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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 Lauderdale WMA, Freedom Hills WMA, Riverton CHA, and Seven-Mile Island WMA 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 area **WEST** of U.S. Highway 43 in Lauderdale County (High Risk Zone (HRZ)) 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 area of Lauderdale County **EAST** of U.S. Highway 43 and all of Colbert County (Buffer Zone (BZ)) 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 Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone (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 area **WEST** of U.S. Highway 43 in Lauderdale County (HRZ) shall be transported outside of this area of Lauderdale County. 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 area of Lauderdale County **EAST** of U.S. Highway 43 and all of Colbert County (BZ) shall be transported outside the area of Lauderdale or Colbert Counties. 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 Lauderdale or Colbert Counties shall not be transported out of Lauderdale or Colbert Counties 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.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama, 1975, §§ 9-2-2, 9-2-6, 9-2-7, 9-2-12, and 9-11-244.

Penalty: As provided by law.

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