accompany hunt party, in addition to guests) on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any other scheduled Special Opportunity Area 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.

4. THIGPEN HILL SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA (Butler County)

DEER:

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Oct. 19 – 22**. Bag limit of one antlered buck each, for properly licensed permit holder and guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply**. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 26 – 29**. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply**. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

- (Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 14 – 17**. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply**. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.
- (Youth) Stalk Hunting Antlerless Deer Only: **Nov. 11 – 12**. Bag limit of three antlerless deer for each youth hunter during 2-day hunt. **Only Youth 8 – 15 years of age can hunt**. By limited quota permit only for properly licensed adult supervisor and one youth hunter aged 8 – 15 years on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.
- (Gun) Stalk Hunting Antlerless Deer Only: **Nov. 2 – 5**. Bag limit of four antlerless deer each for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may each bring one youth 8 – 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.
- Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, Dec. 14 – 17, Dec. 28 – 31, Jan. 18 – 21, Jan. 25 – 28, and Feb. 1 – 4**. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply**. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may each bring one youth 8 – 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

***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: (Regular) **April 5 – 7, April 12 – 14, April 19 – 21, April 26 – 28, and May 3 – 5**. Bag limit of one gobbler each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 3-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 - 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

FERAL SWINE: (Gun) Stalk Hunting Only: **Mar. 2 - 3**. No bag limit. No dogs. Daylight hours only. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 2-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may bring one hunting youth each 15 years old or younger.

QUAIL, RABBIT, & SQUIRREL: **Feb. 12 – 18 and Feb. 19 – 25**. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests (Youth 15 years old and younger can accompany hunt party, in addition to guests) on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Area 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.

5. LITTLE RIVER SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA

(Escambia County)

DEER:

- (Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 19 – 22. Bag limit of one antlered buck each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.
- Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 26 – 29 and Nov. 2 – 5. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.
- (Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 14 – 17. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.
- (Youth) Stalk Hunting Antlerless Deer Only: Nov. 11 – 12. Bag limit of three antlerless deer for each youth hunter during 2-day hunt. **Only Youth 8 – 15 years of age can hunt.** By limited quota permit only for properly licensed adult supervisor and one youth hunter aged 8 – 15 years on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.
- (Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, Dec. 28 – 31, Jan. 18 – 31, Jan. 18 – 21, Jan. 25 – 28, and Feb. 1 – 4. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may each bring one youth 8 – 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

***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: (Regular) **April 5 – 7, April 12 – 14, April 19 – 21, April 26 – 28, and May 3 – 5.** Bag limit of one gobbler each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 3-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 - 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

QUAIL, RABBIT, & SQUIRREL: **Feb. 12 – 18, and Feb. 19 – 25.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. The permit holder may have three properly licensed hunting guests (youth 15 years old and younger can accompany hunt party, in addition to guests) on that specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit and specified hunt unit to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

DOVE: **Sept. 9** 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. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 – 15 years of age. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Area 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.

6. UPPER STATE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA (Clarke County)

DEER: (Archery) Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: **Oct. 19 – 22**. Bag limit of one antlered buck each for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Oct. 26 – 29, Nov. 9 – 12, Nov. 23 – 26, Dec. 28 – 31, Jan. 4 – 7, Jan. 18 – 21, and Feb. 1 – 4**. Bag limit of one antlered buck and three antlerless deer each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 4-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. ***Antlered buck restrictions apply.** Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

***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: **April 5 – 7 and April 19 – 21**. Bag limit of one gobbler each, for properly licensed permit holder and one properly licensed guest during 3-day hunt on specified hunt date and in specified hunt unit. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 - 15 years of age. Permit holder and/or guest and youth are allowed one gun per hunting pair. Bag limit allowed to each hunting pair.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX: Open during any scheduled Special Opportunity Area 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.

220-2-.125 Special Hunting Seasons for Certain Forever Wild and State Lands Division Lands

- (1) The following special 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; and

Old Cahawba Prairie Complex – West Zone, Old Cahawba Prairie Tract, Dallas County;

- (a) The hunting seasons as established in Rules 220-2-.01, 220-2-.77, and 220-2-.29, 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, Sipse River Complex in Tuscaloosa County, and Old Cahawba Prairie Tract in Dallas County, (no bag limit).
 3. Deer hunting shall be limited to shotgun with slugs, muzzle-loading rifles, muzzle-loading handguns, muzzle-loading shotguns, pre-charged pneumatic arrow shooting rifles using an arrow equipped with a broadhead which has a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8" and 2 sharpened edges, pre-charged pneumatic air-powered guns .30 caliber or larger, bow and arrow, or crossbow. Muzzleloading rifles and handguns to be .40 caliber or larger, shotguns to use single round balls only. Firearms must be incapable of holding more than one charge for each barrel.
 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 13 to November 17.
 7. Turkey hunting shall be legal from daylight until 1:00 pm.
 8. Hunting on Old Cahawba Prairie Complex shall be as follows: (East Zone, Thursday – Sunday) and (West Zone, open daily) during open public hunting seasons.
- (2) The following special 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 as established in Rules 220-2-.01 and 220-2-.77, 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 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 gauges or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.
- Note: 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 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.
 7. Rimfire rifles shall be legal on the Old Cahawba Prairie Complex – East Zone in Dallas County for hunting small game.

220-2-.127 Special Hunting Seasons for Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Lauderdale County

- (1) The following special 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 and 220-2-.77 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 persons for their personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided in this regulation.

3. No trapping shall be allowed.

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 or gate 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, sod or artifacts 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.
 - (v) To check-in any Physically Disabled Hunting Area prior to 5 am on the scheduled hunt days.
 - (w) To change stand locations after signing in for that stand. Once signed in for a stand, the hunter shall not change stands for the duration of that hunt.
 - (x) For any person to be on any Physically Disabled Hunting Area unless registered to hunt on that day.
- (2) Individuals must follow the listed rules to participate in the scheduled deer, turkey, and waterfowl 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 a 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.
- (4) Cherokee Physically Disabled Hunting Area is available for muzzleloader season.
- (5) The following Physically Disabled Hunting Areas are suitable for turkey hunting:
 - (a) Fayette,
 - (b) Skyline,
 - (c) Big Oak,
 - (d) USA Foundation,
 - (e) Chattahoochee,
 - (f) Shiloh Hill,
 - (g) Turnipseed-Ikenberry, and
 - (h) Dozer.
- (6) Mud Creek (Wannville) Physically Disabled Waterfowl Hunting Blind is only available for waterfowl hunting.

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 Forever Wild Field Trial 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) "University of South Alabama Foundation Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
 - (l) "Pine Hills Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
 - (m) "Big Oak Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
 - (n) "Dozier Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
 - (o) "Cherokee Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
 - (p) "Shiloh Hill Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
 - (q) "Coffee County (Victoria) Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
 - (r) "Lewis Smith Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
 - (s) "Jordan Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map."
 - (t) "Mud Creek (Wannville) Physically Disabled Waterfowl Hunting Blind," as indicated on the attached revised map.

NOTE: For Physically Disabled Hunting Area maps, please contact the Wildlife Section at 334-242-3469.

