

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

RULE NO. & TITLE: 220-2-.126 Public Shooting Range Regulation

INTENDED ACTION: Amendment.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To clarify that only 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 state wildlife heritage license to use the range.

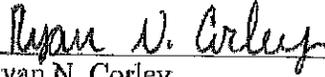
TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Director of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division at any time during the period stated below, or orally if requested in writing 48 hours in advance to the Director of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division, and then by personally appearing at Room 474, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

If ADA accommodations are needed, please contact Daisy Perry at (334) 242-3165 or [daisy.perry@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:daisy.perry@dcnr.alabama.gov). Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least seven days prior to the date of a personal appearance to present views regarding the proposed rules.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Charles F. Sykes, Director, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division, 5th Floor, 64 N. Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130, 334-242-3465.

  
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**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 ~~and over~~ using a public shooting range 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 non-resident hunting license or a state wildlife management area license.

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

**Penalty:** As provided by law.

**History:** **New Rule:** Filed August 23, 2002; effective September 27, 2002. **Amended:** Filed March 16, 2009; effective April 20, 2009. **Amended:** Filed September 9, 2009; effective October 14, 2009. **Amended:** Filed October 12, 2011; effective November 16, 2011. **Amended:** Filed September 9, 2013; effective October 14, 2013. **Amended:** Filed July 12, 2016; effective August 26, 2016. **Amended:** Filed July 16, 2020; effective September 14, 2020. 9/17/2020

ECONOMIC IMPACT  
STATEMENT FOR APA RULE  
(Section 41-22-23(f))

Control No. 220 Department or Agency Conservation

Rule No: 220-2-.126

Rule Title: Public Shooting Range Regulation

New  Amend  Repeal  Adopt by Reference

This rule has no economic impact.

This rule has an economic impact, as explained below:

1. NEED/EXPECTED BENEFIT OF RULE:
2. COSTS/BENEFITS OF RULE AND WHY RULE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND FEASIBLE MEANS FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES AND ACHIEVING THE STATED PURPOSE:
3. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COMPETITION:
4. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COST-OF-LIVING AND DOING BUSINESS IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:
5. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:
6. SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING

THIS RULE:

7. THE SHORT-TERM/LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS RULE ON AFFECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF PERSONS WHO WILL BEAR THE COSTS AND THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE RULE:
8. UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTIMATED BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF THE RULE, INCLUDING QUALITATIVE/QUANTITATIVE BENEFITS AND BURDEN COMPARISON:
9. THE EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH:
10. DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED: