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**REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**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 2025-2026 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, appearing to read "Christopher M. Blankenship".

Christopher M. Blankenship  
Commissioner  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

“ . . . THE COMMISSIONER . . . SHALL PUBLISH IN PAMPHLET FORM FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION ALL LAWS TOGETHER WITH SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO GAME, BIRDS, FISH, FURBEARERS, SEAFOODS AND OTHER MATTERS OVER WHICH SUCH COMMISSIONER . . . HAS AUTHORITY OR SUPERVISION. SUCH PAMPHLET SO PUBLISHED SHALL BE RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE WITHOUT FURTHER PROOF OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ANY COURT OF THIS STATE . . . .”

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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.

**220-2-01 2025-2026 Hunting Seasons.**

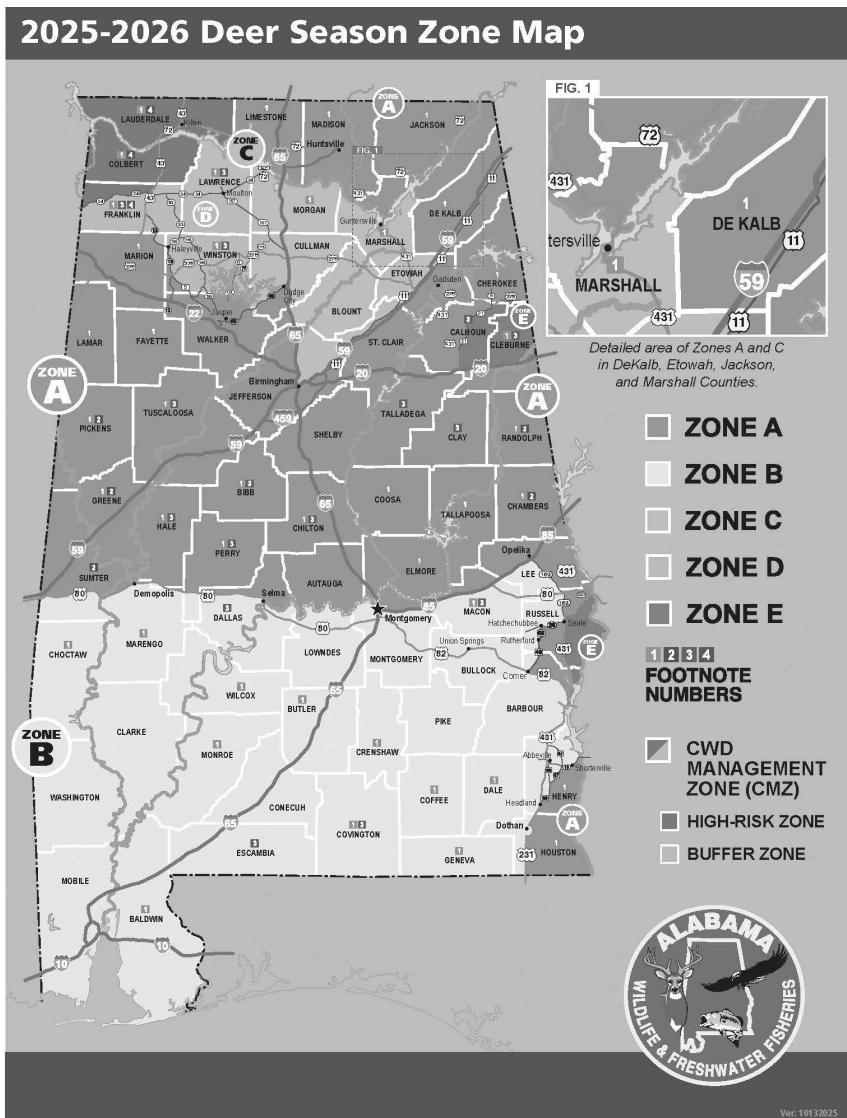
**(1) DEER**

- (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 WMA hunt dates depicted on the AREA Permits that will not count towards the hunter's State three buck limit. On specified WMAs within the Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone (CMZ) on specific WMA hunt dates depicted on the AREA Permits, one bonus buck per hunter per bonus buck hunt date will be allowed to be harvested that will not count towards the hunter's State three buck limit. All bonus bucks must be validated at WMA check station by WFF personnel.
- (iii) CWD Sampling Permit – See Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone Rule - Regulation 220-2-167(2).
- (d) **WHITE-TAILED UNANTLERED DEER LIMIT** - During the Unantlered Deer Gun, Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle, Archery, and Special Youth (under 16) Seasons, in Zones A, B, D, E & CWD two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck may be taken per day. In Zone C one unantlered deer and one antlered buck may be taken per day. See Special Exceptions below for selected areas.
- (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 14 - 17 and in Zones D & E October 31 - November 3. Dog deer 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 Gun Deer Season, in accordance with Rule 220-2-119. See the 2025 - 2026 AREA Permits for youth deer hunting dates and other information about WMA Hunting.

(f) DEER ZONE DESCRIPTIONS:



If notes 1, 2, 3 or 4 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. Note 4 relates to CWD.

**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; south along the Franklin County/Lawrence County line to the Winston County line; west along the Franklin County/Winston County line continuing along the Franklin County/Marion 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, and E descriptions below.**

1. **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).
2. **ZONE C (see map):** Those areas of Blount, Cullman, Etowah, Jefferson, Lawrence, Marion, Morgan, Marshall, St. Clair, Walker, and Winston Counties with the following boundaries: beginning at the Franklin County/–Marion County line on AL Hwy.13, 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 the Franklin County/Winston County line; east along the Franklin County/Winston County line to the

Lawrence County/Winston County line; north along the Franklin County/Lawrence County line 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 Franklin County/Lawrence County Line County line; south along the Franklin County/Lawrence County line to the Winston County/Franklin County line; west along the Winston County/Franklin County line continuing west along the Franklin County/Marion County line ending at AL Hwy. 13. **Excludes Zone D description below.**

3. **ZONE D (see map):** Those areas of Cullman, 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 the Franklin County line; east along the Franklin County/Winston County line to the Lawrence County line; North on the Lawrence County/Franklin County line to AL Hwy. 24; east along AL Hwy. 24 ending at intersection with AL Hwy. 157 in Moulton (Lawrence County).
4. **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).

5. **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Zone (see map):** The CWD Management Zone (CMZ) includes all of Lauderdale, Colbert and Franklin Counties.

- (i) Within the CMZ, the High-Risk Zone (HRZ) includes all Lauderdale and Colbert County and the portion of Franklin County with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of the Alabama/Mississippi State line and State Hwy. 24; east along State Hwy. 24 to US Hwy. 43; north along US Hwy. 43 to the Franklin County/Colbert County Line.
- (ii) Within the CMZ, the Buffer Zone (BZ) includes those portions of Franklin County with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of the Alabama/Mississippi State line and State Hwy. 24; south along the Alabama/Mississippi State line to the Franklin County/Marion County line; east along the Franklin County/Marion County line to the Franklin County/Winston line; east along the Franklin County/Winston Line to the Franklin County/Lawrence County line; north along the Franklin County/Lawrence County line to Franklin County/Colbert County line; west along the Franklin County/Colbert County Line to US Hwy. 43; south along US Hwy. 43 to State Hwy. 24; west along State Hwy. 24 ending at the Alabama/Mississippi State line.

(g) **DEER SEASON ZONES:**

<b>Zone A</b>			
<b>Archery Stalk Hunting</b>		October 15, 2025 – February 10, 2026	Either Sex
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		November 14, 2025 – November 17, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 17, 2025 – November 21, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 22, 2025 – February 10, 2026	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 22, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 4, 2026	Either Sex
		January 5, 2026 – February 10, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 22, 2025 – January 15, 2026	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 22, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 4, 2026	Either Sex
		January 5, 2026 – January 15, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only

<b>Zone B</b>			
<b>Archery- Stalk Hunting</b>		October 15, 2025 – October 24, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		October 25, 2025 – February 10, 2026	Either Sex
<b>Special Youth Guns</b>		November 14, 2025 – November 17, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 17, 2025 – November 21, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer- Stalk Hunting</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 22, 2025 – February 10, 2026	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 22, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 4, 2026	Either Sex
		January 5, 2026 – February 10, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Gun Deer- Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 22, 2025 – January 15, 2026	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 22, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 4, 2026	Either Sex
		January 5, 2026 – January 15, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only

Zone C			
<b>Archery-Stalk Hunting</b>		October 15, 2025 – February 10, 2026	Either Sex
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		November 14, 2025 – November 17, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 17, 2025 – November 21, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 22, 2025 – November 30, 2025	Either Sex
		December 1, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex
		January 2, 2026 – February 10, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 22, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex
		January 2, 2026 – February 10, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 22, 2025 – November 30, 2025	Either Sex
		December 1, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex
		January 2, 2026 – January 15, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 22, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex
		January 2, 2026 – January 15, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only

<b>Zone D</b>			
<b>Archery-Stalk Hunting</b>		October 1, 2025 – January 15, 2026	Either Sex
		January 16, 2026 – January 27, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		October 31, 2025 – November 3, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 3, 2025 – November 7, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 8, 2025 – November 21, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		November 22, 2025 – November 30, 2025	Either Sex
		December 1, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex
		January 2, 2026 – January 27, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 8, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex
		January 2, 2026 – January 27, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
		November 8, 2025 – November 21, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		November 22, 2025 – November 30, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	December 1, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex
		November 8, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 8, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex

Zone E			
<b>Archery- Stalk Hunting</b>		October 1, 2025 – January 15, 2026	Either Sex
		January 16, 2026 – January 27, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		October 31, 2025 – November 3, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 3, 2025 – November 7, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer- Stalk Hunting</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 8, 2025 – January 15, 2026	Either Sex
		January 16, 2026 – January 27, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 8, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex
		January 2, 2026 – January 27, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Gun Deer- Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 8, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 8, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 1, 2026	Either Sex

Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone (CMZ)			
<b>Archery-Stalk Hunting</b>		October 15, 2025 – February 10, 2026	Either Sex
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		November 14, 2025 – November 17, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 17, 2025 – November 21, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 22, 2025 – February 10, 2026	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 22, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – February 10, 2026	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 22, 2025 – January 15, 2026	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 22, 2025 – December 12, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 13, 2025 – January 15, 2026	Either Sex

(h) **SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:**

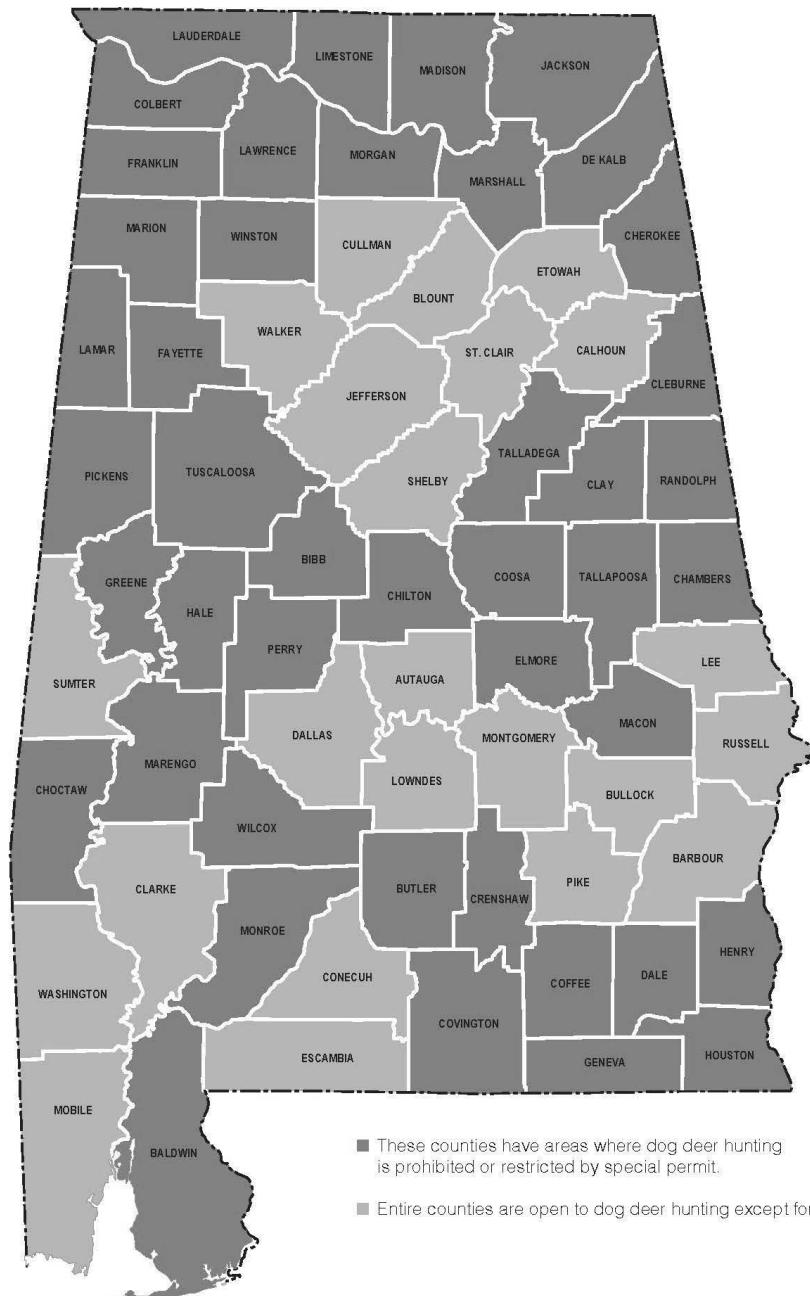
1. **DOG DEER HUNTING RESTRICTIONS:**

(i) **Dog Deer Hunting Prohibited Except by Special Permit from the Department:** BALDWIN; CHAMBERS; CHOCTAW (that area south of AL Hwy. 10 and west of AL Hwy. 17 and north of County Road 18 from AL Hwy. 17 to County Road 14 then north of County Road 14 to the Mississippi state line); COLBERT (that area 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); MARENKO; 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/>
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 or Wednesday of each week unless Christmas Day or New Year's Day falls on a Monday 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.
  - (iv) **Abandonment of any personal property on National Forest Service Lands** (tree stands, hunting blinds, hunting equipment, pets, livestock, pen-raised quail, or other animals) is PROHIBITED. The prohibition (CFR 36. II. 261.10 e) will be enforced by USDA law enforcement personnel.
4. **Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone (CMZ):** During Deer Gun Season on privately owned or leased land only, two unantlered deer may be taken per day. This does not apply to Wildlife Management Areas, Community Hunting Areas, and open permit public lands located within the CMZ.

## (2) TURKEY:

**TURKEY SEASON ZONES**





**REMEMBER TO  
GAME CHECK  
YOUR HARVEST!**

**PRIVATE, LEASED AND OPEN PERMIT PUBLIC LANDS**  
(EXCLUDING WMA AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE RANGER DISTRICTS)

**ZONE 1**

**SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT MARCH 21 – 22 (DECOS ALLOWED)**  
**SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT MARCH 24 (DECOS ALLOWED)**  
**SPRING SEASON MARCH 25 – MAY 8 (DECOS ALLOWED APRIL 4 – MAY 8)**

**ZONE 2**

**SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT MARCH 28 – 29 (DECOS ALLOWED)**  
**SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT MARCH 31 (DECOS ALLOWED)**  
**SPRING SEASON APRIL 1 – MAY 8 (DECOS ALLOWED APRIL 11 – MAY 8)**

**ZONE 3**

**FALL SEASON NOVEMBER 15 – 23 (NO DECOS ALLOWED)**  
**FALL SEASON DECEMBER 13 – 28 (NO DECOS ALLOWED)**  
**SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT MARCH 21 – 22 (DECOS ALLOWED)**  
**SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT MARCH 24 (DECOS ALLOWED)**  
**SPRING SEASON MARCH 25 – MAY 8 (DECOS ALLOWED APRIL 4 – MAY 8)**

**GOBBLERS ONLY**

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

**WMA AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE RANGER DISTRICTS**

Bankhead Ranger District; WMAs - Lauderdale, Freedom Hills, Black Warrior, Coon Gulf, Riverton CHA and Martin CHA.

Special Youth Hunt - April 4 (Daylight to 1 p.m. Decoys allowed)  
 Special Disabled Hunt - April 7 (Daylight to 1 p.m.; Decoys allowed)  
 Spring Season - April 8 - May 8 (Daylight to 1 p.m. Decoys allowed April 11 - May 8)

**REMAINDER OF NATIONAL FORESTS DISTRICTS** (Talladega Ranger District, Shoal Creek Ranger District, Ocmulgee Ranger District, Tuskegee Ranger District and Conecuh Ranger District) and **REMAINDER OF WMAS THAT ALLOW TURKEY HUNTING:**

Special Youth Hunt - March 28 (Daylight to 1 p.m.; Decoys allowed)  
 Special Disabled Hunt - March 31 (Daylight to 1 p.m.; Decoys allowed)  
 Spring Season - April 1 - May 8 (Daylight to 1 p.m. Decoys allowed April 4 - May 8)

**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

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(a) **GOBBLERS ONLY:** Limit one per day, four gobbler bag limit during combined fall and spring seasons.

(b) **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) <b>SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT</b> Decoys allowed.	<b>March 21 – 22</b>
(ii) <b>SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT</b> Decoys allowed.	<b>March 24</b>
(iii) <b>SPRING SEASON</b> Decoys allowed	<b>March 25 – May 8</b> <b>April 4 - May 8</b>

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) <b>SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT</b>	<b>March 28 – 29</b>
Decoys allowed.	
(ii) <b>SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT</b>	<b>March 31</b>
Decoys allowed.	
(iii) <b>SPRING SEASON</b>	<b>April 1- May 8</b>
Decoys allowed	April 11 - May 8

3. **ZONE 3: Clarke; Clay; Covington; Monroc; Randolph; and Talladega.**

(i) <b>FALL SEASON:</b>	<b>November 15 – November 23</b>
Decoys prohibited	December 13 – December 28
(ii) <b>SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT</b>	<b>March 21 – 22</b>
Decoys allowed.	
(iii) <b>SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT</b>	<b>March 24</b>
Decoys allowed.	
(iv) <b>SPRING SEASON</b>	<b>March 25 - May 8</b>
Decoys allowed.	April 4 - May 8

4. **Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and U.S. Forest Service Ranger Districts:**

(i) <b>Bankhead Ranger District: WMAs – Lauderdale, Freedom Hills, Black Warrior, Coon Gulf, Riverton CHA and Martin CHA:</b>	
<b>Special Youth Hunt</b>	<b>April 4</b>
Decoys allowed.	Allowed: Daylight to 1 p.m. only
<b>Special Disabled Hunt</b>	<b>April 7</b>
Decoys allowed.	Daylight to 1 p.m. only
<b>Spring Season</b>	<b>April 8 – May 8</b>
Decoys allowed.	Daylight to 1 p.m. only
	April 11 – May 8
(ii) <b>Remainder of National Forest Districts (Talladega Ranger District, Shoal Creek Ranger District, Oakmulgee Ranger District, Tuskegee Ranger District and Conecuh Ranger District) and Remainder of WMAs that allow turkey hunting:</b>	
<b>Special Youth Hunt</b>	<b>March 28</b>
Decoys allowed.	Daylight to 1 p.m. only
<b>Special Disabled Hunt</b>	<b>March 31</b>
Decoys allowed.	Daylight to 1 p.m. only
<b>Spring Season</b>	<b>April 1 – May 8</b>
Decoys allowed	Daylight to 1 p.m. only
	April 4 – May 8

**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

**(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 **September 6**

(Afternoon Shooting Only)

One-half hour before Sunrise  
until Sunset (All Day) **September 7 – October 19**

One-half hour before Sunrise  
until Sunset (All Day) **November 22 – November 30**

One half hour before Sunrise  
until Sunset (All Day) **December 13 – January 18**

(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 **September 13**

(Afternoon Shooting Only)

One-half hour before Sunrise  
until Sunset (All Day) **September 14 – October 26**

One-half hour before Sunrise  
until Sunset (All Day) **November 22 – November 30**

One half hour before Sunrise  
until Sunset (All Day) **December 13 – January 18**

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**(4) BOBWHITE QUAIL:** **November 1 – February 28**

Limit 8 a Day – 8 in Possession

Closed on the Bankhead National Forest

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**(5) RABBIT:** **September 13 – March 1**

Limit 8 a Day – 8 in Possession

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**(6) SQUIRREL:** **September 13 – March 1**

Limit 8 a Day – 8 in Possession

Fox squirrel closed on the Bankhead National Forest

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**(7) RACCOON:** **No Closed Season**

No Bag Limit – Private Owned and Leased Lands

Limit 5 per Party –

Open Permit-Public Land - **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.**

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(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.**

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(9) **ALLIGATOR: By Special Limited Quota Permit Only**  
Must apply on-line at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://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. Residents and Non-residents who are sixteen (16) years of age or older holding a valid all game or small game Alabama Hunting License may apply for an Alligator Harvest Permit.

(a) **West Central Management Area:** The private and public waters in **Monroe, Clarke and Choctaw Counties** (north of US Hwy. 84), **Marengo County** west of State Highway 28 and South of US Highway 80, **Wilcox**, and **Dallas** Counties. (excluding Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge.) Hunting Hours-Official Sunset to Official Sunrise.

(b) **Coastal Management Area:** The private and public waters in **Baldwin** and **Mobile** Counties that lie South of I-10. Hunting Hours-Official Sunset to Official Sunrise.

(c) **Lake Eufaula Management Area:** The public Alabama state waters only in the Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries (excluding main channel of the Chattahoochee River), south of 13th Street Bridge (excluding Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge. Hunting Hours-Official Sunset to Official Sunrise.

(d) **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, Choctaw, Clarke, and Monroe** Counties that lie south of US Hwy. 84. Hunting Hours-Official Sunset to Official Sunrise.

**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**

**Sunset on the 2nd Thursday in September – Sunrise on the Sunday immediately following the 2nd Thursday in September**

(e) **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). Hunting Hours-Official Sunset to Official Sunrise.

**Sunset on the 2nd Saturday in August – Sunrise on the 1st Monday in September**

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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.

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

(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 9 – 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.**

(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 Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only **No Closed Season**

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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 13 – December 14**  
**December 20 - January 31**  
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 8 – February 22**  
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 13 – September 21**  
**November 28 – January 27**  
Shooting Hours – One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.  
**Note: Contingent upon federal register**

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(20) **SANDHILL CRANE:** **November 28 - January 4**  
**January 12-January 26**  
By Limited Quota Permit only. Must apply online at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com). Only residents and Lifetime Hunting License holders of the State of Alabama who are sixteen (16) years of age or older and in possession of a valid hunting license (license not required for individuals over the age of 64) may apply for a Sandhill Crane Permit. There is no fee to apply for a 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.**

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(21) **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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## **220-2-02 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) Legally blind hunters may use laser sighting devices to take game, subject to all other regulations, if the following conditions are met:
  1. The person is accompanied by a sighted person who is a member of the immediate family or at least 16 years of age.
  2. 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).
  3. The sighted person shall not discharge any gun or bow with laser sighting device.
  4. 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.

### **(2) DEER:**

#### **(a) Archery Season**

- 1. Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-03.

#### **(b) Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle Season**

- 1. Muzzle-loading long guns and muzzle-loading handguns-.40 caliber or larger.
- 2. Pre-charged pneumatic air powered guns, .30 caliber or larger.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-03.

#### **(c) Gun Deer Season**

- 1. Rifles using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition.
- 2. Pre-charged pneumatic air powered guns, .30 caliber or larger.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using buckshot, slugs, or single round ball.
- 5. Muzzle-loading long guns and muzzle-loading handguns-.40 caliber or larger.
- 6. Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-03.
- 7. Handguns or pistols using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition.

### **(3) TURKEY:**

- (a) 1. Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.
- 2. Muzzle-loading shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.
- 3. Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-03.
- 4. 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:**

- (a) 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.

(b) Waterfowl hunters shall not possess any other size shot or size lead shot.

(c) Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-03.

(d) Raptors by properly permitted falconers.

**(5) RACCOON & OPOSSUM:**

(a) Nighttime hunting—Shotguns using No. 6 shot or smaller; .22 caliber rimfire firearms.

(b) Daytime hunting - See "(7) OTHER GAME BIRDS OR ANIMALS".

**(6) BOBCAT, GROUNDHOG, UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE, FOX, COYOTE & FERAL SWINE:**

(a) Rifles of any caliber.

(b) Handguns or pistols.

(c) Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller.

(d) Pre-charged pneumatic air powered guns, .25 caliber or larger.

(e) Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-03.

(f) Muzzle-loading long guns and muzzle-loading handguns of any caliber.

(g) 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.

(h) Spear or sharpened blade.

(i) Raptors by properly permitted falconers.

**(7) OTHER GAME BIRDS OR ANIMALS:**

(a) Rifles using rimfire ammunition or those operated by air.

(b) Muzzle-loading long guns and muzzle-loading handguns of any caliber.

(c) Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-03.

(d) Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, using standard No. 4 shot or smaller.

(e) Handguns or pistols.

(f) Blowguns using darts propelled by the hunter's breath only.

(g) Sling shots.

(h) Raptors by properly permitted falconers.

**(8) BULLFROG and PIG FROG:**

(a) Air powered rifles .25 caliber or smaller.

(b) Gig or spear.

(c) Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with 220-2-03.

(d) 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](http://www.outdooralabama.com/wildlife-management-areas/legal-methods-hunting-alabama)]

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**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.

## **220-2-04 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.

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## **220-2-05 Legal Hunting Hours for Game Birds**

Legal hunting hours for game birds during the open season shall be daylight hours only, except as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

## **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.

## **220-2-07 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.

## **220-2-08 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.

## **220-2-10 The Possession of Firearms by Bow Hunters Prohibited**

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

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## **220-2-11 Prohibited Methods and Devices for Hunting**

(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, aircraft, 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 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, except those in possession of a current bait privilege license hunting white-tailed deer or feral swine on privately owned or leased lands.
- (h) Gasoline or any noxious chemical or gaseous substance to drive wildlife from their burrows, dens, or retreats.
- (i) It shall be unlawful to possess fully automatic firearms while hunting any species of wildlife.

(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 for laser type range finders with computational capabilities; or as provided by Rule 220-2-02(1)(c) 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 date of the established special nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting season.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to possess any equipment that uses electronics to increase the ability to see in the dark (night vision/thermal 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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **220-2-15 Destroying Sex of Deer or Wild Turkey Prohibited**

It is hereby made unlawful for any person who kills, captures, or possesses a deer or wild turkey, in order to evade or attempt to evade any law or regulation, to destroy or attempt to destroy the evidence of sex, or to mutilate the carcass of such deer or wild turkey so as to make the determination of the legal status of the deer or turkey uncertain. Nothing in this regulation is intended to prevent any person from dressing for consumption any deer or wild turkey which has been killed legally. This regulation is designed to prohibit the killing or capturing of illegal deer and wild turkey hens.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **220-2-22 Wildlife Management Areas, Special Opportunity Areas, Refuges, and Community Hunting Areas Established.**

(1) The wildlife management areas, special opportunity areas, refuges, and community hunting areas 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 maps attached in Chapter 220-2-A Appendix A.

(2) The names and counties of these areas and refuges are as follows: Charles D. Kelley - Autauga County Wildlife Management Area (Autauga); Barbour Wildlife Management Area (Barbour, Bullock); Black Warrior Wildlife Management Area (Winston, Lawrence); Blue Spring Wildlife Management Area (Covington); Boggy Hollow Wildlife Management Area (Covington); William R. Ireland, Sr. - Cahaba River Wildlife Management Area (Bibb, Shelby); Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area (Cleburne, Calhoun); Coosa Wildlife Management Area (Coosa); Crow Creek Management Area (Jackson); David K. Nelson Wildlife Management Area (Sumter, Greene, Hale, Marengo);

Freedom Hills Wildlife Management Area (Colbert); Geneva State Forest Wildlife Management Area (Geneva, Covington); Grand Bay Savanna Community Hunting Area (Mobile); Hollins Wildlife Management Area (Talladega, Clay); James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife Management Area (Jackson); Lauderdale Wildlife Management Area (Lauderdale); Little River Wildlife Management Area (DeKalb, Cherokee); Lowndes Wildlife Management Area (Lowndes); Mallard--Fox Creek Wildlife Management Area (Morgan, Lawrence); 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); Charles F. Sykes 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); Fern 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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

**220-2-26 Restrictions on Possession, Sale, Importation and/or Release of Certain Animals and Fish**

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

- Any Walking Catfish or any other fish of the genus *Clarias*;
- Any Piranha or any fish of the genera *Serrasalmus*, *Pristobrycon*, *Pygocentrus*, *Catorprion*, or *Pygopristus*;
- Any Nile Perch, Asian Seabass, Barramundi, or any fish from the genus *Lates* or *Macquaria*;
- Any Giant African Snail or Giant African Land Snail (*Lissachatina 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 (*Percottus 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, fish, crustacea, mollusk, 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 Mongoose;
- San Juan Rabbits, Jack Rabbits or any other species of wild rabbit or hare; or
- Any of the following from any area outside the state of Alabama: any member of the family Cervidae to include but not be limited to deer, elk, moose, caribou, species of coyote, species of fox, species of raccoon, species of skunk, wild rodent, or strain of wild turkey, black bear (*Ursus americanus*), mountain lion (*Felis concolor*), bobcat (*Felis rufus*), Pronghorn Antelope (*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 Ala. 1975, or persons engaged in the interstate transport of any of the above-stated species through the state who are otherwise specifically authorized by permit of the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries or his designee.

- (2) It shall be unlawful to release any tame turkey, or any other turkey, whether wild or tame, into any of the wild areas of this State.  
The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to any turkeys kept by any farmer or landowner of this State for normal agricultural purposes or for personal consumption.
- (3) Except as authorized by permit issued by the Department prior to the date of this amendment, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession any live, protected wild bird or wild animal or live embryo or eggs of these protected wild birds or animals. "Possession" in this section does not include deer restricted by natural or man-made barriers as long as the deer remain wild and are not subject to management practices of domesticated animals.
- (4) It shall be unlawful for any person to release any form of mammal, reptile, or amphibian which did not originate from this state, or any captive raised mammal, reptile, or amphibian other than those species raised under a license or permit from the Commissioner.
- (5) It shall be unlawful to release any non-indigenous seafoods, as defined by Section 9-2-80, Code of Ala. 1975, into any public waters of the state.
- (6) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to the exceptions provided for in Section 9-2-13(b), Code of Ala. 1975. Accredited educational, research, and rehabilitation facilities shall be exempt from this regulation through the written permission of the Commissioner or his designee.

#### **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, otter, 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.

## **220-2-29 Open Trapping Seasons on Fur-Bearers**

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

### **BOBCAT, FOX, MINK, MUSKRAT, OTTER AND STRIPED SKUNK:**

***Last Saturday in October –  
Last day of February***

**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.

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

***No Closed Season***

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## **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](http://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 , or .22 caliber pre-charged pneumatic air powered guns 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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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:

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

The following members of the perch family (Percidae):

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

The following members of the trout family (Salmonidae):

**Trout** – rainbow trout.

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#### **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 bona fide 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 AND POSSESSION LIMIT**

(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. 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 effective October 1, 2001, Pickwick Reservoir. Waters exempt from the nine-inch crappie limit include impoundments less than 500 surface acres, and the reciprocal waters of the Chattahoochee River and Impoundments and their tributaries, Bear Creek Reservoir (Big Bear Lake of the B.C.D.A. Lakes), Lake Jackson at Florala and Weiss Reservoir. See exception for Weiss Reservoir.

(h) **Yellow Perch**.....**No Limit**

(i) **Catfish (under 34 inches)**.....**No Limit**

(j) **Catfish (34 inches or greater)**.....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 Catfish**.....**Closed Season**  
All paddlefish must be immediately returned to the water with the least possible harm.

(p) **Skipjack Herring**.....50

(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) **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).

(f) **Lewis Smith Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass, Alabama Bass or spotted bass between 13 inches and 15 inches in total length.

(g) **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).

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

(i) **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.

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

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

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

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

(n) **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.

(o) **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.

(p) **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 paragraphs (3)(l), (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-.36 State-Owned Public Fishing Lakes**

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

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

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

(3) It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to leave a child under 12 years of age unaccompanied by an adult at any state-owned public fishing lake, and it shall also be a violation of this regulation for any child under 12 years of age to be at any state owned public fishing lake unaccompanied by an adult.

(4) Daily Creel, Possession Limits and Size Limits for Game Fish in State-Owned Public Lakes - The daily creel, possession and size limits for game fish and catfish in state-owned public fishing lakes shall be as posted at each lake. Creel, possession and size limits for fish not posted shall be the same as provided for all public waters of this State.

(5) Time to Fish - Fishing in state-owned fishing lakes shall be limited to daylight hours 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.

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#### **220-2-37 Restricted Use of Public Access Areas**

- (1) Definition: Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, in this regulation, the term "public access area" shall include any state-owned, leased, and/or operated boat launching and/or landing access area, parking lot, ramp, pier, and any real or personal property within the boundaries of said areas.
- (2) Picnicking, except at tables provided, and camping are prohibited at all public access areas. Swimming or any other activities, to the extent that swimming or any other activity may interfere with the intended use of any public access area by the public, are forbidden; provided, however, that in any event it shall be unlawful to swim or wade within fifty (50) 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.

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**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 or 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.

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**220-2-39 Legal Methods of Taking Minnows, Shad, and Suckers for Bait and Mullet in Freshwater**

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

mullet, as listed under Rules 220-2-.34 and 220-2-.45 taken by nets or seines as allowed under this regulation shall be immediately returned to the water from whence they came with the least possible injury.

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#### **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 Ala. 1975, said licenses shall be applicable to such activities as provided for therein which occur north of the below-described line, as well as below said line in those ponds or lakes containing freshwater fish. For the purposes of the saltwater fishing licensing requirements of Sections 9-11-53.1, 53.5, and 55.2, Code of Ala. 1975, said licenses shall be applicable to such activities as provided for therein which occur south of the below-described line. The line is described as follows:

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

- (2) (a) All commercial fishing operations, as well as recreational netting operations, and all gear used in any of such operations, in state jurisdictional waters north of Interstate 10 eastbound lane (except that portion of Interstate Highway 10 which lies north of State Highway 90 Battleship Parkway, in which case the line follows the Battleship Parkway)

shall be subject to those laws, rules and regulations of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Provided further, it shall be unlawful to use any net (other than hoop and fyke nets) with mesh size of less than three inches (3") knot to knot with a stretch or spread of less than six inches (6") in the public impounded waters and navigable streams in the state of Alabama north of the line described in this paragraph except as provided for in other regulations or laws of this state.

- (b) All commercial fishing operations, as well as recreational netting operations, and all gear used in any of such operations, in state jurisdictional waters south of Interstate 10 eastbound lane (except that portion of Interstate Highway 10 which lies north of State Highway 90 Battleship Parkway, in which case the line follows the Battleship Parkway) shall be subject to those laws, rules, and regulations of the Marine Resources Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (3) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, 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 the railroad bridge that crosses the Tensaw River at approximate latitude 30.84302 (currently known as the CSX railroad bridge) 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, 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 only the following areas: Grass Bay, Chuckfey Bay, Chocolata Bay, Gustang Bay, Big Bay John, Bay Minette Basin and Bay; (West of HWY 225 Bridge), 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 only the following areas: 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) Rule 220-2-42, as previously promulgated, is hereby expressly repealed in its entirety.
- (6) Violations of the provisions of paragraphs 2(a), (3) and (4) shall be punished as provided by Section 9-11-156, Code of Ala. 1975, or as otherwise provided by law.

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#### **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.

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#### **220-2-44 Prohibited Methods of Taking Fish**

It shall be unlawful:

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

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#### **220-2-45 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.

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#### **220-2-46 Legal Methods and Equipment for the Taking of Commercial or Non-Game Fish**

The following are hereby designated as legal fishing equipment and methods for the taking of commercial or non-game fish or other unprotected fish in the fresh waters of this State. Any other equipment or methods used in the taking of commercial or non-game fish or other unprotected fish is a violation of this regulation.

- (1) By Licensed or License-Exempt Sport Fishermen
  - (a) Rod and Reel
  - (b) Hook and Line
  - (c) Trot Line
  - (d) Set Line, including limb lines and jug lines
  - (e) Snag Line or Snare Line
    - 1. It shall be unlawful to fish any trotline, snag or snare line without plastic or metal tag attached containing the owners name and either their address or fishing license number or phone number.
    - 2. It shall be unlawful for any fisherman other than a licensed commercial fisherman to fish one or more trotline, snag or snare line or combination thereof containing more than 100 hooks.
- (f) Bowfishing with any longbow, recurve bow, compound bow, crossbow equipped with a working safety or sling bow using barbed arrows attached by line to the bow, float, vessel or shooter.
- (g) Spear or Similar Instruments (underwater) by Special License

(h) Gigs or Grabbling

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

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

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

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

- (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.
- (4) 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 the regulation.

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#### **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:

<b><u>IMPOUNDMENT</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTY</u></b>
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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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>Megalonaia 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 dobeyanus</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.

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#### **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).

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#### **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.

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#### **220-2-52 Restricted Areas for the Taking of Freshwater Mussels**

It shall be unlawful to take, catch, kill, or attempt to take, catch, or kill mussels in the following areas:

- (1) Wheeler Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from Guntersville Dam downstream to the mouth of Shoal Creek (approximately 347 miles above the mouth of the Tennessee River).
- (2) Wheeler Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from the upstream end or head of Hobbs Island downstream to Whitesburg Bridge.
- (3) Pickwick Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from Wilson Dam downstream to the upper end or head of Seven Mile Island.
- (4) Wilson Lake, an impoundment on the Tennessee River, from Wheeler Dam downstream to the mouth of Town Creek on the South Bank and the mouth of Bluewater Creek on the north bank.
- (5) The Cahaba River.
- (6) The Alabama River from the mouth of Mulberry Creek (RM 220.0) downstream to the Edmund Pettus Bridge (RM 205.3).

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#### **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.

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#### **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 or 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 hunts. 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 at the end of each hunt day.

- (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 expressed 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 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
- (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 a single round ball, muzzle-loading long guns or muzzle-loading handguns .40 caliber or larger, or handguns or pistols using centerfire mushrooming ammunition, and long bows, compound bows and crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03. All applicable laws regarding possessing and carrying handguns must be followed.
  2. DEER: Stalk Hunting - Primitive Weapons Hunt – Muzzle-loading long guns, 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, and long bows, compound bows and crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03.
  3. DEER: Stalk Hunting – Archery – Long bows, compound bows and crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03.
  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 those scheduled hunts during daylight hours only.

6. TURKEY: Shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns) 10 gauge or smaller using No. 2 shot or smaller and long bows, compound bows and 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.
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 long bows, compound bows and crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03.
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 long bows, compound bows and crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03. 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, long bows, compound bows and crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03.
10. SQUIRREL, CROW, AND RABBIT: Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using No. 4 shot or smaller, rimfire firearms, muzzle-loading long guns and muzzle-loading handguns .40 caliber or smaller, rifles operated by air, and long bows, compound bows and crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03.
11. RACCOON AND OPOSSUM – Daylight hours: Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using No. 4 shot or smaller, rimfire firearms, and long bows, compound bows and crossbows in conformance with 220-2-.03. Nighttime hours: Shotguns using No. 6 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 those scheduled hunts during daylight hours only.
13. LONG BOWS, COMPOUND BOWS, AND CROSSBOWS: Conforming to the provisions of Rule 220-2-.03, will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts. 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 or to hunt from an elevated tree stand at their assigned location. The Geneva State Forest WMA limited quota dog hunt will be limited to 100 hunters. The Geneva State Forest WMA youth dog hunt will be limited to 75 youth hunters. The Blue Spring WMA limited quota hunt will be limited to 300 hunters per hunt. All hunters must be registered and permitted through a limited quota hunt registration. All permitted hunters may bring one guest along to accompany them on the stand. All adult guests must be properly licensed, and all youth hunters must be 8-15 years of age. Only one firearm is permitted per stand. 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 designated dog hunts.

(m) To camp on any AREA except in designated sites. Campers using generators must camp in sites 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 the 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 map 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 (including e-bikes) 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, or motorcycle) 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. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Class 1 pedal-assisted e-bikes equipped with an electric motor less than 750 watts are allowed 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 (unless AREAS established within the boundaries of U.S. Forest Service National Forests or other cooperating agency lands that otherwise regulate such activities).
- (u) For any unauthorized person to possess or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE (i.e. ATV, UTV, motorcycle, or Class 1 pedal-assisted e-bike equipped with an electric motor less than 750 watts) 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 by written permission from Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Assistant Chief or Chief(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 Geneva State Forest Zone A (where no horses are permitted); and in areas, roads, and trails, designated as open to horses, excluding 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, crows, 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 construct or erect any permanent tree stand or blind or to install any screw-in type steps, spikes, or nails, or otherwise damage any tree. Portable stands may not be installed prior to 7 days before the opening of archery season, nor left on any AREA longer than 7 days following the closure of the AREA's last deer hunt. Stands not in compliance with this regulation may be confiscated and disposed of by WFF.
- (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. Tree saddle hunters must remain connected to tree at all times by means of a lineman's belt or tether.
- (ff) To violate any restrictions posted on the Outdoor Alabama WMA Check-In application, AREA map 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, Mobile-Tensaw Delta, and Red Hills 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 any 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 any 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) –

(a) 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 Alabama hunting license and WMA license to register for the SOA hunt selection process. Applicants must visit [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com) to register for a limited number of quota permits available for hunts on these AREAS.

(b) Successful resident applicants and hunting guests 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, HIP, 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 a 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.

(c) 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.

(d) During the SOA hunts, permit holders and guests may use licensed and unlicensed vehicles (eg. UTV, ATV, or electric bike) on roads open to motorized vehicles to access their assigned hunt unit, unless specified otherwise.

(e) 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:

1. **District II -**

(i) **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.

