

**220-2-.166.228ER Emergency Regulations For Lauderdale and Colbert Counties for 2021-2022 Deer Season. [NEW RULE]**

(a) There will be no seasonal or daily bag limit restrictions and no antler restrictions for deer (antlered and unantlered) harvested on open-permit or privately-owned lands in Lauderdale or Colbert Counties through the remainder of the 2021-2022 deer season. The season for either sex is extended on open-permit lands through February 10, 2022. These changes do not apply to any other counties. **Season dates for Dog Deer Hunting will remain unchanged.**

(b) There will be no seasonal or daily bag limit restrictions and no antler restrictions for deer (antlered and unantlered) harvested on Lauderdale Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Freedom Hills WMA, Riverton Community Hunting Area (CHA), and Seven-Mile Island WMA through the remainder of the 2021-2022 deer season. Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (either sex), as listed in 220-2-.56, will be allowed daily through February 10, 2022. These changes do not apply to any other WMA or CHA.

(c) WMA hunters will be allowed to hunt deer the remaining days of the 2021-2022 state regular deer season using any legal arms and ammunition (220.-2-.55) permitted during WMA deer hunts on Lauderdale WMA, Freedom Hills WMA, Riverton CHA, and Seven-Mile Island WMA. Small game hunting shall be prohibited for the remainder of the 2021-2022 deer season on the above listed WMAs and CHA. Daily WMA and CHA check-in and check-out will continue to be required.

(d) 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.

(e) 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 scheduled DCNR mobile sampling locations or Drop-off Sampling freezer locations. [www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info](http://www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info)

(f) Hunters are strongly encouraged to submit samples for CWD testing from deer harvested within the area of Lauderdale County **EAST** of U.S. Highway 43 and all of Colbert County (Buffer Zone (BZ)). [www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info](http://www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info)

(g) All deer harvested in Lauderdale and Colbert Counties must be properly recorded and reported through the Game Check System pursuant to Regulation 220-2-.146.

(h) 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.

(i) 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.

(j) 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](http://www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info)

(k) Deer located in Lauderdale or Colbert Counties shall not be transported out of Lauderdale or Colbert Counties for relocation or rehabilitation.

(l) Hunters may find DCNR Best Management Practices for carcass disposal at the following link: [www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info](http://www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info).

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§ 9-2-2, 9-2-6, 9-2-7(a), 9-2-7(b)(2), 9-2-7(b)(3), 9-2-7(b)(7), and 9-2-12.

Penalty: As provided by law.

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