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, except in accordance with the following regulations. All range users shall abide by the listed regulations and posted rules pertinent to the range in use. Permits for the excepted uses will be issued by the Hunter Education Coordinator or a designee. The range may be closed as necessary.
 - (a) Range is open during daylight hours only, unless otherwise posted, except by permit issued by the Hunter Education Coordinator or a designee.
 - (b) No alcoholic beverages allowed.
 - (c) Any legal firearm and ammunition (excluding armor-piercing, tracer, or any ammunition considered to be incendiary or explosive) may be used on target range.
 - (d) Keep all firearms on the shooting line unloaded and muzzles pointed down range when not firing or uncased. When not on the firing line, all firearms shall be unloaded with the action open and muzzle pointed in a safe direction or cased.
 - (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. Exploding targets are prohibited. The targets must be placed so that shots will impact above the range ground floor and into the bottom 5' of the embankment. Only one person may shoot from each designated location at any given time.
 - (g) Only shotguns utilizing 4 size shot or smaller may be used at the designated "Clay Target Areas".
 - (h) All used targets, brass, shotgun hulls, and other trash shall be placed in a trash receptacle or removed by the user from the public shooting range.
 - (i) It shall be unlawful to violate any posted restriction.
 - (j) All Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age using a public shooting range are required to have either a valid Alabama: state hunting license, state wildlife management area license, or a wildlife heritage license to use the range. All non-residents 16 years of age and over are required to have either a valid Alabama: state non-resident hunting license or a state wildlife management area license.

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, or in partnership with, the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, except in accordance with the following regulations. All range users shall abide by the listed regulations and posted rules pertinent to the range in use. Permits for excepted uses will be issued by the Hunter Education Coordinator or a designee. The range may be closed as necessary.
 - (a) The range is open during daylight hours only, unless otherwise posted, except by permit by the Hunter Education Coordinator or a designee.
 - (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 target placed on an existing target and is to be 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 by the Hunter Education Coordinator or a designee.
- (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 targets and other trash shall be placed in a trash receptacle or removed by the user from the range.
- (l) All Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age are required to have either a valid Alabama: state hunting license, state wildlife management area license, or a state wildlife heritage license to use the range. All non-residents 16 years of age and over are required to have either a valid Alabama: state hunting license or 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.
- (n) It shall be unlawful to violate any posted restriction.

220-2-.168 Fees

Act 2015-441 authorizes any state agency that statutorily levies or assesses fees to fund its operations and programs to increase those fees by means provided in the Act. Pursuant to the authority of Act 2015-441, certain statutory fees related to the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division have been increased. See the table below for a list of increased fees. The statutory fees in column three are increased to the amounts in column four.

FEES

1	2	3	4
Authorizing Statutes	Description	Statutory Fee	New fee Authorized by Act 2015-441
9-11-413	Commercial Fowl Hunt Preserve - Nonexempt	\$25	\$30
9-11-413	Commercial Fowl Hunt Preserve – Additional Acres - Nonexempt	\$5	\$6
9-11-413	Commercial Fowl Hunt Preserve – Exempt	\$500	\$600
9-12-202	Alligator Farmer	\$1000	\$1,200
9-12-206	Alligator Parts Dealer	\$100	\$120
9-12-206	Alligator Retailer	\$5	\$6
9-11-342	Commercial Quail Breeders	\$25	\$30
9-11-261	Propagation Permit	\$1	\$1
9-11-63	Non-Resident Fur Dealer	\$300	\$360
9-11-143	Resident Freshwater Commercial	\$99	\$118
9-11-373	Resident Mussel Buyers	\$100	\$120
9-11-372	Resident Mussel Catchers	\$250	\$300
9-11-153	Freshwater Non-Game Retail Fish Dealers	\$10	\$12
9-11-153	Freshwater Non-game Wholesale Fish Dealers	\$25	\$30
9-11-373	Non-Resident Mussel Buyers	\$300	\$360
9-11-372	Non-Resident Mussel Catchers	\$750	\$900
9-11-58	Non-Resident Minnows and Live Fish Retail	\$200	\$240
9-11-58	Non-Resident Minnows and Live Fish Wholesale	\$250	\$300

Note: Issuance fees may apply. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/license-information

LIFETIME LICENSE:

Prices below are valid from September 1, 2023 until August 31, 2024.