2. **District III -**

(i) **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) 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.
- (iv) 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. Youth under 16 years, and up to three properly licensed guests, are allowed to accompany permit holder.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) Dove Hunts:
  - (I) Travel to assigned hunt unit(s) shall be from 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM. All hunts end at legal sunset.
  - (II) Permit holder is allowed one properly licensed guest. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 - 15 years of age.

### 3. District IV –

#### (i) 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) 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.

(IV) 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.

(V) 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.

(ii) **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. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 - 15 years of age.

#### 4. District V –

(i) **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.
- (III) Dove Hunts:
  - I. Travel to assigned hunt unit(s) shall be from 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM. All hunts end at legal sunset.
  - II. Permit holder is allowed one properly licensed guest. The permit holder and guest may bring one youth each 8 - 15 years of age.

(ii) **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.

(iii) **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 (8-15 years of age). 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 dates.

(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.

(iv) **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.

(v) **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.

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## **220-2-.56 2025-2026 Wildlife Management Area Hunting Seasons**

### **(1) 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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: Oct. 1 - Jan. 15.**

		One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
		<b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B.</b>
		<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 16 - 27.</u>
		One antlered buck a day.
		<b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B.</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.
		<b>Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station day requirements.</b>
		<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 1 - 2.</u>
		One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>Hunters must submit all harvested deer at check station for data collection.</b>
		<b>*No antler restrictions apply.</b>
		<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 3 - 7.</u>
		One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
		<b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B.</b>
		<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 8 - 9.</u>
		One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 8 and 9 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b>
		<b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply for Zone B.</b>
		<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 13 - 16, Nov. 27 - 30, and Dec. 11 - 14.</u> One antlered buck a day. <b>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 9:00AM to 7:00PM.</b>
		<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 20 - 23, Dec. 4 - 7, and Dec. 18 - 21.</u> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
		<b>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 9:00AM to 7:00PM.</b>
<b><u>Zone A &amp; B</u></b>	<b>(Gun)</b>	
<b><u>Zone A</u></b>	<b>(Gun)</b>	
<b><u>Zone B</u></b>	<b>(Gun)</b>	

**\*To be legal to 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)	<b>April 4 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Physically Disabled)	<b>April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Regular)	<b>April 8 - May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed

April 11-May 8.

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

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

RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
CROW:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> 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:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> 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:	<b>CLOSED.</b>
WOODCOCK:	<b>State season.</b> 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):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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## 2. FREEDOM HILLS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Colbert County)

### DEER:

#### Zones A & B (Archery)

#### Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.

Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or 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)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 - 16. Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Hunters must submit all harvested deer at check station on Saturday 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. 17 – 21. Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Gun)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 27 - 30, Dec. 11 – 14, and Jan. 15 – 18. Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or 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. Check station will be open 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

#### Zone A

(Gun)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Jan. 1 – 4 and Jan. 22 – 25. Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. (Jan. 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 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.**

<b><u>Zone B</u></b>	(Gun)	<b><u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Jan. 8 – 11 and Jan. 29 – Feb. 1.</u></b> Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. (Jan. 31 <b>Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area</b> ). It is <b>MANDATORY</b> to bring all 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)	<b>April 4 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Physically Disabled)	<b>April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Regular)	<b>April 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 11 – May 8.
<b>Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.</b> <b>No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Freedom Hills WMA.</b>		
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:		<b>State season.</b> (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:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> 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:		<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> 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:		<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b> 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:		<b>State season.</b> 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):		<b>Oct. 25 – Feb 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

### **3. LAUDERDALE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Lauderdale County)

DEER:

**Zones A & B** (Archery)

**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.**

Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or 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. <b>Archery hunters must abide by all MANDATORY check station day requirements.</b>
	(Youth)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 - 16.</b></u>
	(Primitive Weapons)	Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. Hunters must submit all harvested deer at check station for data collection on Saturday. Check station will be open 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
	(Gun)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21.</b></u> Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 - 23, Nov. 27 - Nov. 30, Dec. 11 – 14, and Dec. 25 - 28.</b></u> Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>(Dec. 27 BONUS BUCK DAY, must be validated by WFF personnel).</b> It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Fridays and Saturdays of these hunts (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open 9:00AM to 7:00PM.
<b><u>Zone A</u></b>	(Gun)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 4 - 7, and Jan. 1 – 4.</b></u> Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>It is MANDATORY to bring all 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.</b>
<b><u>Zone B</u></b>	(Gun)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 18 – 21, and Jan. 8 – 11.</b></u> Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>(Jan. 10 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station prior to leaving Area).</b> It is MANDATORY to bring all 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)	<b>April 4 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Physically Disabled)	<b>April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Regular)	<b>April 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 11 – May 8.
<b>Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.</b>		
<b>No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Lauderdale WMA.</b>		
RACCOON & OPOSSUM: Sept. 1 – March 1. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.		
CROW:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> 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:		<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> 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. 1 – Feb. 28. 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:	<b>State Season.</b> 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:	<b>State season.</b> 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):	<b>Feb. 16 – 22.</b> No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

#### 4. RIVERTON COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA

**III. LURE CO.**

DEER: (Archery)

**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.** Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered deer. No limit on deer from the archery season.

antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunts. **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 - 16.** Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21. Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:** Open each Wednesday and Saturday of the regular Gun Deer Season in Colbert County and from **Nov. 22 - 30, Dec. 13 - 21, and Jan. 10 - 18**. Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

### TURKEY: (Youth)

**April 4 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

(Physically Disabled)

**April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

(Regular)

**April 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 11 - May 8.

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

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

## RACCOON & OPOSSUM:

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

## CROW:

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

## RABBIT & SQUIRREL:

**Sept. 13 – March 1.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

## QUAIL:

**Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or 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. 25 – Feb. 28.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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## 5. SAM R. MURPHY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Lamar and Marion Counties)

DEER:

(Archery)

**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – 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)

**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 - 16.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Primitive Weapons)

**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.

(Gun)

**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 24 - 30, Dec. 11 – 14, Dec. 26 - Jan. 1, Jan. 8 – 11, and Jan. 22 – 25.** 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 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)** Gobblers only.

Decoys allowed.

(Physically Disabled)

**March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)** Gobblers only.

Decoys allowed.

(Regular)

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

Decoys allowed April 11 – May 8.

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

**No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Sam R. Murphy WMA.**

CROW:

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

RACCOON & OPOSSUM:

**Sept. 1 – March 1.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting 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- 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

FERAL SWINE (Special Season)

**Sept. 6 – 13 and Feb. 14 – 21.** 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. 13 – March 1.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL:

**Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.** 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:	<b>State season.</b> 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):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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## 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> <b>Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.</b> Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</u> <b>Nov. 17 – 21, and Feb. 1 - 6.</b> Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
TURKEY:	<b>CLOSED.</b>
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only.
DOVE:	<b>State season</b> (Opening day: 12 Noon to sunset; remainder of season - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset).
CROW:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b>
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):	<b>Sept. 6 – Oct. 14, and Feb. 11 – 15.</b> Shotguns using slugs only, primitive weapons, bow and arrow, and crossbows. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
RAIL:	<b>State season.</b>
QUAIL:	<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b>
WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b>
WOODCOCK:	<b>State season.</b>
SANDHILL CRANE:	<b>CLOSED.</b>
BOWFISHING:	<b>March 1 – Aug. 31.</b> 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):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> 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)	<u>Stalk Hunting, Hunters Choice:</u> <b>Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.</b> Two deer a day, two unantlered deer or one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
TURKEY:	<b>CLOSED.</b>
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only.
DOVE:	<b>State season.</b> (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season - 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset).

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
CROW:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b>
QUAIL:	<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b>
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	<b>State season.</b>
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)	<b>Sept. 6 – Oct. 14, and Feb. 11 – 15.</b> Shotguns using slugs only, primitive weapons, bow and arrow, and crossbows. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
WATERFOWL, RAIL, SANDHILL CRANE & FURBEARER TRAPPING:	<b>CLOSED.</b>

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

DEER: (Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Nov. 21.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
TURKEY:	<b>CLOSED.</b>
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only.
CROW:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> (Closed During Regular Waterfowl Season).
DOVE:	<b>State season.</b> 12:00 Noon until sunset each day of the season (NO MORNING HUNTING).
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
RAIL:	<b>State season.</b>
SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:	<b>State season. Dewatering unit open 7 days/week. No daily or online drawing required.</b>
YOUTH, VETERANS, & ACTIVE MILITARY WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b> <b>DEWATERING UNIT</b> All limited quota walk-in and boat blind locations within the Swan Creek WMA DWU will be permitted through a limited quota permit system determined by random computerized drawing prior to opening day. <b>REMAINDER OF WMAs</b> Open daily during State Season.
WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b> <b>DEWATERING UNIT</b> All limited quota walk-in and boat blind locations within the Swan Creek WMA DWU will be permitted through a limited quota permit system determined by random computerized drawing prior to opening day for weekend hunts or in-person drawings on each Tuesday at 4:00 AM during the waterfowl season for weekday hunts unless otherwise noted. <b>REMAINDER OF WMAs</b> Open daily during State Season. <b>State season. (Sunrise to 12:00 noon)</b> By limited quota permit only.
SANDHILL CRANE:	<b>State season.</b> (Sunrise to 12:00 noon) By limited quota permit only.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	<b>State season.</b>
BOWFISHING:	<b>March 1 – Aug. 31.</b> 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. 25 – Feb. 28.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

**It shall be unlawful to access or hunt in Swan Creek DWU unless selected for a limited quota permit for a specific hunt date(s) and hunt location. The permit holder and three properly licensed guest(s) may only access and hunt the DWU and hunt location for those permitted times and days. The guests may be different people each hunt day.**

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**(b) District II 2025-2026 Wildlife Management Area Seasons and Bag Limits  
(Northeast Alabama)**

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

DEER:

<b><u>Zones A &amp; B</u></b>	<b>(Archery)</b>	<p><u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 1 – Jan. 15.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.</p> <p><b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Archery hunters in either Zone may only harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only deer hunts. Archery hunters must abide by all MANDATORY check station day requirements and gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts.</p> <p><u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 16 – 27.</u> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and <b>MANDATORY</b> check station days.</p> <p><u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 1 - 2.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*No antler restrictions apply.</b></p> <p><u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 3 - 7.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b></p> <p><u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 – 23.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b></p> <p><u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 8 – 9, Dec. 4 – 7, Dec. 18 – 21.</u> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> It is <b>MANDATORY</b> to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 8, Nov. 22, Dec. 5-6, and Dec. 19-20 (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 9:00AM to 7:00PM.</p> <p><u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 28 – 29.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b></p> <p><u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 13 – 16, Dec. 11 – 14, and Dec. 26 – 29.</u> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> It is <b>MANDATORY</b> to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 14-15, Nov. 28-29, and Dec. 12 – 13 (including archery) to the check station</p>
	<b>(Youth)</b>	
	<b>(Primitive Weapons)</b>	
<b><u>Zone A</u></b>	<b>(Gun)</b>	
<b><u>Zone B</u></b>	<b>(Gun)</b>	

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)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

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

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

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 1.** 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.** (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season-1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset). **Closed on Mt. Longleaf NWR Segment.** Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 1.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunt.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 13 – March 1.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunt. 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. 1 – Feb. 28.** 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. Permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunt.

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. 25 – Feb. 28.** 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. 15 – 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 may only harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only deer hunts. **Archery hunters must abide by all MANDATORY check station day requirements and gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts.**

(Youth)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 – 16.</b></u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. *No antler restrictions apply.
(Primitive Weapons)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21, Dec. 18 – 21.</b></u> 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. 20 to the check station across from Mt. Moriah Church. The check station will be open from 9:00AM to 7:00PM.
(Gun)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 – 23 and Nov. 29 – 30.</b></u> 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. 22 – 23 and Nov. 29 (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.
	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 4 – 7, Dec. 26 – 29, Jan. 8 – 11, Jan. 15 – 18, Jan. 22 – 25, Jan. 29 – Feb. 1.</b></u> 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. 6, Dec. 27, Jan. 10-11, Jan. 17-18, Jan. 24-25, and Jan. 31-Feb. 1 (including archery) for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
	<b>*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.</b>
TURKEY: (Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.
<b>Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.</b> <b>No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Coosa WMA.</b>	
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):	<b>Sept. 1 – 10 and March 1 – 10.</b> Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
CROW:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:	<b>State season.</b> (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season-1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset). Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	<b>State season.</b> No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b> 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):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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**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)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 18 – 26 and Jan. 3 – 11.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.  <b>It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Oct. 18 &amp; 25, Nov. 17 &amp; 21, and Jan. 3 &amp; 10 to check station at the Wannville office for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b>
(Primitive Weapons)		<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 -21.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.  <b>It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Oct. 18 &amp; 25, Nov. 17 &amp; 21 and Jan. 3 - 10 to check station at the Wannville office for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b>
TURKEY:		<b>CLOSED.</b>
CROW:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b>
DOVE:		<b>State season.</b> (Opening day: 12 noon to sunset; remainder of season-1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset).
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of archery and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of archery or primitive weapons deer hunts.
RAIL, WOODCOCK, & SNIPE:		<b>State season.</b>
SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:		<b>State season. Dewatering unit open 7 days/week.</b>
YOUTH, VETERANS, & ACTIVE		
MILITARY WATERFOWL:		<b>State season.</b> (25 shell limit does not apply to youth on these days).
WATERFOWL:		<b>State seasons</b> (½ hour before sunrise to sunset).
SANDHILL CRANE:		<b>State season</b> (Sunrise to 12:00 noon) By limited quota permit only.
BOWFISHING:		<b>March 1 – Aug. 31.</b> Nongame fish only.
FERAL SWINE (archery only):		<b>March 1 – 14.</b> 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:		<b>CLOSED.</b>

FURBEARER TRAPPING  
(excluding feral swine):

**Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

**All waterfowl and sandhill crane hunting in Mud Creek (Wannville) and Raccoon Creek dewatering units (outlined on map/regulation form) is prohibited on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except scouting by foot. This rule does not apply during special teal or early goose season and during the last 14 days of regular waterfowl season.**

**(ii) Coon Gulf Tract:**

DEER: (Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. No hunting on days of youth deer hunt.

(Youth)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 – 16. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Primitive Weapons)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

(Gun)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 – 23, Nov. 27 – 30, and Jan. 29 – Feb 1. One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

TURKEY: (Youth)

**April 4 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

(Physically Disabled)

**April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

(Regular)

**April 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 11 – May 8.

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

**No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Coon Gulf Tract.**

RACCOON & OPOSSUM:

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

CROW:

**Sept. 1 – March 1.** No hunting on days 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).

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:

**Sept. 13 – March 1.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

RAIL, 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.

QUAIL:

**CLOSED.**

WATERFOWL:

**NO OPEN SEASON.**

FURBEARER TRAPPING  
(excluding feral swine):

**Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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#### **4. NORTH SAUTY AND CROW CREEK WATERFOWL REFUGES**

(Jackson County)

DEER: (Archery)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 18 – 26 and Jan. 3 – 11. Gates will not be open for Jan. 3 – 11 hunts. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. **It is MANDATORY to bring all deer**

(Primitive Weapons)	harvested on Oct. 18 & 25, Nov. 17 & 21, and Jan. 3 & 10 to check station at the Wannville office for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
TURKEY:	<b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21.</b> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Oct. 18 &amp; 25, Nov. 17 &amp; 21, and Jan. 3 &amp; 10 to check station at the Wannville office for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b> Sauta Cave NWR - closed to deer hunting.
FERAL SWINE:	<b>CLOSED.</b>
DOVE:	Sept. 1 – 9 and May 1 – 8. (Archery, Rimfire and Shotguns with slugs only). Daylight hours only. No dogs allowed.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>FIRST SEGMENT STATE SEASON</b> (12:00 noon until sunset opening day, then ½ hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of first segment).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 13 – Oct. 17 and Feb. 2 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of archery and primitive weapons deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
BOWFISHING:	<b>Sept. 1 – Oct. 17.</b> Nighttime hours only. <b>April 1 – Aug. 31.</b> 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:	<b>CLOSED.</b>
WATERFOWL:	<b>CLOSED.</b>
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine)	<b>Oct. 25 – Jan. 31</b> (water or land sets); <b>Feb. 1-28</b> (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. 15 – 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 in either Zone may only harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only deer hunts. Archery hunters must abide by all MANDATORY check station day requirements and gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts.

(Youth)

**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 – 16.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **\*No antler restrictions apply.**

(Primitive Weapons)

**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21 and Dec. 26 – 30.** 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. 27-28 (including archery) to the check station located on**

		<b>Clay County Road 4 in for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b> <b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 – 23 and Nov. 29 – 30.</b> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 22-23 and Nov. 29 (including archery) to the check stations 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.
<b><u>Zone A</u></b>	(Gun)	<b>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 18-21, Jan. 8-11, and Jan. 22-25.</b> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 18-21, Jan. 8-11, and Jan. 22-25 (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.
<b><u>Zone B</u></b>	(Gun)	<b>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 4 - 7, Jan. 1-4, Jan. 15-18, and Jan. 29 -Feb. 1.</b> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 4 - 7, Jan. 1-4, Jan. 15-18, Jan. 29 -Feb. 1 (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.
		<b>*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.</b>
TURKEY:	(Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.
<b>Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.</b> <b>No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Hollins WMA.</b>		
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
CROW:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:		<b>State season.</b> (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season - ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:		<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:		<b>State season.</b> 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. 25 – Feb. 28.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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6. **JAMES D. MARTIN-SKYLINe WMA** (Jackson County)

DEER:

**Zones A & B** (Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – 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 may only harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only deer hunts. **Archery hunters must abide by all MANDATORY check station day requirements and gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts.**

(Youth) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 – 16.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **\*No antler restrictions apply.**

(Primitive Weapons) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21, and Dec 4-7.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **\*Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

(Gun) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 – 23 and Nov. 28 – 29.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **\*Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

**Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 11 – 14, Dec. 18 – 21, Dec. 26 – 29, Jan. 1 – 4, Jan. 8 – 11, and Jan. 22 – 25.** 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. 22-23, Nov. 28-29, Dec. 20, Dec. 27-28, Jan. 2-3, Jan. 10-11, and Jan 24-25 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 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

(Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

(Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

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

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

DOVE: **State seasons** (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset remainder of season - ½ hour before sunrise to sunset) Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

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

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

RABBIT:

<b><u>Zone A</u></b>	<b>Oct. 1 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
<b><u>Zone B</u></b>	<b>Feb. 1 – March 1.</b>
SQUIRREL:	<b>Oct. 1 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	<b>Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	<b>State season.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b> 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):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

## 7. LITTLE RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Cherokee and DeKalb Counties)

DEER: (Archery)	<b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.</b> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. Archery hunters may only harvest antlered bucks on days of antlered buck only deer hunts. Archery hunters must abide by all MANDATORY check station day requirements and gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts.
(Youth)	<b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 – 16.</b> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*No antler restrictions apply.</b>
(Primitive Weapons)	<b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21 and Dec. 15 – 19.</b> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
(Gun)	<b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22-23, Nov. 28-29, and Dec. 5-6.</b> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 22, Nov. 28-29, and Dec. 5-6 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b>
	<b>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 11 – 14, Dec. 26 – 29, and Jan. 8 – 11.</b> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 12-13, and Jan. 9-10 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b>
	<b>*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.</b>
TURKEY: (Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

(Regular)                   **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.  
Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

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

**No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Little River WMA.**

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

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

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:                           **Sept. 13 – March 1.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL:                                           **Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.** 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.

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. 25 – Feb. 28.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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#### 8. MARTIN COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA (Tallapoosa County)

DEER:                                           **(Archery)**                                           **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21 and Dec. 20 – 28, and Jan. 17-25.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

TURKEY:                                           **(Youth)**                                                   **April 4 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

**April 7 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

**April 8 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 11 – May 8.

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

**No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Martin CHA.**

CROW:                                                   **Sept. 1 – March 1.**

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:                                   **Sept. 13 – March 1.** Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL:                                                   **Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.**

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.

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**(c) District III 2025-2026 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. 15 – 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. 15 – 16.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **\*No antler restrictions apply.**  
(Primitive Weapons) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21 and Dec. 1 – 5.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. **\*Antlered buck restrictions apply.**  
(Gun) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 - 23.** 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. 22 (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. 27 – 30, Dec. 18 – 21, Dec. 25 – 28, Jan. 15 – 18, and Jan. 29 - Feb. 1.** One antlered buck a day. **\*Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 27, Jan. 16-17, Jan. 30-31 (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 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.  
Decoys allowed.  
(Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.  
Decoys allowed.  
(Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.  
Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

**Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.  
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Charles D. Kelley-Autauga WMA.**

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

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 1.** No hunting on days 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). Wednesdays and Saturdays only. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>Sept. 13 - March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
SNIPE:	<b>State season.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b> $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK:	<b>State season.</b> 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):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> 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><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</b></u> <b>Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.</b> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt, including <b>Cahaba River Refuge.</b> <b>Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station days.</b>
(Youth)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</b></u> <b>Nov. 15 – 16.</b> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*No antler restrictions apply. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge. Youth-only archery on Cahaba River Refuge.</b>
(Primitive Weapons)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</b></u> <b>Nov. 17 – 21 and Dec. 1 – 5.</b> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply. Archery hunting only on Cahaba River Refuge. No gun deer hunting permitted on Cahaba River Refuge.</b>
(Gun)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</b></u> <b>Nov. 22 – 23 and Nov. 29 – 30.</b> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*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 22 and 29 to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b>

**Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:** **Dec. 11 – 14, Dec. 18 – 21, Dec. 25 – 28, Jan. 8 – 11, and Jan. 22 – 25.** (Dec. 13 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. 22, Nov. 29, Dec. 12 – 13 and Dec. 20 (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)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 - May 8.

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

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

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 1.** 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 1.** 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 –  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunrise to 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. 13 – March 1.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: **Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.** 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.** ( $\frac{1}{2}$  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. 25 – Feb. 28.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist. **No open season on the Cahaba River Refuge.**

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### 3. DAVID K. NELSON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Greene, Hale, Marengo, and Sumter Counties)

DEER: (Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – 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)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 – 16.</b></u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*No antler restrictions apply.</b>
(Primitive Weapons)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21.</b></u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply</b>
(Gun)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 – 23 and Dec. 6 – 7.</b></u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply on all units. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 22 and Dec. 6 (including archery) to Runaway Branch II access area for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b> <u><b>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 18 – 21, Jan. 1 – 4, Jan. 15 – 18 and Feb. 5 – 8.</b></u> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
	<b>*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.</b>
TURKEY: (Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.
<b>Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.</b> <b>No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from David K. Nelson WMA.</b>	
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:	<b>State season.</b> (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season – $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise to sunset). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
CROW:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b> (1/2 hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon). No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	<b>State season.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):	<b>March 4 – 9.</b> 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):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> 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. 15 – 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. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

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

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

RACCOON & OPOSSUM: **Sept. 1 – March 1.** Nighttime hours only.

DOVE: **State season** (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season –  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunrise to sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 13 – March 1.** Hunting allowed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.

QUAIL: **Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.** Hunting allowed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

WATERFOWL: **State season.** ( $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon). Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays only.

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. 25 – Feb. 28.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

##### Remainder of Lowndes WMA

DEER: (Archery)

Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 15 – 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 except on Dutch Bend Tract. 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: Nov. 15 – 16. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. \***No antler restrictions apply.**

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21 and Dec. 18 – 21. Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. \***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

(Youth)

(Primitive Weapons)

(Gun)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 – 23, Nov. 29 – 30, Dec. 13 – 14, and Dec. 25 – 28.</b></u> 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. 22, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, and Dec. 27 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 8 – 11, Jan. 22 – 25, and Feb. 5 – 8.</b></u> One antlered buck a day. (Jan. 10 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 Jan. 9-10, Jan. 23-24, and Feb. 6-7 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
	<b>*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.</b>
TURKEY: (Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.
<b>Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.</b> <b>No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Lowndes WMA.</b>	
CROW:	Sept. 1 – March 1. No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):	<b>Aug. 29 – Sept. 5 and Feb. 21 - March 1.</b> Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:	<b>State season.</b> (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.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> 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:	<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b> (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:	<b>State season.</b> 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. 25 – Feb. 28. Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.
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5. MULBERRY FORK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (Tuscaloosa & Walker Counties)	
DEER: (Archery)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.</b></u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. <b>Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station days.</b>
(Youth)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 – 16.</b></u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*No antler restrictions apply.</b>
(Primitive Weapons)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21 and Dec. 18 – 21.</b></u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
(Gun)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 27 – 30.</b></u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 28, 29, and 30 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b>
	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22 – 23, Dec. 10 – 14, Dec. 24 – 28, Dec. 31 – Jan. 4, Jan. 7 – 11, and Jan. 21 – 25.</b></u> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Jan. 2, 3, and 4 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b>
	<b>*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.</b>
TURKEY: (Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.
<b>Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season. No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Mulberry Fork WMA.</b>	
CROW:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:	<b>State season.</b> (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season – ½ hour before sunrise to sunset). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):	<b>Sept. 1 – 5 and March 4 - 8.</b> Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b> (½ hour before sunrise to noon). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	<b>State season.</b> 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):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> 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: Oct. 15 – Feb. 10.</u> One deer a day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt. <b>Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station day requirements.</b>
(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 – 16.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*No antler restrictions apply.</b>
(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21 and Dec. 8 – 14.</u> One deer a day, one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 – 23 and Dec. 20 – 21.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> <b>It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 22-23 and Dec. 20-21 (including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.</b>
	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 27 – 30, Dec. 24 – 30, Jan. 2 – 7 and Jan 10-13.</u> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
	<b>*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.</b>
TURKEY: (Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

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

**No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Oakmulgee WMA.**

CROW:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
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FERAL SWINE (Special Season):	<b>Sept. 1 – 6.</b> Permitted firearms and archery equipment same as for gun deer hunts on the WMA. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
DOVE:	<b>State season.</b> (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season – $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise to sunset). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	<b>State season.</b> 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):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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**(d) District IV 2025-2026 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. 15 – 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. Archery hunting is permitted in zone closed to gun deer hunting. No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunt.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 15 – 16.** 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. 15 to the check station for data collection. The check station will be open from **9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

(Youth)

(Primitive Weapons)

(Gun)

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 17 – 21.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. \***Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: **Nov. 22 – 23, Jan. 8 – 11, and Jan. 22 – 25.** 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>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Feb. 5 - 8. (Feb. 7 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. 6 - 7 (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: Nov. 28 - Dec. 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 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. 12 – 21.</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.
		<b>*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.</b>
TURKEY:	(Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.
<b>Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.</b> <b>No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Barbour WMA.</b>		
DOVE:		<b>State season</b> (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:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> 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:		<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> 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:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
QUAIL:		<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Small game

WATERFOWL:	hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	<b>State season.</b> No hunting on days of 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:	<b>State season.</b> 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.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	Open during any other scheduled WMA Hunting Season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only. <b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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## 2. BLUE SPRING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Covington County)

DEER: (Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 15 – 24.</u> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunts. <b>Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station day requirements.</b> <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 25 – Feb. 10.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and MANDATORY check station day requirements. <b>No hunting on days of dog deer or youth gun deer hunts.</b> <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 - 16.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>*No antler restrictions apply.</b>
(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
(Primitive Weapons)	<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 – 23, Dec. 12 – 13, and Jan. 1 - 4.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> It is <b>MANDATORY</b> to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 22-23, Dec. 12-13, and Jan. 2-3. (Including archery) to the check station for data collection. Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 15 – 18, Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, and Feb. 5 - 10.</u> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> It is <b>MANDATORY</b> to bring all deer harvested on Jan. 16-17 and Jan. 30-31, and Feb. 6-7 (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: Nov 28 – 29 and Dec. 26-27.</u> By limited quota permit only, one antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> It is <b>MANDATORY</b> 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 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.  
Decoys allowed.  
(Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.  
Decoys allowed.  
(Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only.  
Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

**Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.  
No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Blue Spring WMA.**

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

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, gun, or dog deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: **Sept. 13 – March 1.** 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 1.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.

QUAIL: **Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.** 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. 25 – Feb. 28.** (Excluding Nov. 28 - 29 and Dec. 26 - 27). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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### **3. BOGGY HOLLOW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Covington County)

DEER: (Archery) **Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:** **Oct. 15 – 24.** Hunting allowed only on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays. One antlered buck a day.  
**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:** **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.  
**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:** **Nov. 15 - 16.** Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.  
**Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:** **Nov. 17 – 21 (Monday – Friday) and Jan. 4 – Feb. 10** (Hunting only allowed on

(Youth) (Primitive Weapons)

TURKEY:	(Youth)	Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays). Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
	(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Regular)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed,
		<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

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

**No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Boggy Hollow WMA.**

CROW:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth and primitive weapons deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> 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:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only, no hunting on Tuesday and Friday nights and nights preceding and nights of youth gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
QUAIL:	<b>Nov. 22 – Feb. 10.</b> Hunting only on Wednesdays and Saturdays. 4 Quail per person per day.
WOODCOCK:	<b>State season.</b> Hunting only on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
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.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	<b>Feb. 11 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

#### **4. GENEVA STATE FOREST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Covington and Geneva Counties)

DEER:	(Archery)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only:</b></u> <b>Oct. 15 – 24.</b> One antlered buck a day. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b> <u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</b></u> <b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 10.</b> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>*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.</b> No hunting on days of dog deer or youth gun hunts. <u><b>Dog Hunting Hunter's Choice:</b></u> <b>Nov. 15.</b> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. By limited quota permit only. Dogs must be approved by DCNR personnel. <b>*No antler restrictions apply.</b>
	(Youth)	
	(Primitive Weapons)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</b></u> <b>Nov. 17 – 21.</b> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply.</b>
	(Gun)	<u><b>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:</b></u> <b>Nov. 22 – 23, Nov. 28 – 30, Dec. 11 – 14, and Dec. 26 – 28.</b> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>*Antlered buck restrictions apply. It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 22-23, Nov. 28-29, Dec.</b>

12-13, and Dec. 26-27 (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. 8 – 11 and Feb. 1 – 10 (Feb. 7 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. 9-10 and Feb. 6-7 (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. 5 - 6. 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 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.

Decoys allowed.

(Physically Disabled) March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM). Gobblers only.

Decoys allowed.

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

Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

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

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

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

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, gun, or dog deer hunts.

RABBIT & SQUIRREL: Sept. 13 – March 1. 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 1. Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.

QUAIL: Nov. 1 – Feb. 28. 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 & 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. 25 – Feb. 28. (Excluding Nov. 15 and Dec. 5 - 6). Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

## 5. GOTTHARD-AWF YATES LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Elmore County)

DEER:

**Zones A & B** (Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 15 – 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. 15 – 16.** One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.

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

(Gun) **Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22 – 23 and Jan. 16 – Feb. 1.** One antlered buck a day.

**Zone A** (Gun) **Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 27 – 30, Dec. 11 – 14, Dec. 25 – 28.** One antlered buck a day.

**Zone B** (Gun) **Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 4 – 7, Dec. 18 – 21, and Jan. 1-4.** One antlered buck a day.

TURKEY: (Youth) **March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

(Physically Disabled) **March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.

(Regular) **April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).** Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

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

**No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Gothard-AWF Yates Lake WMA.**

CROW: **Sept. 1 – March 1.** 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. 13 – March 1.** 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 1.** Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.

QUAIL: **Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.** 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, or gun 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 scheduled WMA hunting season using weapons and ammunition approved for those WMA hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine): **Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.** Trapping permits must be obtained from District IV office.

(e) **District V 2025-2026 Wildlife Management Area Seasons and Bag Limits (Southwest Alabama)**

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

DEER:	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only</u> : <b>Oct. 15 – 24</b> . One antlered buck a day. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice</u> : <b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 10</b> . One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only</u> : <b>Nov. 22 – Feb. 10</b> . Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only. One antlered buck a day. Shotguns with slugs and primitive weapons only. No dogs allowed. <b>CLOSED</b> .
TURKEY:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1</b> .
CROW:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1</b> . Nighttime hours only.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		<b>State season</b> . (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season – $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise to sunset).
DOVE:		<b>Sept. 13 – March 1</b> . Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		<b>State season</b> .
RAIL:		<b>State season</b> .
WATERFOWL:		<b>State season</b> .
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:		<b>State season</b> .
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):		<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28</b> . 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): No centerfire rifles allowed on the Jacinto Port Tract.**

DEER:	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only</u> : <b>Oct. 15 – 24</b> . One antlered buck a day. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice</u> : <b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 10</b> . One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)</b> . Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)</b> . Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM)</b> . Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

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

**No more than 2 gobblers per hunter from Mobile-Tensaw Delta & W.L. Holland WMA.**

RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		<b>Sept. 13 – Oct. 13 and Feb. 11 – March 1</b> . 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):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.
<b>(Remainder of Mobile-Tensaw Delta and W. L. Holland Wildlife Management Areas Including Tom Roush Tract):</b>	
DEER: (Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 15 – 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. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 – 16.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22 – Feb. 10.</u> Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays Only. One antlered buck a day. No dogs allowed.
TURKEY: (Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.
<b>Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season. No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Mobile-Tensaw Delta &amp; W.L. Holland WMA.</b>	
CROW:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b>
FERAL SWINE (Special Season):	<b>Sept. 1 – 10.</b> Dog hunting allowed. Daylight hours only.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth or gun deer hunts. <b>State season.</b> (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season – $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise to sunset).
DOVE:	<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March. <b>State season.</b>
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	<b>State season.</b> ( $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.)
RAIL:	<b>State season.</b>
WATERFOWL:	<b>State season.</b> (Baldwin County)
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	<b>State season.</b>
BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE,	
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & FOX:	Open during any other scheduled WMA hunting season using weapons and ammunition approved for those species (excluding buckshot). No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING (excluding feral swine):	<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

<b>3. PERDIDO RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA</b> (Baldwin County)
DEER: (Archery)
<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 15 – 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. <b>Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations</b>

		when hunting on days of gun deer hunts and <b>MANDATORY</b> check station days.
(Youth)		<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 - 16.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
(Primitive Weapons)		<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21 and Dec. 8 – 14.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck.
(Gun)		<u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 22 - 23 and Nov. 28 – 29.</u> Two deer a day, one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. <b>It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Nov. 22, 28, and 29 (including archery) to the check station for data collection.</b> Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 4 – 7, Dec. 25 – 28, Jan. 8 – 11, Jan. 22 – 25, and Jan. 29 - Feb. 1 (Jan. 31 Bonus Buck day, must be validated by WFF personnel prior to leaving the Area).</u> One antlered buck a day. <b>It is MANDATORY to bring all deer harvested on Dec. 27, Jan. 9 -10, Jan. 23-24, and Jan. 30-31 (including archery) to the check station for data collection.</b> Check station will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
(Physically Disabled)		<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
(Regular)		<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
		<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.
<b>Bag Limit – No more than 1 gobbler during the first 10 days of each season.</b> <b>No more than 2 gobblers total per hunter from Perdido River WMA.</b>		
CROW:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RACOON & OPOSSUM:		<b>Sept. 1 – March 1.</b> Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of youth, primitive weapons, or gun hunts.
DOVE:		<b>State season.</b> (Thursdays and Saturdays only; Noon until sunset). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:		<b>Sept. 13 – March 1.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:		<b>Nov. 1 – Feb. 28.</b> No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, or gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:		<b>State season.</b> No hunting on days of primitive weapons or gun deer hunts.
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:		<b>State season.</b> 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):		<b>Oct. 25 – Feb. 28.</b> Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.



## 5. UPPER DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Baldwin and Mobile Counties)

### DEER:

<b><u>Zones A &amp; B:</u></b>	(Archery)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 15 – 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. <b>Archery hunters must abide by all gun deer hunt regulations when hunting on days of gun deer hunts.</b> No hunting on days of youth gun deer hunts. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 15 – 16.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 17 – 21, and Jan. 8 – 11.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 22 - 23.</u> One antlered buck a day. <u>Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 11 – 14.</u> One deer a day, either one unantlered deer or one antlered buck. <u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 22 - 25 and Jan. 29 – Feb. 1.</u> One antlered buck a day. <u>Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 19 – 20.</u> One antlered buck a day. Dog deer hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 a.m.
<b><u>Zone A:</u></b>	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Jan. 22 - 25 and Jan. 29 – Feb. 1.</u> One antlered buck a day. <u>Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 19 – 20.</u> One antlered buck a day. Dog deer hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 a.m.
<b><u>Zone B:</u></b>	(Gun)	<u>Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 29 – Jan. 4 and Jan. 15 – 18.</u> One antlered buck a day. <u>Dog Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Nov. 24 – 30, Dec. 5 - 6, and Dec. 26 – 27.</u> One antlered buck a day. Dog deer hunts shall start no earlier than 7:00 a.m.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	<b>March 28 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Physically Disabled)	<b>March 31 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed.
	(Regular)	<b>April 1 – May 8 (Daylight until 1:00 PM).</b> Gobblers only. Decoys allowed April 4 – May 8.

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

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

### CROW:

**Sept. 1 – March 1.** 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 1.** 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.

### DOVE:

**State season.** (Opening day: 12:00 noon to sunset; remainder of season –  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunrise to sunset). Wednesdays 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. 13 – March 1.** No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts. Fox Squirrel season closed during February and March. Small game hunting is permitted in zone not open for gun deer hunting.

WATERFOWL: **Zone A**

**State season.** (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1:00 PM). No hunting on days of youth, primitive weapons, gun, or dog deer hunts.

**Zone B**

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. 25 – Feb. 28.** Trapping permits must be obtained from Area Biologist.

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**(2) 2025-2026 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons**

**(a) District II 2025-2026 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. 16 – 19, Oct. 23 – 26, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, Nov. 6 – 9, and Nov. 20 – 23. 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.

(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 4 - 7, and Dec. 18 - 21. 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: **Jan. 3 - 4, Jan. 10 - 11, Jan. 17 - 18, Jan. 24 - 25, and Jan. 30 - 31.** 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. 7.** 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.

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**(b) District III 2025-2026 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits (Central-West Central Alabama)**

**1. CHARLES F. SYKES - CEDAR CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA**  
(Dallas County)

DEER:

(Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 16 – 19, and Oct. 23 – 26.** 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. 18 – 21.** 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. 6 – 9.** 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: Dec. 4 - 7, Dec. 27 – 30, Jan. 6 - 9, Jan. 15 – 18, Jan. 22 - 25, and Feb. 5 – 8.** 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 3 – 5, April 10 – 12, April 17 – 19, April 24 – 26 and May 1 – 3.** 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.

**WOODCOCK & QUAIL:** **Jan. 3 – 4.** 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.

**QUAIL, RABBIT, SQUIRREL, & RACCOON:** **Feb. 12 – 15 and Feb. 19 – 22.** 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.

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## 2. PORTLAND LANDING SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA

(Dallas County)

DEER:

(Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 16 – 19 and Oct. 23 – 26.** 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. 18 – 21.** 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. 7 – 9, Dec. 12 – 14, and Feb. 9 – 10.** Bag limit of three antlerless deer for each hunter during the hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter.

(Gun) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 4 - 7, Dec. 27 – 30, Jan. 6 – 9, Jan. 15 – 18, Jan. 22 – 25, and Feb. 5 – 8.** 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/WOODCOCK: **Jan. 3 – 4.** 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 3 – 5, April 10 – 12, April 17 – 19, April 24 – 26, and May 1 – 3.** 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.

DOVE:

(Adult) **Sept. 13.** 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. 13.** 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. 6 - 8.** 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 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 hunting youth each 8 - 15 years of age.

**QUAIL, RABBIT, SQUIRREL, & RACCOON: Feb. 12 - 15 and Feb. 19 - 22.** 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.

(Adult Mentored) **Feb. 28 – March 1.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. Permit to be determined through 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.

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### **3. SHELBY SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA**

(Shelby County)

**RABBIT & SQUIRREL:**

(Adult Mentored) **Sept. 30, Oct. 11, and Nov. 2.** By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter. Permit to be determined through random selection. State bag limits apply for each hunter.

**DEER:**

(Adult Mentored) **Stalk Hunting Antlerless Deer Only: Jan. 16 - 18.** Bag limit of three antlerless deer for each hunter during the 3-day hunt. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter.

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#### **(c) District IV 2025-2026 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits (Central, East Central, and Southeast Alabama)**

##### **1. PRAIRIE GLADES SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA**

(Montgomery County)

**DOVE:** **Sept. 13, Sept. 27, and Oct. 11.** 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.

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#### **2. UCHEE CREEK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA (Russell County)**

**DEER:**

(Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 16 – 19, Oct. 23 - 26 and Oct. 30 – Nov. 2.** 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. 18 – 21.** 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. 6 – 9.** 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: Dec. 4 - 7, Dec. 18 – 21, Jan. 8 – 11, Jan. 22-25, and Feb. 5-8.** 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. **\*Antlered buck restrictions apply.**

**\*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. 13 – 14, Jan. 3 – 4, and Jan. 17 – 18.** 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 3 – 5, April 10 – 12, April 17 – 19, April 24 – 26, and May 1 – 3.** 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. 9 – 15 and Feb. 16 – 22.** 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.

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**(d) District V 2025-2026 Special Opportunity Area Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits (Southwest Alabama)**

**1. BLACKWATER RIVER SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA**  
(Baldwin County)

DEER:

(Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 23 – 26, Oct. 30 - Nov. 2, and Nov. 6 – 9.** Bag limit of one antlered buck and two 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.

(Primitive Weapons) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 20 – Nov. 23** Bag limit of one antlered buck and two 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: Dec. 4 - 7, Dec. 11 – 14, Dec. 18 – 21, Jan. 8 – 11, Jan. 22 – 25, and Feb. 5 – 8.** Bag limit of one antlered buck and two 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 at least three (3) antler points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main beam.**

DOVE: **Sept. 20.** 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.

QUAIL, RABBIT, & SQUIRREL: **Feb. 16 – 22 and Feb. 23 – Mar. 1.** 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. Quail hunting not permitted after Feb. 28.

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.

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**2. CHOCTAW NWR (Choctaw County)**

DEER:

(Primitive Weapons) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Nov. 18 – 21.** 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.

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**3. FRED T. STIMPSON SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA**

(Clarke County)

DEER:

(Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 16 – 19, Oct. 23 – 26, Dec. 11 – 14, Jan. 8 – 11, and Jan. 22 – 25.** Bag limit of one antlered buck and two 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. 1 - 2, Nov. 15 – 16, Dec. 6 – 7, and Dec. 27 – 28. Bag limit of one antlered buck and two 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 3 – 5, April 10 – 12 and April 24 – 26.** 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. 11 – 12 and Feb. 7 - 8.** 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: 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.