License Privilege by age	Under 2	2-11	12-49	50 & over
Hunting*	\$413.00	\$550.45	\$687.70	\$413.00
Freshwater Fishing*	\$206.85	\$275.60	\$344.35	\$206.85
Saltwater Fishing**	\$344.35	\$413.00	\$481.70	\$344.35
Hunting & Freshwater Fishing*	\$619.05	\$687.70	\$962.45	\$619.05
Hunting & Saltwater Fishing*	\$756.35	\$962.45	\$1,168.55	\$756.35
Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing*	\$550.45	\$687.70	\$825.10	\$550.45
Hunting, Fresh & Saltwater Fishing*	\$962.45	\$1,099.85	\$1,443.20	\$962.45
Add Additional Privileges	Under 2	2-11	12-49	50 & over
State Duck Stamp	\$182.25	\$230.50	\$278.90	\$182.25
Wildlife Heritage	\$275.60	\$275.60	\$275.60	\$275.60
Gulf Saltwater Reef Fish Endorsement	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00
Resident Military Veteran's Appreciation	49 & under	50 & over		
Freshwater Fishing (20% or more disabled)	\$ 51.50	\$ 28.60		
Saltwater Fishing (20% or more disabled)	\$ 51.50	\$ 28.60	1-time Required Issuance Fee	\$1.20
Hunting (40% or more disabled)	\$ 68.60	\$ 34.30		
Hunting (100% or more disabled)	\$ 51.50	\$ 28.60		
All Replacement Lifetime Cards	\$ 5.00			

*Freshwater Fishing and Hunting Lifetime License includes the Wildlife Heritage Privileges

**Reef Fish Endorsement required for any person possessing, taking or attempting to take any gulf reef fish species listed in Rule 220-3-.46.

NOTE: It is a violation of Alabama law for any nonresident to attempt to purchase an Alabama lifetime hunting/fishing license.

Lifetime Licenses are available at WFF District Offices, County Probate Judge or License Commissioners, electronic license agents, online at www.outdooralabama.com/license-information, by calling 1-888-848-6887, or our Montgomery office, 64 North Union Street, Ste. 567, Montgomery, AL 36104.

GENERAL INFORMATION - LICENSE FEES

All license prices include issuance fee. Alabama hunting and fishing licenses are available in all sections of the State from approximately 300 special license agents in many sporting goods stores, marinas, and at all county courthouses. Licenses may also be purchased at WFF District Offices and Montgomery Office as well as on our website at: www.outdooralabama.com/license-information or by phone at 1-888-848-6887 unless noted otherwise (additional fees online and phone sales). It is illegal to willfully or knowingly make a false statement to a license agent when purchasing a license. It is also illegal to lend, borrow, sell, buy, rent or use another person's license to hunt, fish or trap.

License exemptions:

Residents on active military duty home on leave may hunt and fish without licenses. (State and federal duck stamps and HIP permits are still required as per federal regulation. Management Area License and Permit are required when hunting deer or turkey on a wildlife management area. Saltwater Angler Registry and Reef Fish Endorsement required for saltwater fishing.) Resident must provide Alabama driver's license and copy of leave papers.

Residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from buying hunting licenses, freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses, wildlife management area license, HIP permit, and state duck stamp, provided said resident has on his person while hunting or fishing, a driver's license or proof of permanent Alabama residence and age. Some licenses are required, see below.

NOTES:

All residents 16 through 64 years of age must have appropriate licenses, unless noted.

All Nonresidents 16 years of age and older must have appropriate licenses.

Residents 64 years of age purchasing a hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing license are issued on a lifetime basis.

HUNTING LICENSES (Resident and Nonresident): State and Federal Duck Stamp required when hunting migratory waterfowl, and HIP permit required for hunting migratory birds.

Resident All Game , includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage.....	\$ 32.55
Resident Small Game , includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage.....	\$ 21.55
Resident Bait Privilege , required of all ages ⁽¹⁾	\$ 17.55
Resident Nighttime Feral Swine & Coyote , required of all ages ⁽²⁾	\$ 17.10
Resident Wildlife Heritage ⁽³⁾	\$ 13.30
Resident 100% Disabled ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 7.15
Resident Veterans 50% or more Disabled ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 16.80
Resident Veterans 100% Disabled ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 3.50
Nonresident Annual All Game	\$377.25
Nonresident 10-Day Trip All Game , valid 240 consecutive hours.....	\$232.90
Nonresident 3-Day Trip All Game , valid 72 consecutive hours.....	\$164.30
Nonresident Annual Small Game	\$123.05
Nonresident 10-Day Trip Small Game , valid 240 consecutive hours.....	\$ 74.95
Nonresident 3-Day Trip Small Game , valid 72 consecutive hours.....	\$ 54.30
Nonresident Bait Privilege required of all ages ⁽¹⁾	\$ 59.95
Nonresident Nighttime Feral Swine & Coyote ⁽²⁾	\$ 58.30
Disabled Military Veteran's Appreciation Hunting Event ⁽⁷⁾	\$164.30
State Duck Stamp ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 11.75
Federal Duck Stamp ⁽⁸⁾	\$ 28.00
Wildlife Management Area License ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 21.55
Commercial Fowl Hunting Preserve License ⁽¹⁰⁾	\$ 10.00

FUR CATCHERS LICENSE (Resident and Nonresident):

Resident ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 26.45
Nonresident ⁽¹²⁾	Varies by State

- (1) Allows taking of white-tailed deer or feral swine by aid of bait, in addition to required hunting licenses. Required of all ages. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- (2) Allows hunting of feral swine and coyote at night on private or leased lands during special season. Bait license required if hunting feral swine over bait. Required of all ages. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- (3) Allows residents to fish in freshwater statewide with hook and line from the bank, fish in WFF operated Public Fishing Lakes (daily lake permits required), hunt small game, except waterfowl, on WFF WMA (WMA permit required), shoot on WFF managed shooting ranges, and support wildlife. These privileges are also included in all resident hunting and freshwater fishing licenses, including lifetime licenses.
- (4) Present certification of permanent disability benefit to your local Probate/License Commissioner office for Issuance.
- (5) Resident Disabled Military Veteran's Appreciation applicants must present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office.
- (6) Event must be sanctioned by DCNR. Allows up to (20) physically disabled persons and their assistant to fish on one event license. \$5.00 for each additional participant.
- (7) Event must be sanctioned by DCNR Commissioner. This license allows up to (10) U.S. Military veterans, 50% or more disabled, to hunt on one event license. Must present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration.
- (8) Required for migratory waterfowl. A 45-day temporary Federal Duck Stamp is now available electronically. Original stamp will be mailed within 30 days.
- (9) Required for hunting big game (deer or turkey) and waterfowl on a WFF WMA in addition to the appropriate hunting license and a Management Area Permit (free). Shooting range users on WMA are required to have a valid hunting license, the Management Area License or residents may have the Wildlife Heritage license.
- (10) In lieu of a regular hunting license, either a resident or a nonresident may purchase for \$8.00 plus a \$2.00 issuance fee, a 7-day commercial fowl hunting preserve license that allows that person the privilege of hunting only artificially propagated or pen-raised fowl

on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve. Check with the hunting preserve for information.

(11) Required of all ages. Issued at local county Probate/License Commissioner or WFF Montgomery Office.

(12) Required of all ages. Issued only by the WFF Montgomery Office.

NOTE: It is illegal to hunt, trap, capture, injure, kill or destroy any wild game on another person's land without having in possession the written permission of the landowner with few exceptions. All required hunting and fishing licenses must be in possession when hunting or fishing. Hunters are required to have a deer/turkey harvest record in possession when hunting.

RESIDENT SPORT FISHING LICENSES: Required to fish with rod and reel, hook and line, or from a boat in public waters. Not required to fish with ordinary hook and line only, from bank in county of legal residence.

Freshwater , includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage	\$16.15
Saltwater	\$28.50
7-Day Trip Saltwater , valid 168 consecutive hours	\$11.80
Gulf Saltwater Reef Fish Endorsement (required of all ages)	\$10.00
Freshwater 100% Disabled ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3.40
Freshwater Veteran's Appreciation 20% or more Disabled ⁽²⁾	\$ 3.50
Freshwater 3-day Disabled Event ⁽³⁾	\$100.00
Saltwater 100% Disabled ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3.40
Saltwater Veterans Appreciation 20% or more Disabled ⁽²⁾	\$ 3.50
Saltwater 3-day Disabled Event ⁽³⁾	\$100.00

NONRESIDENT SPORT FISHING LICENSES: Reciprocal fishing license cost may apply to residents of Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Annual Freshwater ⁽⁴⁾	\$62.60
7-Day Trip Freshwater ⁽⁴⁾ , valid 168 consecutive hours	\$35.00
Annual Saltwater ⁽⁴⁾	\$61.35
7-Day Trip Saltwater ⁽⁴⁾ , valid 168 consecutive hours	\$33.75
Gulf Saltwater Reef Fish Endorsement (required of all ages)	\$10.00
Freshwater Family Trip 3-Day	\$35.00

Allows non-residents to add up to 4 additional immediate family members (spouse, children, parents and grandchildren) to their Sport Fishing License. Max: 5 people total.

(1) Present certification of permanent disability benefit to your local Probate/License Commissioner office for Issuance.

(2) Resident Disabled Military Veteran's Appreciation applicants must present 20% or more disability certification from U.S. Veterans Administration to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office.

(3) Event must be sanctioned by DCNR. Allows up to (20) physically disabled persons and their assistant to fish on one event license. \$5.00 for each additional participant.

(4) Required for fishing in any public water regardless of tackle used.

PUBLIC LAKES FISHING LICENSES * (Resident and Nonresident):

Resident Daily Freshwater Fishing	\$ 7.30
Nonresident Daily Freshwater Fishing	\$ 8.55
Nonresident Annual Freshwater Fishing	\$15.00

*In lieu of a regular fishing license, a resident or non-resident may purchase to fish at any WFF Division owned Public Fishing Lake. Not valid in other public reservoir, lake or river. Visit: www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/freshwater-fishing

FRESHWATER MUSSEL LICENSE (Resident and Nonresident):

Resident Catcher ⁽²⁾	\$301.00
Nonresident Catcher ⁽²⁾	\$901.00
Resident Dealer or Buyer ⁽²⁾	\$121.00
Nonresident Dealer or Buyer ⁽²⁾	\$361.00

FRESHWATER COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE:

Resident Annual⁽¹⁾	\$119.00
Retail Freshwater Fish Dealer⁽¹⁾	\$13.00
Required to sell commercial or nongame fish direct to consumer	
Wholesale Freshwater Fish Dealer⁽¹⁾	\$31.00
Required to sell commercial or nongame fish for resale	
Nonresident Commercial Fishing⁽²⁾ (Reciprocal prices apply).....	varies

(1) Required of all ages. Issued at local county Probate/License Commissioner or WFF Montgomery Office.

(2) Required of all ages. Issued only by the WFF Montgomery Office.

NOTE: Game fish cannot be caught by any method other than ordinary hook and line, fly, troll, or spinner. The sale of game fish taken from public water is prohibited by law in Alabama.

SPEAR FISHING LICENSE: Valid for fresh and saltwater. Must also have appropriate Sportfishing license.

Resident Annual	\$ 6.00
Nonresident Annual	\$ 8.50
Nonresident 7-Day Trip	\$ 3.50

Spear fishing licenses available online at www.outdooralabama.com or at:

DCNR-WFF, PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130..... 334-242-3465
 DCNR-MRD, PO Box 189, Dauphin Island, AL 36528 251-861-2882
 DCNR-MRD, PO Box 458, Gulf Shores, AL 36547 251-968-7576

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