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#### 4. THIGPEN HILL SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA (Butler County)

DEER:

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 16 – 19 and Oct. 23 - 26. 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. 18 – 21. 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. 6 – 9. 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. Permit to be determined through limited quota random selection.

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Dec. 4 - 7, Dec. 18 – 21, Jan. 1-4, Jan. 15-18, and Jan. 29 - Feb. 1. 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.**

FERAL SWINE: (Gun) Stalk Hunting Only: Feb. 27 – March 1, April 3 – 5, April 10 – 12, April 17 – 19, April 24 – 26, and May 1 – 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 the 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, 15 years old or younger.

QUAIL, RABBIT, & SQUIRREL: **Feb. 11 – 15 and Feb. 16 – 22.** 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.

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## 5. LITTLE RIVER SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA

(Escambia County)

DEER:

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice: Oct. 16 – 19, Oct. 23 – 26, and Oct. 30 – Nov. 2. 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. 18 – 21. 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 Hunter's Choice: Dec. 4 - 7, Jan. 1 – 4, Jan. 15 – 18, Jan. 22 – 25, and Jan. 29 – Feb. 1. 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 3 – 5, April 10 – 12, April 17 – 19, April 24 – 26, and May 1 – 3. 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. 9 – 15, and Feb. 16 – 22.** 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. 13 and Oct. 4.** 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.

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#### **6. UPPER STATE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA (Clarke County)**

DEER: (Archery) **Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:** **Oct. 16 – 19, Oct. 23 - 26, Nov. 6 - 9, Nov. 20 – 23, Dec. 18 – 21, Jan. 1 – 4, Jan. 15 – 18, and Jan. 29-Feb. 1.** Bag limit of one antlered buck and two 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: (Regular) **April 3 – 5 and April 17 – 19.** 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.

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#### **220-2-57 Daily Creel Limits - U.S. Forest Service Lands**

Effective immediately, the following creel limits shall exist for Open, Buck, Ditch and Otter Ponds, located on U. S. Forest Service lands in Covington County:

A 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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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-.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.

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## **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 cooperator 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.

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**220-2-77 2025-2026 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose, And Teal Hunting Seasons**

(1) The following 2025-2026 hunting seasons for duck, coot, merganser, goose, and teal, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

**(a) Duck, Coot, and Merganser:**

**November 28 – November 29**  
**December 5 – January 31**

**Duck:** Limit 6 ducks a day and may include no more than 4 Mallards (no more than 2 of which may be a female), 3 Wood Ducks, 1 Mottled Duck, 2 Black Ducks, 2 Redhead, 3 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:**

**All Geese Statewide:**

**September 6 – October 5**  
**October 18 – November 1**  
**November 28 – November 29**  
**December 5 – January 31**

**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.

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**(c) Regions and Times for Hunting Duck, Coot, Merganser, and Goose:**

**Mobile-Tensaw Delta Waterfowl Management Zone:**

The following description defines the boundaries of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta Waterfowl Management Zone. Beginning at the intersection of Highway 90 and the west bank of the Mobile River, east along Highway 90 to the intersection with Interstate 10 at Chacaloochee Bay, east along Interstate 10 to the intersection with Highway 98, northwardly along Highway 98 to the intersection of Highway 90, northwardly along Highway 90 to the intersection with Alabama Highway 225, north along Alabama Highway 225 to the intersection with the railroad that crosses Alabama Highway 225 at the approximate latitude of 30.857136, west along the railroad to the intersection of the west bank of the Mobile River, and south along the west bank of the Mobile River to Highway 90. **The Mobile-Tensaw Delta Waterfowl Management Zone excludes the Apalachee Refuge where no hunting is allowed (see below).**

**Big Bateau Bay & Bay Grass:** The 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.

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.)

**Apalachee Refuge “NO HUNTING”:** The following description defines the boundaries of the Apalachee Refuge. Beginning at the intersection of Interstate 10 and Highway 90 at Chacaloochee Bay, east along Interstate 10 to the western channel of the Apalachee River as marked by boundary signs, north to the intersection of Highway 90, west along Highway 90 to the intersection of Interstate 10. The Apalachee Refuge is closed to

hunting and the operation of all gas-powered motors from the second Saturday in November through the second Saturday in February.

**Remainder of the State:**

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

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(d) **Special Early Teal Season:** September 13-21  
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.

(e) **Special Youth, Active Military, and Military Veteran's Waterfowl Hunting:**  
November 22, 2025 & February 7, 2026, 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.

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(f) **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.

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(g) **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.

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**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.

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**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.

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## **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**

<b><u>Common Name</u></b>	<b><u>Scientific Name</u></b>
• Cavefish, Alabama	<i>Speoplatyrhinus poulsoni</i>
• Cavefish, Southern	<i>Typhlichthys subterraneus</i>
• Chub, Shoal	<i>Macrhybopsis hyostoma</i>
• Chub, Spotfin	<i>Erimonax monachus</i>
• Darter, Bankhead	<i>Percina sarsi</i>
• Darter, Blotchside	<i>Persina burtoni</i>
• 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 neopterum</i>
• Darter, Rush	<i>Etheostoma phytophilum</i>
• Darter, Scaly Sand	<i>Ammocrypta vivax</i>
• Darter, Slackwater	<i>Etheostoma boschungi</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 euryzonus</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>Scaphirhynchus suttkusi</i>
• Sturgeon, Gulf	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi</i>
• Sturgeon, Lake	<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>

(b)	<b>AMPHIBIANS</b>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
		• Amphiuma, One-toed	<i>Amphiuma phoebus</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	<i>Desmognathus monticola</i>
		• Salamander, Seepage	<i>Desmognathus aeneus</i>
		• Salamander, Small-mouthed	<i>Ambystoma texanum</i>
		• Salamander, Southern Dusky	<i>Desmognathus auriculatus</i>
		• Salamander, Southern Red-backed	<i>Plethodon serratus</i>
		• Salamander, Tennessee Cave	<i>Gyrinophilus pallaeucus</i>
		• Siren, Reticulated	<i>Siren reticulata</i>
		• Treefrog, Pine Barrens	<i>Hyla andersonii</i>
		• Waterdog, Black Warrior	<i>Necturus alabamensis</i>

(c)	<b>REPTILES</b>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
		• Lizard, Eastern Slender Glass	<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus longicaudus</i>
		• Lizard, Mimic Glass	<i>Ophisaurus mimicus</i>
		• Skink, Coal	<i>Plestiodon anthracinus</i>
		• Skink, Southeastern Five-Lined	<i>Plestiodon inexpectatus</i>
		• Snake, Pine	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus</i> spp.
		• Snake, Eastern Indigo	<i>Drymarchon couperi</i>
		• Snake, Eastern Coral	<i>Micruurus fulvius</i>
		• Snake, Gulf Salt Marsh	<i>Nerodia fasciata clarkiae</i>
		• Snake, All Native King	<i>Lampropeltis</i> spp.
		• Snake, Rainbow	<i>Farancia erytrogramma</i>
		• Snake, Southern Hognose	<i>Heterodon simus</i>
		• Terrapin, Diamondback	<i>Malaclemys</i> spp.
		• Tortoise, Gopher	<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>
		• Turtle, Alabama Red-bellied	<i>Pseudemys alabamensis</i>
		• Turtle, All Map	<i>Graptemys</i> spp.
		• Turtle, Flattened Musk	<i>Sternotherus depressus</i>
		• Turtle, Alligator Snapping	<i>Macrochelys temminickii</i>
		• Turtle, Razor-backed Musk	<i>Sternotherus carinatus</i>

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)	<b>MAMMALS</b>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
		• Bat, Brazilian Free-tailed	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>

• Bat, Eastern Small-footed	<i>Myotis leibii</i>
• Bat, Gray	<i>Myotis grisescens</i>
• Bat, Indiana	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>
• Bat, Little Brown	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>
• Bat, Northern Long-eared	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>
• Bat, Northern Yellow	<i>Lasiurus intermedius</i>
• Bat, Rafinesque's Big-eared	<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>
• Bat, Southeastern	<i>Myotis austroriparius</i>
• Bat, Tricolored	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>
• Gopher, Southeastern Pocket	<i>Geomys pinetis</i>
• Manatee, West Indian	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>
• Mouse, Alabama Beach	<i>Peromyscus polionotus ammobates</i>
• Mouse, Meadow Jumping	<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>
• Mouse, Perdido Key Beach	<i>Peromyscus polionotus trissylepis</i>
• Shrew, Pygmy	<i>Sorex hoyi</i>
• Shrew, Smoky	<i>Sorex fumeus</i>
• Cottontail, Appalachian	<i>Sylvilagus obscurus</i>
• Rabbit, Marsh	<i>Sylvilagus palustris</i>
• Skunk, Spotted	<i>Spilogale putorius</i>
• Weasel, Long-tailed	<i>Neogale frenata</i>
• Woodrat, Allegheny	<i>Neotoma magister</i>

(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).

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#### **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](http://www.outdooralabama.com/hunting)

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#### **220-2-96 Alligator Farming Regulations**

For further information, visit: [www.outdooralabama.com/licenses/commercial-licenses-permits](http://www.outdooralabama.com/licenses/commercial-licenses-permits)

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#### **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.

## **220-2-98 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:

<b>(a) <u>Common Name</u></b>	<b><u>Scientific Name</u></b>
• Alabama cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus jonesi</i>
• Alabama cave shrimp	<i>Palaemonias alabamae</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>Athearna anthonyi</i>
• Armored marstonia	<i>Marstonia pachyta</i>
• Armored rocksнail	<i>Lithasia armigera</i>
• Auger elimia	<i>Elimia teretria</i>
• Black mudalnia	<i>Elimia melanoides</i>
• Black sandshell	<i>Ligumia recta</i>
• Boxclaw crayfish	<i>Cambarus distans</i>
• Brooch elimia	<i>Elimia broccata</i>
• Burrowing bog crayfish	<i>Creaserinus burrisi</i>
• Cahaba ancylid	<i>Rhodacmea cahawbensis</i>
• Cahaba pebblesnail	<i>Clappia cahabensis</i>
• Cajun dwarf crayfish	<i>Cambarellus shufeldtii</i>
• Canoe creek clubshell	<i>Pleurobema athearni</i>
• Capillaceous crayfish	<i>Procambarus capillatus</i>
• Celestial crayfish	<i>Procambarus holifieldi</i>
• Chattahoochee crayfish	<i>Cambarus howardi</i>
• Chipola slabshell	<i>Elliptio chipolaensis</i>
• Choctaw bean	<i>Obovaria choctawensis</i>
• Cobble elimia	<i>Elimia vanuxemiana</i>
• Cockle elimia	<i>Elimia cochlariis</i>
• Cockscomb crayfish	<i>Procambarus clemmeri</i>
• Coosa creekshell	<i>Villosa umbrans</i>
• Coosa moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus parvulus</i>
• Coosa pyrg	<i>Marstonia hershleri</i>
• Coosa River spiny crayfish	<i>Faxonius spinosus</i>
• Corpulent hornsнail	<i>Pleurocera corpulenta</i>
• Cracking pearly-mussel	<i>Hemistena lata</i>
• Creeper	<i>Strophitus undulatas</i>
• Crisscross crayfish	<i>Procambarus marthae</i>
• Cumberland combshell	<i>Epioblasma brevidens</i>

• Cumberland moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus conradicus</i>
• Cumberland monkeyface	<i>Theliderma intermedia</i>
• Cylindrical lioplax	<i>Lioplax cyclostomaformis</i>
• Delicate spike	<i>Elliptio arctata</i>
• Depression crayfish	<i>Cambarus rusticiformis</i>
• Downy rainbow	<i>Villosa villosa</i>
• Duck river dartsnapper	<i>Epioblasma ahlstedti</i>
• Elktoe	<i>Alasmidonta marginata</i>
• Engraved elimia	<i>Elimia perstriata</i>
• Escambia crayfish	<i>Procambarus escambiensis</i>
• Etowah heelsplitter	<i>Lasmigona etowaensis</i>
• Fanshell	<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>
• Fine-lined pocketbook	<i>Hamiota altilis</i>
• Fine-rayed pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia cuneolus</i>
• Fire elimia	<i>Elimia exusta</i>
• Fireback crayfish	<i>Cambarus pyronotus</i>
• Flat pebblesnail	<i>Lepyrium showalteri</i>
• Flatnose crayfish	<i>Procambarus planirostris</i>
• Flaxen elimia	<i>Elimia boykiniana</i>
• Flint river crayfish	<i>Faxonius cooperi</i>
• Florida floater	<i>Utterbackia peggyae</i>
• Fuzzy pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema stroadianum</i>
• Georgia pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema hanleyianum</i>
• Greensaddle crayfish	<i>Cambarus manningi</i>
• Gulf moccasinshell	<i>Medionidus penicillatus</i>
• Heavy pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema taitiana</i>
• Inflated heelsplitter	<i>Potamilus inflatus</i>
• Inflated spike	<i>Elliptio purpurella</i>
• Jackknife crayfish	<i>Procambarus hubbelli</i>
• Kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranchus 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 rocksнail	<i>Lithasia salebrosa</i>
• Narrow pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia escambia</i>
• Oblong rocksнail	<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 evermanni</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>Ptychobranchus 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 durelli</i>
• Salt Spring hydrob	<i>Pseudotryonia grahamae</i>
• Sculpin snail	<i>Stiobia nana</i>
• Sculptured pigtoe	<i>Cyclonaias infucata</i>
• Sheepnose	<i>Plethobasus cyphyus</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 lancifer</i>
• Skirted hornsnail	<i>Pleurocera pyrenella</i>
• Slabside pearlymussel	<i>Pleuronaias 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>Ptychobranchus 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>Eurynaia dilatata</i>
• Spindle elimia	<i>Elimia capillaris</i>
• Spotted rocksнail	<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 hornsнail	<i>Pleurocerca 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 simmonsi</i>
• Tennessee clubshell	<i>Pleurobema oviforme</i>
• Tennessee heelsplitter	<i>Lasmigona holstonia</i>
• Tennessee pigtoe	<i>Pleuronaia barnesiana</i>
• Triangular kidneyshell	<i>Ptychobranchus greenii</i>
• Tulotoma	<i>Tulotoma magnifica</i>
• Twisted dwarf crayfish	<i>Cambarellus rotatus</i>
• Vernal crayfish	<i>Procambarus viaeviridis</i>
• Warrior pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema rubellum</i>
• Warty rocksнail	<i>Lithasia lima</i>
• Watercress Snail	<i>Fontigens nickliniana</i>
• White spring cave crayfish	<i>Cambarus veitchorum</i>
• White wartyback	<i>Plethobasus cicatricosus</i>
• Wicker ancylid	<i>Rhodacmea elatior</i>
• Zebra crayfish	<i>Cambarus clairitae</i>

(b) Other State or Federally protected invertebrate species. In addition, any required federal permits for federally protected species must be obtained.

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**220-2-.101 Hunting of Captive Bred Mallard Ducks and Non-Native Game Birds on Commercial Fowl Hunting Preserves**

- (1) Captive bred mallard ducks, properly marked in accordance with federal regulations, shall be legal fowl to be hunted on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve. Such hunting shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- (2) Any private commercial shooting preserve that is licensed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may, by obtaining a special letter permit from the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, hunt any species of exotic or non-native birds at any time of the year when such exotic or non-native birds have been stocked on said hunting preserves. Provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to any bird or animal that appears on the U.S. Department of the Interior's and State of Alabama's "Endangered Species" list.
- (3) Native game birds and animals other than species listed on hunting preserve licenses may be taken only on licensed hunting preserves during legal hunting seasons and when taken by

properly licensed hunters abiding by any bag limits and other regulations that may be promulgated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or established by law.

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## **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.

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## **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 (Megalonaia 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 (Obliquaria 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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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#### **220-2-110 Establishment of Physically Disabled Hunting Areas**

- (1) The following areas are hereby designated and established as "Physically Disabled Hunting Areas":
  - (a) "Marengo Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
  - (b) "M. Barnett Lawley Field 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) "Upper State Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
  - (f) "Macon State Forest Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
  - (g) "Little River State Forest Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
  - (h) "Prairie Creek Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
  - (i) "Forever Wild Land Trust – Alabama Power Co. Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
  - (j) "University of South Alabama Foundation Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
  - (k) "Pine Hills Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
  - (l) "Big Oak Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
  - (m) "Dozier Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.

- (n) "Cherokee Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
- (o) "Shiloh Hill Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map.
- (p) "Coffee County (Victoria) Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (q) "Lewis Smith Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached map.
- (r) "Jordan Physically Disabled Hunting Area," as indicated on the attached revised map."
- (s) "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.

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#### **220-2-112 Dog Deer Hunting**

- (a) It shall be unlawful to cast, release, or otherwise place, a dog, for the purpose of hunting deer, from, upon, or onto, a public right-of-way, without the permission of the landowners whose land adjoins the right-of-way within 50 feet of the location of such dog.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to utilize a dog for the purpose of deer hunting without the person placing and maintaining on said dog a collar containing the following information clearly stated thereon: the name, address, and telephone number of the person utilizing the dog.
- (c) Within one mile of the Talladega National Forest, it shall be unlawful for any person owning, having the care of, or using any dog, to allow any dog or dogs for the purpose of deer hunting to enter onto, cross, or remain upon the property of another without written permission from the landowner or lessee of the property. Written permission, which may be a paper copy, email, text, or other electronic form, shall be in the possession of each person using such dog (s) on the property of another person, and shall be presented upon the request of any Conservation Enforcement Officer. A first offense of this paragraph shall result in a written warning. Subsequent violations may result in the issuance of a citation.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person, without permission of the owner, to remove, tamper with, or disable any collar, GPS tracking collar, or training/correction collar on a dog used for the purpose of deer hunting.

NOTE: While not required by this rule, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources strongly encourages the use of GPS tracking collars and training/correction collars on dogs used for deer hunting.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.
- (1) It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take fish by snagging on all waters of the Tennessee River or its impoundments.
- (2) 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.

#### **220-2-118 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.

#### **220-2-119 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.

#### **220-2-122 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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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 Tishomeng 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.

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#### **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:

<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME</u>
• African elodea	<i>Lagarosiphon spp</i>
• alligatorweed	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>
• Brazilian elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>
• 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>

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**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** – East and 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. Feral Swine – No closed season. No bag limit (no dog hunting allowed). Legal weapons limited to those allowed during otherwise listed open season on area. Outside of any listed open season on area, legal weapons shall follow 220-2-.02(6).
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.

4. No centerfire rifles or buckshot shall be allowed for any type of hunting; other than feral swine during otherwise listed closed seasons on area.
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 (see 9.) and only one (1) may be an unantlered deer (except spotted fawns), is permitted November 10 to November 14.
7. Turkey hunting on Old Cahawba Prairie complex (East and West Zones) shall be as follows: (Thursday-Sunday) April 2 through May 3 from daylight until 1:00 p.m. No decoys allowed.
8. Deer and Small Game hunting on Old Cahawba Prairie Complex shall be as follows: (East Zone, Thursday – Sunday) and (West Zone, open daily) during open public hunting seasons.
9. Old Cahawba Prairie Complex (East and West Zones) Deer: antlered bucks must have at least (3) antler points (1" or longer) on at least one main beam to be legal for harvest.
10. Old Cahawba Prairie Complex East Zone – Deer hunting limited to archery only.
11. It shall be illegal for any unauthorized person to possess or use any game camera/devise capable of monitoring remotely and/or capable of automatically transmitting photos and/or videos from March 1- May 31 without first obtaining written permission from the Alabama State Lands Division.
12. It shall be illegal for any unauthorized person launch, land, possess, or use any unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)/drone without first obtaining written permission from the Alabama State Lands Division.

(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, and Lauderdale County.**

The hunting seasons are 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. Feral Swine – No closed season, no bag limit (no dog hunting allowed). Legal weapons limited to those allowed during otherwise listed open season on area. Outside of any listed open season on area, legal weapons shall follow 220-2-.02(6).
2. Deer hunting shall be limited to bow and arrow, or crossbow.
3. No firearms permitted except for shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.

Note: This prohibition shall not apply to the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized person for their personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.

4. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs).
5. Trapping is allowed in accordance with State season and regulations.
6. It shall be illegal for any unauthorized person to possess or use any game camera/devise capable of monitoring remotely and/or capable of automatically transmitting photos and/or videos from March 1- May 31 without first obtaining written permission from the Alabama State Lands Division.
7. It shall be illegal for any unauthorized person to launch, land, possess, or use any unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV/drone without first obtaining written permission from the Alabama State Lands Division.

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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 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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **220-2-.138 Licensed Game Breeders**

All persons, firms, or corporations licensed under Section 9-11-30 to engage in the business of raising game birds, game animals, or fur bearing animals shall:

- (1) Submit to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, (hereinafter referenced as "the Division" or "Division"), accurate records of stock and inventory changes caused by births, deaths, escapes, transports, releases, transfers, sales, purchases or other causes; provided however, holders of the nonindigenous game breeder option who are not engaged in the breeding and handling of such animals may submit a good faith estimate of stock inventory and inventory changes as to such animals. Effective June 1, 2018, all inventory records and changes described above relating to game animals shall be submitted via the Division's electronic database through individual user accounts, or by phone utilizing a Division approved call center through individual user accounts. Initial inventory records submissions may also be established by mailing a letter, signed by the license holder, identifying the number of game animals currently in inventory, and a copy of each animal's current Cervidae Possession/Transfer Form to the Division through the U.S. Postal Service utilizing certified mail. Inventory changes caused by births on a license holder's facility may also be established by mailing a letter, signed by the license holder, identifying the number of game animals to be added due to birth, and a copy of each animal's Cervidae Possession/Transfer Form to the Division through the U.S. Postal Service utilizing certified mail.
- (a) For the purposes of this rule, the following words shall have the meanings given to them in this rule when related to the physical movement of game animals.
- 1. "Transport" means to take, carry, or move a game animal from one location to another.

2. "Transfer" means the transport of any game animal from a licensed game breeder facility to another licensed game breeder facility or to another individual or facility that is licensed or permitted to possess game animals, where the transport results in a change in inventory.
3. "Release" means the transport of any game animal from a licensed game breeder facility to an enclosure that is not a licensed game breeder facility, where the transport results in a change in inventory.

(2) Allow inspection by agents authorized by the Division and Department of Agriculture and industries, of stock, facilities and records at all reasonable times.

(3) Each fawn shall be marked with an assigned ear tag, as specified by the Division, which identifies each animal, at the earliest of the following dates: the date it is transported, the date it is transferred, the date it is released, or by April 1 of the year immediately following the fawn's birth. The fawn's species, sex, date of birth, ear tag number, and other identifying features shall be submitted, as required in paragraph (1), via the user's account on the database, by certified mail, or by phone. Such tags shall not be reassigned to or reused on another animal. Tags shall not be removed, except during transport when the animal is being released, provided the tag shall be in possession during transport. Animals which lose tags shall be reassigned a replacement tag number and be remarked before sale or transfer.

(4) Identify the location of each facility by physical address and notify designated Division personnel of any changes in size or location of the facility.

(5) Within 24 hours of discovery, notify designated Division personnel of any deaths via the database or phone and allow disease testing of animals, 12 months of age or older, that have died.

(6) Within 24 hours of discovery, notify designated Division personnel of escapes via the database or phone and coordinate recapture efforts as directed by Division personnel. The licensed game breeder shall have ten days from the date of such report to recapture only those escaped deer that are listed on the breeder's inventory. All recaptured deer must be returned to the facility from which the deer escaped. If after ten days the licensed game breeder is unable to recapture escaped deer that have been reported in accordance with this regulation, the Division may grant an additional ten-day period for recapture efforts to continue, contingent upon the licensed game breeder proving to the Division's satisfaction that reasonable efforts were made to effect the recapture during the first ten-day period.

(7) Any releases, transfers, sales, or purchases of inventoried game animals that results in a change in inventory shall be reported via the user's account on the database or by phone. This includes providing the date and location of the event. In addition, the recipient's serial number, commonly referred to as an Alabama Game Breeder number, shall be reported if the recipient is a licensed game breeder. Licensed Game Breeders who are recipients of transfers must accept or decline the transfer via the database or phone within ten days.

(8) Game animals shall not be transported without being accompanied by a valid transport number issued by the Division. To receive a transport number, a game breeder must identify the animals to be transported and provide the destination location of the transport via the database or phone. Once issued, the transport number will be valid for ten days.

(9) Upon notification by authorized Division personnel of a documented disease risk, not remove from any licensed game breeder facility any animals alive or dead until approved by authorized Division personnel.

(10) For species of the family Cervidae, obtain a premises registration number and comply with the conditions set forth in any herd health or monitoring plan that may be designated by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.

(11) Acquire animals only from licensed game breeders, except by written approval from authorized Division personnel.

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, may order the confiscation and destruction of any animal that is deemed to be a substantial disease risk to other wildlife, domestic animals, or the public without compensation to the owner of such animal. This shall not affect the authority of

other state or federal agencies with respect to confiscation, destruction or condemnation of or compensation for such animals. Nothing in this regulation is intended to authorize the importation into this state of any live animal, or their eggs or embryos which is otherwise prohibited by law or regulation.

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**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.

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**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 3, 2025 – February 5, 2026. 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 four deer total during the permitted hunt, only one of which may be an antlered buck. All four deer may be harvested the same day. Hunters must harvest a doe prior to harvesting a buck. State buck harvest limits will apply.

An Adult Mentored Hunt administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will take place January 8, 2026 – January 11, 2026.

- (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 6, 2025 – February 8, 2026. 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 years 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) Lake Guntersville State Park – Whitetail Deer Hunt by bow and arrow (including crossbows) only. Hunting will only be permitted exclusively through an Adult Mentored Hunt administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources which will take place February 6, 2026 – February 8, 2026.

- (4) 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 Johnson State Park is open to those possessing an Alligator Possession Tag for the Southeast Management Area.

- (5) 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.

**220-2-142 Turtle Dealer/Farmer Regulation**

- (1) Definitions:
  - (a) "Division" – Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
  - (b) "Director" – The Director of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
  - (c) "Turtle Farmer" - Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of propagating legally acquired captive indigenous turtles or turtle eggs for commercial purposes.
  - (d) "Turtle Dealer" - Any person, firm, or corporation who purchases, imports or exports turtles or turtle eggs for resale or stocking purposes or who sells, offers for sale, or trades for anything of value legally acquired live turtles.
  - (e) "Nonindigenous Animal" – A species of animal, other than birds, that does not exist historically and naturally in the wild within the state or does not exist within the state as a result of the natural expansion of its range. Ref. Section 9-11-500 (2)
- (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) 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 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.
- (b) Each permittee will file the following annual reports on forms provided by the Division prior to renewal of their farmer permit:
  - (i) Each permittee will file a WFF Turtle Farmer Inventory Report Form on form provided by the Division prior to renewal of their farmer permit.
  - (ii) 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. A copy of the bill of lading or a copy of the WFF Bill of Lading Form must be sent to the Division.
  - (iii) Each WFF 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/caught; (6) amount received/paid for turtles and ; (7) signature of permit holder.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Standards of care for turtle breeder facilities.

- (i) Outdoor facilities, including, but not limited to, breeding ponds, grow-out ponds, holding ponds, and nesting areas shall meet the following conditions:
  - a. All facilities shall have perimeter fencing not less than 24 inches in height from ground level and be sufficient to prevent egress and ingress of any turtle.
  - b. All ponds shall be permanent earthen structures unless otherwise stipulated by the Director.
  - c. Turtle nesting areas shall consist of non-compacted soil of sufficient depth and area to meet the reproductive needs of species being bred and accommodate the density of the facility's breeding stock.
- (ii) Indoor facilities shall meet the following conditions:
  - a. All indoor facilities shall have a structurally sound barrier to prevent egress or ingress of any turtle.
  - b. Suitable sanitary methods shall provide for rapid elimination of excess water and shall be properly constructed, and kept in good repair, to ensure the health of the turtles at all times. The method of drainage shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.
  - c. Turtle nesting areas shall consist of non-compacted soil of sufficient depth and area to meet the reproductive needs of species being bred and accommodate the density of the facility's breeding stock.
- (iii) When shipping and transporting turtles, the following conditions must be met:
  - a. Containers used for live transport should be designed, constructed, and fitted as appropriate to the species, size, and weight of the animals being transported. Containers should have adequate ventilation for the animals.
  - b. Animals may not be stacked upon one another in a container during transport.
  - c. Animals shall be protected from adverse weather conditions while transporting.

(4)(a) 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. Each turtle dealer permittee must agree to meet designated standards for enclosure construction and animal care prior to being permitted.

(b) Each permittee will file the following annual reports on forms provided by the Division prior to renewal of their dealer permit:

- (i) Each permittee will file a WFF Turtle Dealer Inventory Report Form on form provided by the Division prior to renewal of their dealer permit.
- (ii) All turtles imported into or exported out of the state 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. A copy of the bill of lading or a copy of the WFF Bill of Lading Form must be sent to the Division.
- (iii) Each WFF Turtle Dealer 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 and body of water) of shipment; (5) quantity and species of turtles purchased/sold; (6) amount received/paid for turtles and; (7) signature of owner/transporter.

(c) Turtle dealers may import, export, sell, or trade live nonindigenous turtle species. Nonindigenous turtle species may not be propagated within the state.

(d) Standards of Care for Turtle Dealer Facilities

- (i) Outdoor facilities, including, but not limited to, grow-out ponds and holding ponds, shall meet the following conditions:
  - a. All facilities shall have perimeter fencing not less than 24 inches in height from ground level and be sufficient to prevent egress and ingress of any turtle.
  - b. All ponds shall be permanent earthen structures unless otherwise stipulated by the Director.
  - c. All turtles housed in outdoor facilities should be segregated by sex as to not allow reproduction.
- (ii) Indoor facilities shall meet the following conditions:
  - a. All indoor facilities shall have a structurally sound barrier to prevent egress or ingress of any turtle.
  - b. Suitable sanitary methods shall provide for rapid elimination of excess water and shall be properly constructed, and kept in good repair, to ensure the health of the turtles at all times. The method of drainage shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.
  - c. Indoor facilities shall provide appropriate lighting, temperatures, humidity, and clean water to meet the physical requirement of each species. Fresh food and clean water should be provided to turtles to fulfill their dietary requirements.
  - d. Effective measures must be provided to prevent and control infection, disease, parasites, or vermin.
  - e. All turtles housed in indoor facilities should be segregated by sex as to not allow reproduction.
- (iii) When shipping and transporting turtles, the following conditions must be met:
  - a. Containers used for live transport should be designed, constructed, and fitted as appropriate to the species, size, and weight of the animals being transported. Containers should have adequate ventilation for the animals.
  - b. Animals may not be stacked upon one another in a container during transport.
  - c. Animals shall be protected from adverse weather conditions while transporting.

(5) The Director or other persons as designated for such purposes shall have the power and authority to inspect and examine the books, records, turtles or facilities of each permit holder.

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**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): _____			<b>UNANTLERED DEER</b>  <b>USE BACK OR ATTACH HANDWRITTEN VERSION</b> <b>TO RECORD ADDITIONAL UNANTLERED DEER.</b>	
<b>ANTLERED DEER</b> —One of the three must have 4 pts, 1" or longer on one side				
Harvest Date	Points	Confirmation #		
/ /	R: <u>  </u> L: <u>  </u>			
/ /	R: <u>  </u> L: <u>  </u>			
/ /	R: <u>  </u> L: <u>  </u>			
<b>NOTE:</b> 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.				
<b>TURKEY</b>				
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](http://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](http://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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **220-2-154 Standards of Care for Wildlife Used for Public Exhibition Purposes**

For further information, visit:

[www.outdooralabama.com/licenses/commercial-licenses-permits](http://www.outdooralabama.com/licenses/commercial-licenses-permits)

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#### **220-2-156 Release of Captive Raised Cervidae**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation licensed under 9-11-30 or 9-11-261, or any buyer or recipient from any of such persons, to knowingly or intentionally release any captive raised member of the family Cervidae into the wild except those areas bounded by enclosures which effectively restrict the egress of such animals.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **220-2-161 Cervid Urine Ban**

- (1) The use or possession of natural cervid urine from cervids outside of Alabama while hunting is prohibited except that cervid urine may be used if produced in a facility that the department determines:

- (a) complies with a federal or a federally approved chronic wasting disease herd certification program and any federal chronic wasting disease protocols and record requirements;
- (b) does not allow importation of live cervids;
- (c) requires that all cervids exported from the facility be tested for chronic wasting disease upon death and the results are reported to the facility;
- (d) is inspected annually by an accredited veterinarian, including inspection of the herd and applicable records; and
- (e) maintains a fence at least 8 feet high around the facility and, if the facility is located within 30 miles of a confirmed positive occurrence of chronic wasting disease, is double fenced to prevent direct contact between captive and wild cervids.

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit the use, collection, or sale of cervid urine products originating from within the State of Alabama.

(3) This regulation shall not apply to those urine products which are fully synthetic in composition.

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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) 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).
- (g) For any person to operate airboats or air-cooled motors (go-devil type motors) on all portions of Mud Creek WMA lying west of Highway 72 from the beginning of youth/ Veteran waterfowl season in November to the first Saturday in February.

(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 the 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 air-cooled motors (go-devil type motors) in Mud Creek (Wannville) dewatering unit and Raccoon Creek dewatering unit (North of Highway 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 March 31 of each year. Airboats are prohibited on the Green Tree Reservoir in the Mud Creek WMA at all times.

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#### **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 handicapped 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. 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.

(2) The following shall apply to the dewatering unit on Swan Creek WMA:

- (a) Blinds and decoys may be left overnight on weekend hunts only. All items must be removed from each location by 1:30 p.m. the last day of the weekend hunt. All items must be removed daily for weekend draw hunts.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to fish from October 31st through the second Saturday in February.
- (c) All activity is prohibited in the DWU when gates are closed. There shall be no activity from 7:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m., during the periods when gates are open. Gates to the Main Launch Road and West Dike Road will close October 31<sup>st</sup> at 8 a.m. In addition to this, the gates to Main Launch Road and West Dike Road will be closed between the end of the regular waterfowl season and the youth/military waterfowl day.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to use airboats.
- (e) All limited quota walk-in and boat blind locations within the Swan Creek WMA DWU will be permitted through a limited quota permit system determined by random computerized drawing for weekend hunts or in-person drawings on the Tuesday of each week for Tuesday and Thursday hunts.

With the following conditions:

1. In order to apply, ALL applicants are required to obtain a Conservation Identification Number (CID); registration is restricted to individuals 16 years of age and older; those residents who are aged 16 to 64 and non-residents aged 16 years or older must have a valid WMA license to register for the Swan Creek WMA hunt selection process. Successful resident applicants and hunting guests aged 16 to 64 and non-residents aged 16 or older must obtain and have in possession a valid Alabama hunting license, WMA license, HIP, and state and federal duck stamps if applicable. Any violation of any rules, regulations, or laws by permit holder or guests while hunting on Swan Creek WMA will result in those individuals forfeiting the remainder of their hunt and forfeiting their Swan Creek WMA hunt eligibility for the remainder of the current season and the entire following season. Failure to participate in solicited hunt without providing Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries 7 day prior notice by email to hunt coordinator of cancellation will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future Swan Creek WMA DWU limited quota hunts for the present and following year.
2. Boat blinds must meet all U.S. Coast Guard Minimum Requirements for Recreational Boats. Life vests and kill switches must be worn at all times when the boat is under power and in motion.
3. Permit holders and guests shall only hunt on their assigned dates and within thirty (30) feet of their assigned hunt location marker.
4. It shall be unlawful for any limited quota permitted hunter to hunt without checking in and out of Swan Creek WMA on each hunt using the Outdoor Alabama WMA check-in Application and reporting harvest OR with a daily permit from the self-service kiosk. When using daily permit, the tear-off stub with number matching daily permits must be filled out and deposited in the 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 Swan Creek WMA each hunt.
5. It shall be unlawful to access or hunt on Swan Creek DWU unless selected for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates and hunt location. The permit holder and three properly licensed guest(s) may only access and hunt the DWU permitted hunt location and on permitted times and days. The guests may be different individuals each hunt day. Permit holder must be present with hunting party each hunt.

6. Permitted walk-in and boat blind hunters must be anchored or stationed to hunt within 30 feet of the appropriate hunt location marker for the duration of the limited quota hunt. Hunt location 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 boat or blind is found to be attached to a marker, all hunters in the blind will be deemed in violation of this regulation.
7. Permitted hunters and guests may enter Swan Creek DWU at 4:30 a.m.; Hunting may begin at legal shooting hours; all hunting activity is prohibited after noon; and all parties must exit the DWU no later than 1:30 p.m.. It shall be unlawful to leave assigned hunt location except when retrieving a downed bird or departing the DWU for the day.
8. Limited quota hunt selections will be conducted by:
  - (i) Special early teal season will be on a first come first served basis and will be open daily during the state season. No noon closure during this season.
  - (ii) Weekend (Saturday and Sunday) and Special Youth and Veteran Hunts, applicants will register pre-season on the limited quota hunt platform on [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com). Randomized computer selections will occur prior to the season opening. Successful permit holders will be able to hunt both days.
  - (iii) Weekdays (Tuesdays and Thursdays), applicants will register in person on the Tuesday of each hunt week. Drawing will occur at the District I Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office (21453 Harris Station Road, Tanner, AL 35671) each Tuesday during waterfowl season. Registration begins at 4:00 a.m., registration ends at 4:25 a.m. and drawing will occur at 4:30 a.m. Successful permit holders can hunt only the day they are successfully selected.

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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 a 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](http://www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info). As an incentive to increase CWD samples submitted for testing on scheduled dates, hunters shall receive a CWD Sampling Permit to harvest one additional antlered deer from within a CMZ for each CWD sample submitted for testing from deer harvested within the HRZ. No more than two additional CWD Sampling Permits will be issued per hunter above the season bag limit, combined for the HRZ and BZ. CWD Sampling Permits are non-transferrable. CWD Sampling Permits are only available at WMA Check Stations and DCNR Mobile sampling locations on scheduled testing days.
- (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](http://www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info). As an incentive to increase CWD samples submitted for testing on scheduled dates, hunters shall receive a

CWD Sampling Permit to harvest one additional antlered deer from within a CMZ for each CWD sample submitted for testing from deer harvested within the BZ. No more than two additional CWD Sampling Permits will be issued per hunter above the season bag limit, combined for the HRZ and BZ. CWD Sampling Permits are non-transferable. CWD Sampling Permits are only available at WMA Check Stations and DCNR Mobile sampling locations on scheduled testing days.

- (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 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 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](http://www.outdooralabama.com/CWD-Info)
- (8) Cervid rehabilitation shall not be permitted within a CMZ nor shall Cervid be transported out of a CMZ for rehabilitation purposes.
- (9) 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).
- (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.
  - (d) Feed as permitted by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
  - (e) Following any positive that results in a new CMZ or an expanded area within an existing CMZ, deer hunting by the aid of bait shall be allowed within the new CMZ or expanded area until the last day of the current CMZ deer season.

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#### **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](http://www.outdooralabama.com/license-information)

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### **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](http://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.

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### **220-2-170 Selling of Skipjack Herring Prohibited**

It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or trade anything of value for any Skipjack Herring (*Alosa chrysochloris*) taken from the public waters of the Tennessee River and its Impoundments and

Tributaries within the State of Alabama. This regulation shall expire on December 31, 2029, to allow adequate time for additional biological analysis to be performed to determine if the continued harvest and sale of Skipjack Herring is sustainable.

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# CODE OF ALABAMA

## TITLE 9

### CONSERVATION

AND

### NATURAL RESOURCES



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## **Chapter 1**

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Section 9-1-1      Making false statement to officer issuing license.**

Any person who willfully or knowingly makes to any officer authorized to issue a hunting, fishing, fur-bearing animal, or seafood license a false statement as to his or her name, age, residence or any other statement relevant to the purchasing of the license, or any person who makes to any officer designated to issue hunting, fishing, fur-bearing animal, or seafood licenses an incorrect statement when purchasing a license for another and makes the statement knowing it to be false shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500). (*Acts 1951, No. 357, p. 645, §1; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

### **Section 9-1-3      Lending, borrowing, selling, etc., license.**

The lending, borrowing, selling, buying, renting, or using in any way the license of another to hunt, fish, trap, deal in furs, or to take oysters or shrimp shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500). (*Acts 1951, No. 357, p. 645, §3; Act 2008-384, §1.*)

### **Section 9-1-4      Penalty for violation.**

Unless otherwise provided, a violation of any of the provisions of this title or any rule or regulation of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be a Class C misdemeanor. (*Code 1923, §§5112, 5120; Acts 1932, Ex. Sess., No. 212, p. 214; Code 1940, T. 8, §13; 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

### **Section 9-1-6      Declaration of public policy and legislative intent; measure of damages for the unauthorized removal of coal; retroactive application in section.**

- (a) Unless The objective of this section is to specify the measure of damages for the unauthorized removal of coal in Alabama. It is declared that the extraction of coal provides a major present and future source of energy and is an essential and necessary activity which contributes to the economic and material well-being of the state. In the absence of a reasonable measure of damages as specified in this section, confusion could result in the coal industry causing financial distress and unemployment, and may cause the abandonment and prevent the use of many coal mines. This state has a public interest in removing this hazard and precluding this confusion and distress without doing violence to private rights.
- (b) The measure of damages in any civil action for the authorized extraction, severance, injury or removal of coal from land, including but not limited to, action for trespass or conversion, when the extraction, severance, injury or removal is in good faith shall be the fair market value of the coal in place before severance as of the time of extraction, severance, injury or removal. The fair market value of coal in place shall be calculated as the royalty rate prevailing at the time and place of severance. The measure of damage in all other civil actions for the unauthorized extraction, severance, injury or removal of coal from land, including but not limited to, actions for trespass or conversion, shall be the fair market value of the coal after severance, at the time and place of severance, without allowance for labor and expenses.
- (c) This article shall apply to causes of action and actions then existing or thereafter arising when this article becomes effective. (*Acts 1983, No. 83-608, p. 945, §§ 1-3.*)

## **Chapter 2 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **Article 1 General Provisions**

#### **Section 9-2-1      Created; seal.**

There shall be a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which shall be an executive and administrative department in order to enable the Governor to exercise a direct and effective control over the natural resources, state parks and historical sites of the state and in order to bring together in one department for purposes of economy and efficiency all matters pertaining to the natural resources, state parks and monuments and historical sites of the state. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have a seal, which shall be affixed to official acts and deeds of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources by him. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 2; Code 1940, T. 8, § 1.*)

#### **Section 9-2-2      Powers and duties generally.**

The general functions and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be as follows:

- (1) To protect, conserve, and increase the wildlife of the state and to administer all laws relating to wildlife and protection, conservation, and increase thereof.
- (2) To make exploration, surveys, studies, and reports concerning the wildlife, state parks and monuments and historical sites in the state and to publish such thereof as will be of general interest.
- (3) To maintain, supervise, operate, and control all state parks, monuments and historical sites, except Mound State Monument and the First White House of the Confederacy; the serving and employing of attendants for all monuments and historical sites located on state-owned property in the City of Montgomery shall be performed by the Department of Finance.
- (4) To maintain, supervise, operate, and control all state lands other than those specifically committed to the use or control of some other department, board, bureau, commission, agency, office, or institution of the state.
- (5) To cooperate with and enter into cooperative agreements and stipulations with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, other states, or any other federal or state officer or department, board, bureau, commission, agency, or office thereunto authorized with respect to wildlife restoration projects, the carrying on of an educational program in connection therewith, the collection and publication of data with respect to wildlife, state parks and the monuments and historical sites or any other matters committed to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources by this title or otherwise by law and to make and enforce all regulations and restrictions required for such cooperation, agreements, or stipulations.
- (6) To carry on a program of education and public enlightenment with respect to the wildlife and other natural resources, state parks and the monuments and historical sites of Alabama.
- (7) To make an annual report to the Governor concerning the activities and accomplishments of the department for the preceding fiscal year.
- (8) To recommend to the Legislature such legislation as may be needed further to protect, conserve, increase, or to make available or useful the wildlife and other natural resources, state parks and the monuments and historical sites of Alabama. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 3; Code 1940, T. 8, § 2; Act 2009-724, p. 2165, § 1.*)

#### **Section 9-2-3      Powers and duties as to state parks and parkways, etc.**

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may employ such officers, assistants and employees as may be necessary and, as to persons employed wholly or in part in carrying out the provisions of cooperative agreements with the federal government or other agencies, for such compensations heretofore or hereafter paid, may use such contributions or receipts as may be derived from the United States or from any private or philanthropic source.

Where any of the lands of the state or of any department, institution or agency of the state are in scattered or noncontiguous tracts, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is

authorized, subject to the approval of the Governor, to exchange such tracts for others of equal value, privately or publicly owned, to the end that the lands of the state or of any of its departments, institutions or agencies may be better consolidated for economy and efficiency in administration, protection and use and to perform such other duties as may be imposed upon it by law and to do such other things as may be necessary to give full effect to this section and this title. (*Acts 1935, No. 23, p. 38, § 1; Acts 1935, No. 500, p. 1078, § 1; Acts 1936-37, Ex. Sess., No. 161, p. 183, § 1; Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255; Code 1940, T. 8, § 3.*)

### **Section 9-2-3.1      Parking violations on property under control of department.**

(a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) **DEPARTMENT.** The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (2) **PROPERTY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT.** Property, and any roads or streets on the property, including but not limited to, state parks property; boating access areas, including associated parking lots; wildlife management areas; public fish lake property; and any property controlled, owned, leased, or managed by the department or any of its divisions or the Forever Wild Land Trust.

(b) (1) A person may not park, cause to be parked, or permit a motor vehicle to be parked on any property under the control of the department in violation of a rule adopted by the department.

(2) The presence of an unattended motor vehicle on property under control of the department in violation of a rule of the department shall create a *prima facie* presumption that the registrant of the motor vehicle committed or authorized the parking violation.

(c) (1) A person in violation of subsection (b) shall be issued a Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint (UTTC) by a special officer appointed by the department for the enforcement of this section as provided in Section 32-5-310. Notwithstanding Section 32-5-310, or any other provision of law, a special officer of the department is not required to be certified by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission. A copy of the UTTC shall be left on the motor vehicle and mailed, by regular mail, to the registered owner of the motor vehicle.

(2) District courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction of violations of this section.

(d) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2), a fine for a violation under this section shall be fifty dollars (\$50).

(2) A fine for a violation of subsection (a) in a handicapped parking space shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

(3) No court costs shall be assessed for a violation under this section.

(4) Fifty percent of the fines collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the Department of Conservation Administrative Fund to be used by the department. Fifty percent of the fines collected shall be deposited into the Clerk's Judicial Administration Fund.

(e) A motor vehicle parked on property controlled by the department in violation of this section may be removed as provided in Section 31-12-2.

(f) A UTTC issued pursuant to this section shall be subject to all procedures and provisions of Rule 19 of the Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, as adopted by the Alabama Supreme Court, unless expressly provided otherwise in this section.

(g) The court may suspend the driver's license of a person who fails to pay a fine pursuant to this section as provided in Rule 26.11 of the Alabama Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(h) The department shall adopt rules for the implementation and administration of this section. (*Act 2019-442, § 1.*)

### **Section 9-2-4      Powers and duties as to seafoods, etc.**

(a) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have full jurisdiction and control of all seafoods existing or living in the waters of Alabama and of all public and natural oyster reefs and oyster bottoms of the State of Alabama, and it shall ordain, promulgate and enforce

all rules, regulations and orders deemed by it to be necessary for the protection, propagation or conservation of the same.

(b) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may by order duly made and published prescribe the manner of taking or catching, the time when and designate the places from which seafoods may or may not be taken or caught during certain periods of the year, or entirely, as it may deem to be for the best interest of the seafood industry.

(c) It shall have full authority to prohibit the catching or taking of oysters from reefs designated by it by order duly made and promulgated during the entire open season or any part thereof and may open and close said reefs or portions thereof to tonging or dredging, or both, and at any time deemed by it to be to the best interest of the public welfare.

(d) It shall receive and audit the accounts of oysters bought and caught of all canners and dealers and the accounts of all inspectors, employees and members of said department and of all expenses incident to carrying into effect this title, and shall see that all privilege taxes and license fees are paid, that the inspectors and other officers and employees faithfully discharge their duties and that all provisions of this title are properly complied with and enforced, and the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall hear the complaints of any person aggrieved by the action of any officer.

(e) It shall have authority to cooperate with the commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries of the Department of Commerce of the United States government in the carrying out of the provisions of any act of Congress for the sale, distribution or propagation of all seafoods and the extension of the producing areas thereof.

(f) It shall have authority to make rules and regulations requiring all catchers, factories, purchasers, dealers or any persons dealing in shrimp and oysters to make reports to the department containing the number of barrels caught or sold and any other information said department may require; to designate the dates for opening and closing of the seasons for catching shrimp and the waters from which the same may be taken; to cause surveys to be made of the coastal regions of the State of Alabama for the purpose of determining the economic soundness of the development of the oyster industry in the location; and to make plans and estimates of the cost of such developments and improvements and in connection therewith to enter on any lands, waters and premises for the purpose of making such surveys, soundings and examinations. (*Acts 1935, No. 226, p. 618, § 10; Acts 1936-37, Ex. Sess., No. 169, p. 192, § 3; Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255; Code 1940, T. 8, § 4.*)

**Section 9-2-5      Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources – Qualifications, appointment, term of office, oath, and bond.**

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be headed by and shall be under the direction, supervision and control of an officer who shall be known and designated as the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be the advisor of the Governor and the Legislature in matters relating to the wildlife and other natural resources and the state parks and monument and historical sites of the State of Alabama and the discovery, development, protection and conservation thereof. He shall be responsible to the Governor for the administration of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be appointed and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor. Vacancies for any reason shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall take the constitutional oath of office and shall give bond in such penalty as may be fixed by the Governor, but such penalty shall not be less than \$10,000.00 conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties. The premiums on such bond shall be paid out of the State Treasury. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall devote full time to his office and shall not hold another office under the government of the United States or under any other state or of this state or any political subdivision thereof during his incumbency in such office, and shall not hold any position of trust or profit or engage in any occupation or business the conduct of which shall interfere or be inconsistent with his duties

as Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources under the provisions of this title. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 6; Code 1940, T. 8, § 5; Acts 1951, Ex. Sess., No. 9, p. 175, § 1.*)

**Section 9-2-6      **Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources – Powers and duties generally.****

All functions and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be exercised by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources acting by himself or by and through such administrative divisions or such officers or employees as he may designate. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have all power and authority necessary or convenient to carry out the functions and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. In the performance of such functions and duties and in the exercise of such powers and authorities, the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources and all other officers and employees of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall, however, be subject to all legal restrictions, limitations and conditions and penalties, civil and criminal, with respect to the performance of such functions and duties and the exercise of such powers and authorities. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 7; Code 1940, T. 8, § 6.*)

**Section 9-2-7      **Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources – Powers and duties as to game, fish, and seafood generally.****

(a) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may enforce and administer all laws providing for the preservation, protection, propagation, and development of wild birds, wild fur-bearing animals, game fish, saltwater fish, shrimp, oysters and other shellfish, crustaceans and all other species of wildlife within the state or within the territorial jurisdiction of the state which have not been reduced to private ownership, except as otherwise provided.

(b) The commissioner is empowered to do all of the following:

- (1) To formulate a state wildlife policy.
- (2) To fix open seasons during which game birds, game, and fur-bearing animals may be taken.
- (3) To fix daily and season bag limits on game birds and game animals.
- (4) To designate by name what species of fish shall be game fish.
- (5) To fix daily creel limits on game fish.
- (6) To regulate the manner, means, and devices for catching or taking game fishes, game birds, game, and fur-bearing animals and the manner, means, and devices for catching or taking all other species of fish not designated as game fish.
- (7) To close the season of any species of game in any county or area when, upon a survey by the department, it is found necessary to the conservation and perpetuation of such species and to reopen such closed season when it is deemed advisable.
- (8) To designate by name what animals shall be classed as game or fur-bearing animals and the time, manner, means, and devices for taking same.
- (9) To introduce desirable species of game, fish, and birds.
- (10) To suspend, revoke, or reinstate, pursuant to the terms of any agreements entered into pursuant to subdivision (5) of Section 9-2-2, a hunting, fishing, trapping, or other license or privilege, issued or regulated by the department. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §§ 11, 14; Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 11; Code 1940, T. 8, § 17; Act 2009-724, p. 2165, § 1*)

**Section 9-2-8      **Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources - Promulgation of rules and regulations as to game, fish and seafood; publication and distribution of laws, etc.****

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources is authorized to make and promulgate such reasonable rules and regulations not in conflict with the provisions of the game and fish laws as he may deem for the best interest of the conservation, protection and propagation of wild game, birds, animals, fish and seafoods, which rules and regulations shall have the effect of law; provided, that the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall not have the right to make or promulgate any rules or regulations which will hamper industry or which will interfere with the operation of any industrial plant or plants or any industrial operation. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall not have the right to make or promulgate any rules or regulations which will hamper or interfere with the construction of dams built for impounding private waters as defined by the

Legislature or which will hamper or interfere with the catching, the marketing, the sale or resale or buying of the fish crop or any fish caught or taken from private waters as defined by the Legislature or which will in any way hamper or interfere with the maximum development of private waters as a source of food, farm income and recreation in the State of Alabama. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall publish in pamphlet form for general distribution all laws together with such rules and regulations relating to game, birds, fish, fur bearers, seafoods and other matters over which such Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources has authority or supervision. Such pamphlet so published shall be received in evidence without further proof of such rules and regulations in any court of this state. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §§ 20, 23; Code 1940, T. 8, & sect;21; Acts 1943, No. 531, p. 505, § 1.*)

**Section 9-2-9**      **Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources – Powers and duties as to state parks, etc. generally.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, acting through the Division of Parks, shall have the following powers and authorities:

- (1) To acquire in the of the State of Alabama by purchase, lease, agreement, license, condemnation or otherwise land deemed necessary or desirable to be preserved, improved, protected and maintained as a part of the state park system and to accept in his discretion, in fee or otherwise, land donated, entrusted, conveyed or devised to the state for like purposes and with like discretion to accept gifts, contributions or bequests of money or other personal property of value to be used or expended for the benefit of the state park system;
- (2) To contract and make cooperative agreements with the federal government and with states, counties, municipalities, corporations, associations or individuals for the purpose of acquiring, planning, establishing, developing, utilizing, operating, protecting or maintaining any public park, parkway, monument or historic site;
- (3) To construct and operate suitable public service privileges and conveniences on any land embraced within the state park system and to charge and collect reasonable fees for the use of the same and in his discretion to enter into contracts for the operation of any such privilege or convenience and to enter into contracts with any person or corporation engaged in the business of supplying the public with water for commercial, industrial or domestic consumption, granting the right to construct a dam across any stream lying wholly or partially in any state park with the buildings, works and lines necessary and convenient to impound the flow of any such stream, to overflow such lands as may be necessary and to conduct such flow through and out of such park and granting such person or corporation the right to use the flow of such stream for such purposes upon such terms and conditions as are deemed to be in the public interest. All money derived from any such privilege, convenience or contract together with such sums as may otherwise be derived from the operation of the state park system shall be paid into the Treasury to the credit of the State Park Fund created in this title;
- (4) To establish and promulgate and from time to time alter, amend or repeal rules and regulations governing the preservation, protection and use of the state park system and the property thereon and to preserve the peace therein. Any person who violates any rule or regulation so established and promulgated shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, and may be adjudged to pay all costs of the proceedings. The Director of the Division of Parks shall have and he is hereby vested with full police power to prefer charges against and to make arrests of any person or persons violating any such rule or regulation. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have full authority to designate any other employee or employees of the said Division of Parks as deputy police officers, who shall have full authority to prefer charges against or to make arrests of any person or persons violating any rule or regulation established or promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources;
- (5) To initiate and conduct a public program of recreational activities; and
- (6) To prepare, print and distribute printed matter relating to and descriptive of the state park system. (*Acts 1939, No. 556, p. 877, § 3; Code 1940, T. 8, § 176.*)

**Section 9-2-10      Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources – Duties as to preservation, maintenance, etc., of state parks, etc.**

It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, acting through the Division of Parks, to preserve, improve, protect and maintain all parks, parkways, monuments and historic sites now owned or hereafter acquired or established by the State of Alabama except Mound State Monument, the first White House of the Confederacy and all monuments and historic sites now located on state-owned land in the City of Montgomery. (*Acts 1939, No. 556, p. 877, § 2; Code 1940, T. 8, § 180.*)

**Section 9-2-11      Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources – Creation of additional divisions in department; appointment of directors of divisions.**

With the approval of the Governor, the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may create and establish such additional division or divisions as may be determined to be necessary or convenient in the efficient and expeditious performance of the functions and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and may assign functions and duties to such division or divisions, and he may transfer functions and duties from and to existing divisions from time to time. Directors of such divisions shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources with the approval of the Governor. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 14; Code 1940, T. 8, § 10.*)

**Section 9-2-12      Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources –Promulgation of rules and regulations for department.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have and exercise all rule-making powers of any division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources subject to the provisions of Section 9-2-15. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have power and authority to establish and promulgate rules and regulations, including amendments and repeals thereof, with respect to the manner of performance of all functions and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which rules and regulations shall be reasonably calculated to effect the expeditious and efficient performance of such functions and duties and shall not be in conflict with applicable statutes. The rule-making power of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall not be delegated, except as otherwise expressly provided. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 8; Code 1940, T. 8, § 7.*)

**Section 9-2-13      Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources – Authority to prohibit importation of birds, animals, fish, etc.**

- (a) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may prohibit by duly promulgated regulation the importation of any bird, animal, reptile, amphibian, or fish when the importation of the animal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or fish would not be in the best interest of the state.
- (b) This section does not apply to birds, animals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish used for display purposes for carnivals, zoos, circuses, and other like shows and exhibits where ample provision is made so the birds, animals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish will not escape or be released in this state.
- (c) Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or association who or which imports, brings, or causes to be brought or imported into the State of Alabama any bird, animal, reptile, amphibian, or fish, the importation of which has been forbidden by duly promulgated regulation of the commissioner, shall be in violation of this section and upon conviction thereof shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, except that the punishment for each offense shall be a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days, or both. (*Acts 1969, No. 414, p. 813, §§1-3; Act 2002-510, p. 1314, §1.*)

**Section 9-2-14      Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources – Created; composition; qualifications, appointment, terms of office, and compensation of members; residency requirements; meetings; record of meetings and proceedings; transitional members.**

- (a) There shall be an Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. The board shall consist of the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, the Director of the Agricultural Extension System ex officio, and 10 other members to be appointed by the

Governor, one of whom the Governor shall designate as chair of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. The appointed members of the board shall be selected with special reference to training and experience along one or more of the principal lines of activity vested in the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The term of office of each appointed member of the board shall be six years. Of members first appointed, however, two members shall be appointed for two years, three members shall be appointed for four years, two members shall be appointed for five years and three members shall be appointed for six years. The members of the board shall receive no salary or compensation as members of the board, but shall be reimbursed for expenses of travel, meals, and lodging while in the performance of their duties as members of the board, pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 36.

- (b) After July 1, 1998, the members of the advisory board appointed by the Governor shall be appointed so that one member of the board is a resident of each congressional district as the districts are constituted on January 1, 1998, and no more than two members are residents of the same congressional district. If a member appointed from a congressional district ceases to be a resident of the district from which appointed, the member shall vacate his or her office. This subsection shall not affect the term or reappointment of any current member of the board.
- (c) The board shall hold semiannual regular meetings at the time and place designated by the chair of the board or the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. The chair of the board or the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may call special meetings as may be necessary.
- (d) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be ex officio secretary of the board and shall keep minutes of all meetings and a record of all proceedings of the board. The commissioner shall receive no additional compensation for the services.
- (e) On a transitional basis, one additional transitional member of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be appointed by the Governor from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 1998, which is not currently represented on the board. A transitional member shall serve a term of six years or until a permanent member of the advisory board is appointed to represent the congressional district where the transitional member resides. A transitional member may be appointed a permanent member to a full term of office. Transitional members of the board shall have the same powers, rights, and duties, and shall be reimbursed for expenses as other members of the advisory board during their service on the board. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, §9; Code 1940, T. 8, §8; Acts 1945, No. 219, p.342, §1; Acts 1973, No. 1248, p. 2096, §1; Act 98-383, p. 729, §§1, 2.*)

### **Section 9-2-15      Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources -Powers and duties.**

The functions and duties of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be as follows:

- (1) To assist in formulating the policies of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in the performance of its functions and duties;
- (2) To examine all rules and regulations made or promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, to recommend amendments or repeals thereof or additional rules or regulations and by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting and with the approval of the Governor to amend or repeal such rules and regulations or to make and promulgate additional rules or regulations;
- (3) To advise with the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources concerning any matter relating to the functions and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and
- (4) To assist in giving publicity to the wildlife and other natural resources, the state parks and monuments and historical sites of the state and the work of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in connection therewith. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 10; Code 1940, T. 8, § 9.*)

**Section 9-2-15.1      Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources; promulgation of rules and regulations; prohibition of airboat; penalty.**

- (a) The conservation **advisory board** shall have the power to promulgate rules and regulations having the force and effect of law to regulate, including the authority to prohibit, the use of an airboat on any of the public waters of this state that are subject to an ebb and flow of the tide of at least two inches.
- (b) Any person violating the provisions of the rules and regulations promulgated under the authority of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. (*Acts 1981, No. 81-425, p. 671, § 1.*)

**Section 9-2-17      Employees generally.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall, with the approval of the Governor and subject to the provisions of the Merit System, determine the number of employees needed for the efficient and economical performance of the functions and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 19; Code 1940, T. 8, § 11.*)

**Section 9-2-18      Requirement of bonds for certain officers or employees.**

Before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, each officer and employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources authorized or permitted to handle any money shall execute to the State of Alabama a bond, to be approved by the Governor, in an amount to be fixed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, for the faithful performance of their duties. (*Acts 1943, No. 122, p. 123, § 1; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 208, p. 2190.*)

**Section 9-2-19      Administrative salaries and expenses to be prorated among divisions of department.**

The salary of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources and the salaries and wages of the administrative staff together with all administrative expenses of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be prorated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources among the various divisions of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in such manner as he may deem advisable for the best interest of the department as a whole, and such proration charged against any division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be paid from funds belonging to such division upon the requisition of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1945, No. 225, p. 349, § 1.*)

**Section 9-2-20      Game and Fish Fund - Created; composition.**

There is hereby created and there shall be a fund which shall be known as the Game and Fish Fund. This fund shall consist of:

- (1) All moneys received for all occupational licenses or privilege taxes imposed by the state on any person, firm or corporation for engaging in any business or activity relating to taking, catching, capturing or killing of any fur-bearing or game animal or game bird in this state or the taking, catching, capturing or killing of any fish in the public or territorial waters of this state;
- (2) All moneys derived from the levying or imposition upon any person, firm or corporation of any tax, license, permit, certificate, fee or any other charge by whatsoever name called pursuant to the game and fish laws of this state or rules and regulations bases thereon;
- (3) All moneys derived from the administration and enforcement of the game and fish laws of this state, or rules and regulations based thereon;
- (4) All moneys paid, derived, received or arising from fines, penalties and forfeitures pursuant to the game and fish laws of this state and the rules and regulation bases thereon;
- (5) All moneys derived from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses or permits; and
- (6) All moneys accruing to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources from any source. (*Acts 1945, No. 229, p. 352, § 1.*)

**Section 9-2-20.1      Game and Fish Fund – Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund created as special account; administration; restrictions; use of income.**

- (a) There is hereby created within the Game and Fish Fund a special account to be known as the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund. The assets of said fund shall consist of the following:

- (1) The proceeds from the sale of the lifetime hunting, lifetime fishing, and combination lifetime hunting and fishing licenses provided in subsections (a) through (c) of Section 9-11-65;
- (2) The proceeds of any gifts, grants and contributions to the state which are specifically designated for inclusion in said fund; and
- (3) Such other sources as may be specified by law.

(b) The Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of the Director of Finance, the Secretary-Treasurer of the State Employee's Retirement System and the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Said board of trustees shall have the power and authority to invest and reinvest the assets of the fund within the guidelines, limitations and restrictions that govern investment of the State Employees Retirement Fund.

(c) The Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund is declared to be a special trust derived from a contractual relationship between the state and the members of the public whose investments contribute to the fund. The following limitations and restrictions are placed on expenditures from said fund:

- (1) Subject to Amendment No. 272 of the Alabama Constitution of 1901, any limitations or restrictions specified by donors on the uses of the income derived from gifts, grants and voluntary contributions shall be respected but shall not be binding.
- (2) No expenditures or disbursements shall be made from the principal of said fund except as otherwise provided by law.

(d) The income derived annually from the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund shall be credited to the Game and Fish Fund regular accounts and expended as provided by law. (*Acts 1981, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 81-1122, p. 386, §§ 4-7.*)

#### **Section 9-2-20.2 Game and Fish Fund – Alabama Nongame Wildlife Endowment.**

(a) There is hereby created within the Game and Fish Fund a special account to be known as the Alabama Nongame Wildlife Endowment. The assets of said fund shall consist of the following:

- (1) The proceeds from the sale of reproductions of the said print and/or stamp;
- (2) The proceeds of any gifts, grants and contributions to the state which are specifically designated for inclusion in said fund; and
- (3) Such other sources as may be specified by law.

(b) The Alabama Nongame Wildlife Endowment shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of the Director of Finance, the Secretary-Treasurer of the State Employee's Retirement System and the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Said board of trustees shall have the power and authority to invest and reinvest the assets of the fund within the guidelines, limitations and restrictions that govern investment of the State Employees Retirement Fund.

(c) The Alabama Nongame Wildlife Endowment is declared to be a special trust derived from a contractual relationship between the state and the members of the public whose investments contribute to the fund. The following limitations and restrictions are placed on expenditures from said fund:

- (1) Subject to Amendment No. 272 of the Alabama Constitution of 1901, any limitations or restrictions specified by donors on the uses of the income derived from gifts, grants and voluntary contributions shall be respected but shall not be binding.
- (2) No expenditures or disbursements shall be made from the principal of said fund except as otherwise provided by law.

(d) The income derived annually from the Nongame Wildlife Endowment shall be credited to the Game and Fish Fund and expended exclusively for purposes of preserving, protecting, perpetuating and enhancing nongame wildlife in the state. (*Acts 1990, No. 90-256, p. 319, §§ 4-7.*)

#### **Section 9-2-21 Game and Fish Fund—Remittance of collections to State Treasurer to credit of fund.**

Each officer or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or other officer charged with the duty of collecting any of the funds or moneys mentioned in Section 9-2-20 shall remit

all such collections on the first day of each month directly to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, who shall upon receipt thereof remit such collections to the Treasurer of the State of Alabama to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund. (*Acts 1945, No. 229, p. 352, § 2.*)

#### **Section 9-2-22 Game and Fish Fund—Disbursement.**

The said fund hereby created shall be used and expended by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources in furtherance of the preservation, protection, propagation and development of wild birds, wild fur-bearing animals, game, fish and all other species of wildlife within the state or within the territorial jurisdiction of the state which have not been reduced to private ownership and, when so expended, shall be paid out on the requisition of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources and charged to said fund. All necessary expenses of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, including its pro rata portion of the administrative expense of said Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, shall likewise be paid out of said fund on the requisition of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources; provided, that no funds shall be withdrawn nor expended for any purpose whatsoever unless the same shall have been allotted and budgeted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 41 of this code and only in the amounts and for the purposes provided by the Legislature in the general appropriation bill. (*Acts 1945, No. 229, p. 352, § 3; Acts 1951, No. 829, p. 1460.*)

#### **Section 9-2-23 Game and Fish Fund—Diversion of funds from particular purpose for which collected, allotted or budgeted.**

Nothing in Sections 9-2-20 through 9-2-22, however, shall require the diversion of any funds from any particular purpose for which they were collected, allotted or budgeted if the effect of such diversion would penalize the state in retaining or securing any federal funds or federal assistance. (*Acts 1945, No. 229, p. 352, § 4.*)

#### **Section 9-2-24 Department not to issue bonds or borrow money.**

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have no power or authority to issue any bonds or to borrow any money. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255; Code 1940, T. 8, § 12.*)

#### **Section 9-2-25 Refunds on erroneous or excessive license fees.**

- (a) This section shall apply to all licenses administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or any division thereof.
- (b) In the event any license for the same privilege is made available at a lesser price and reasonable notice of its availability has not been given to the public, a person, firm or corporation will be entitled to a refund equal to the amount of the reduction of the license fee; and any person, firm or corporation who, by mistake, purchases any duplicate license or pays an amount in excess of that required by law for the license shall be entitled to have the money incorrectly paid refunded as hereinafter provided, less any amount paid as an issuance fee or other fee to any probate judge, license commissioner, special agent or other person authorized to issue such licenses.
- (c) Any amount charged by a probate judge, license commissioner, special agent or other person authorized to issue such licenses as an issuance fee or other fee that is in excess of the legal and proper issuance fee must be refunded by the probate judge, license commissioner, special agent or other person charging said illegal fee.
- (d) All applications for refund must be made within one year from the date of such erroneous or excessive payment.
- (e) The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or his duly authorized agent, upon receiving an application for refund and satisfactory proof of duplicate or excessive payment for a license fee, shall authorize refund of the money incorrectly paid, less any legal and proper issuance fee retained by the judge of probate, license commissioner, special agent or other person authorized to issue such licenses. The amount of such refund shall be paid by warrant out of the fund into which it was originally paid in the State Treasury. (*Acts 1966, Ex. Sess., No. 438, p. 595, §§ 1, 2.*)

#### **Section 9-2-26 Cooperation with federal agencies.**

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is authorized to cooperate with the United

States Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies in the restoration of wildlife in compliance with the Pittman-Robertson Act and in the restoration or rehabilitation of game, fish, parks or historical sites and monuments. (*Acts 1939, No. 514, p. 803, §§ 1, 2; Code 1940, T. 8, § 14.*)

**Section 9-2-27      Compliance with Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act.**

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is hereby authorized to expend such appropriated and uncommitted capital improvement funds as may be necessary to comply with Sections 210 and 305 of Public Law 91-646, known as the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. (*Acts 1971, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 85, p. 4298, § 1.*)

**Section 9-2-28      “Game and fish wardens” deemed “conservation officers.”**

Whenever the terms “game and fish warden” or “game and fish wardens” appear in this title, the terms shall mean and refer to conservation officers appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1977, No. 20, p. 28; Act 2018-201, § 1.*)

**Section 9-2-29      Commissioner authorized to designate calendar work week for law enforcement officers.**

- (a) The Legislature declares that it is the purpose of this section to authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to designate the calendar work week for its law enforcement officers.
- (b) For the purpose of Sections 36-21-4 and 36-21-5, the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may designate the calendar work week for the law enforcement officers employed by the department. (*Acts 1995, No. 95-745, p. 1696, §§ 1, 2.*)

**Article 3 Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.**

**Section 9-2-60      Created.**

- (a) There is created within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources a division to be known as the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.
- (b) Wherever reference is made to the Game and Fish Division or the Division of Game and Fish in this title, or in any other statute, rule, or regulation of the State of Alabama, the reference shall be construed to refer to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. (*Acts 1951, No. 476, p. 840, § 2; Act 99-637, 2nd Sp. Sess., §§ 1, 2.*)

**Section 9-2-61      Appointment of director; powers and duties of division generally.**

The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall be a division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and shall be headed by and be under the direction, supervision and control of the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. He shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources with the approval of the Governor. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall have the personnel, powers, properties, functions and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources which pertain to the game and fish of the State of Alabama and such personnel, duties, powers, functions and properties as may be hereafter conferred by law. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 11; Code 1940, T. 8, § 15; Acts 1951, No. 476, p. 840, § 2.*)

**Section 9-2-62      Oath of director; director full-time position.**

Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall take the constitutional oath of office. He shall devote his full time to his official duties and shall hold no other lucrative position. (*Acts 1939, No. 162, p. 255, § 15; Code 1940, T. 8, § 16.*)

**Section 9-2-63      Bond of director.**

Before entering upon the duties of his office, the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall execute to the State of Alabama a bond, to be approved by the Governor, in an amount to be fixed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, for the faithful performance of his duties. (*Acts 1943, No. 122, p. 123, § 15; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 208, p. 2190, § 1.*)

**Section 9-2-64      Appointment, oath, bond and compensation of game and fish wardens.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have power to appoint as many game

and fish wardens as he or she shall deem necessary for the proper enforcement of the game and fish laws of the state. All game and fish wardens, before entering upon their duties as such, shall take the oath of office as required by law for sheriffs in this state. Before entering upon the duties of their offices, all game and fish wardens shall execute to the State of Alabama a bond, to be approved by the Governor, in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), for the faithful performance of their duties. The employees provided for in this section shall be reimbursed for their meals, lodging, and transportation when absent from their headquarters in the performance of their duties. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 12; Code 1940, T. 8, § 18; Acts 1943, No. 122, p. 123, § 1; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 208, p. 2190, § 1; Act 2018-201, § 1.*)

### **Section 9-2-65 Powers and duties of game and fish wardens; powers and duties of director with respect to game and fish wardens.**

(a) Game and fish wardens shall have power:

- (1) To enforce all laws of this state relating to birds, animals and fish;
- (2) To execute all warrants and search warrants for the violation of the game, fish and fur laws of the state;
- (3) To serve subpoenas issued for examination, investigation and trial of all offenses against the law relating to game, fur bearers, bird and fish;
- (4) To carry firearms as provided by law for enforcement officers when in the discharge of their official duties;
- (5) To confiscate all game, birds, animals or fish or parts thereof which have been caught, taken, killed or held at a time in any manner or for any purpose or had in possession or under control or have been shipped, carried or transported contrary to the laws of this state, and game, fur bearers, birds, fish or parts thereof so confiscated shall be held as evidence in the court in which the defendant is held for trial; and, upon conviction of the defendant, said game, fur bearers, birds, fish or parts thereof shall be disposed of by written order of the court;
- (6) To enter upon any land or water in the performance of their duty;
- (7) To assist individual citizens, clubs, groups and organizations of sportsmen and conservation clubs by furnishing information and such other assistance as may be found necessary in the construction of fish ponds, the establishing of feeding grounds for migratory wild fowl, the planting of fish from the state and federal fish hatcheries, the reclaiming of stranded fish and the control of predators on useful forms of wildlife; and
- (8) To perform such other additional duties as the commissioner may direct.

(b) The director of the division shall:

- (1) Constantly keep in touch with the game and fish wardens;
- (2) Assist and advise them in their work;
- (3) See that all wardens are continuous in the performance of their duties;
- (4) To Make reports to the commissioner of any dereliction of duty;
- (5) Investigate all charges of alleged misconduct or other alleged wrongful acts on the part of any warden and make special reports thereon to the commissioner;
- (6) Assist in the prosecution of violations of all laws relating to the department; and
- (7) Perform such duties as the commissioner may direct. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 14; Code 1940, T. 8, § 19. No. 208, p. 2190, § 1.*)

## **Chapter 11 FISH, GAME AND WILDLIFE.**

### **Article 1 General Provisions.**

#### **Section 9-11-1 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, respectively, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) **HEREIN, HEREAFTER and HEREOF.** Unless otherwise especially restricted or enlarged, the terms refer to the whole of the conservation laws of this state.
- (2) **OFFICER.** The term includes every person authorized to enforce the game and fish

laws of this state, and whenever the possession, use, importation, transportation, storage, sale, offering, or exposing for sale of game birds, animals, or fish is prohibited or restricted, the prohibition or restriction shall extend to and include every part of the game, bird, animal, or fish, and a violation as to each animal, bird, or fish, or part thereof, shall be a separate offense.

(3) THIS CHAPTER or PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER. The words shall be taken and construed to include all rules and regulations of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources passed under and by the authority provided in the game and fish laws of this state.

(4) WARDEN. The game and fish warden or agent provided for in the game and fish laws of this state. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §46; Code 1940, T. 8, §45.; Act 2018-201*)

**Section 9-11-2 Acquisition of lands for game lands; erection, etc., of buildings for propagation of game, birds or fish.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may with the consent and approval of the Governor by lease, gift or otherwise acquire title to or control over lands within the state suitable for protection and propagation of game and fish or for public hunting and fishing purposes or to be used otherwise as provided in this chapter, to be known as state game lands. The director may purchase, erect and equip such buildings as may be deemed necessary for propagating game, birds or fish; provided, however, that all purchases made under the powers conferred in this section shall be subject to the provisions of Chapters 4 and 5 of Title 41. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 24; Code 1940, T. 8, § 25.*)

**Section 9-11-2.1 Closing of existing hunting lands; replacement acreage; annual reports.**

(a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) DEPARTMENT. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(2) DEPARTMENT-MANAGED LANDS. Privately owned lands that are leased or managed by the department.

(3) DEPARTMENT-OWNED LANDS. Lands owned by the department and lands owned by the state over which the department holds management authority.

(4) HUNTING. The lawful pursuit, trapping, shooting, capture, collection, or killing of wildlife or the lawful attempt to pursue, trap, shoot, capture, collect, or kill wildlife.

(b) Department-owned lands and department-managed lands shall be open to access and use for hunting except as limited by the department for reasons of demonstrable public safety, fish or wildlife management, homeland security, or as otherwise limited by law.

(c) The department, in exercising its authority pursuant to state law, shall exercise its authority, consistent with this section in a manner that supports, promotes, and enhances hunting opportunities to the extent authorized by state law.

(d) Department land management decisions and actions shall not result in any net loss of habitat land acreage available for hunting opportunities on department-owned lands that exist on March 22, 2010. The department shall expeditiously find replacement acreage for hunting to compensate for closures of any existing hunting land. Replacement land, to the greatest extent possible, shall be located within the same administrative region of the department and shall be consistent with the hunting discipline that the department allowed on the closed land.

(e) Any state agency or water management district that owns or manages lands shall assist, coordinate, and cooperate with the department to allow hunting on the lands if the lands are determined by the department to be suitable for hunting. To ensure no net loss of land acreage available for hunting, state agencies and water management districts shall cooperate with the department to open new, additional hunting lands to replace lost hunting acreage. Lands officially designated as units within the state park system may not be considered for replacement hunting lands and may only be opened for hunting when necessary as a wildlife control or management tool as determined by the Division of State Parks of the department.

(f) By October 1 of each year, the division director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the department shall submit to the Legislature a written report describing all of the following:

- (1) The acreage owned or managed by the department that was closed to hunting during the previous fiscal year and the reasons for the closures.
- (2) The acreage owned or managed by the department that was opened to hunting to compensate for closures of existing land pursuant to this section.

(g) By October 1 of each year, any state agency or water management district that owns or manages lands shall submit a written report to the department and the Legislature describing all of the following:

- (1) A list of properties that were open for hunting during the previous fiscal year.
- (2) A list of properties that were not open for hunting during the previous fiscal year.
- (3) The acreage for each property and the county where each property is located, except for right-of-way lands and parcels under 50 acres. (*Act 2010-213, p. 349, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-3 Title and deeds to acquired lands; supervision of same.**

The title to any land acquired by gift or otherwise shall first be approved by the Attorney General, and such title shall vest in the state. The deed to any such lands shall be recorded in the county where such land lies and shall be deposited with the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. The supervision of and over such lands shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 25; Code 1940, T. 8, § 26.*)

**Section 9-11-4 State game refuges or sanctuaries; shooting preserves, game refuges, etc., in national forests, etc.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may on approval of the Governor establish and maintain state game refuges or sanctuaries for the protection, preservation or propagation of game birds, animals or fish on all or any portion of lands or waters held in fee or trust under lease by the state, and game birds, animals or fish shall not be hunted, pursued, disturbed or molested thereon at any time. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may also, by and with the consent of the federal authorities, maintain, develop and cause to be utilized for hunting state shooting preserves, game refuges and sanctuaries in national forests or other federal owned lands. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §26; Code 1940, T. 8, §27.*)

**Section 9-11-5 Commissioner, wardens, etc., constituted peace officers.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, his wardens, agents and employees shall be and are hereby constituted peace officers of the State of Alabama with full and unlimited police power and jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of the game and fish laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and they may exercise such power in any county of the State of Alabama or in or on any waters of the State of Alabama or within the territorial jurisdiction of the state. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p.632, §47; Code 1940, T. 8, §46.*)

**Section 9-11-6 Violations of fish and game laws – Jurisdiction; reporting of convictions and disposition of fines.**

The district courts of Alabama shall be and are hereby given final jurisdiction to try and convict persons, firms or corporations violating any of the provisions of the game and fish laws or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and they shall remit to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources on or before the first day of each month all fines and forfeitures collected by them for the violation of such laws, rules and regulations as prescribed in the game and fish laws, together with a statement of the name of the person, firm or corporation convicted of such violation, the time such conviction, the amount of the fine or penalty, the date of the remittance and the specific charge for which the defendant was tried. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §48; Code 1940, T. 8, §47.*)

**Section 9-11-7 Violations of fish and game laws - District attorneys to prosecute; district attorney's fee.**

The district attorney of any county in which any violation of the provisions of the game and fish laws or the rules and regulations set out therein occurs, or his or her assistant, shall appear on behalf of the state and prosecute the offender. The district attorney's fee shall be taxed against the defendant in any district court in the same manner as taxed in other cases involving criminal violations in the district

court. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 51; Code 1940, T. 8, §50; Acts 1945, No. 449, p. 687, §1; Acts 1995, No. 95-544, p. 1142, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-8      Violations of fish and game laws - Authority of enforcement officers, etc., generally; arrest without warrant.**

All enforcement officers and inspectors employed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources are clothed with the power and authority of deputy sheriffs and shall arrest without warrant and carry before the district court of the county in which an offense is committed any person violating any of the provisions of the game and fish laws or the rules and regulations made and promulgated thereunder. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 52; Code 1940, T. 8, §51.*)

**Section 9-11-9      Violations of fish and game laws - Service and return of warrant as to firms or corporations.**

In cases of violation of any of the provisions of the game and fish laws or the rules and regulations based thereunder by any person, firm or corporation, the warrant of arrest may be read to the president, secretary or manager of such firm or corporation in this state or to any general or local agent thereof in any county where the action or indictment is pending; and, upon the return of such warrant so served, the corporation shall be deemed in court and subject to jurisdiction thereof, and any fine imposed may be collected by execution against the property of said corporation; provided, however, that this section shall not be so construed as to except or exempt from prosecution any agent or employee of such corporation. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 53; Code 1940, T. 8, §52.*)

**Section 9-11-10      Violations of fish and game laws - Clerks to report results of prosecutions.**

Every court or clerk of any court before whom any prosecution under the provisions of the game and fish laws is had shall, on or before the first of the month following after trial or dismissal thereof, report in writing to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources the result thereof and the amount of the fine collected, if any, and the disposition of same. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 54; Code 1940, T. 8, §53.*)

**Section 9-11-11      Violations of fish and game laws - Charging of several offenses.**

Two or more offenses may be charged in the same affidavit, complaint or indictment, and proof as to a part of a game bird, animal or fish shall be sufficient to sustain a charge as to the whole of it; and the violation as to any number of animals, birds or fish of the same kind may be charged in the same count and punished as separate offenses as to each game bird, animal or fish. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §55; Code 1940, T. 8, §54.*)

**Section 9-11-12      Violations of fish and game laws - Fees of arresting officers.**

When an arrest for a violation of the provisions of the game and fish laws is made by a salaried officer and the defendant is convicted, there shall be taxed, as cost, the same fee as a sheriff in the state is entitled to for similar services and which, if collected from the defendant, shall be immediately remitted by the trial court directly to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, and said fee shall be used for the purpose of the administration of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. If the arrest is made by a nonsalaried warden or officer and said fee is collected from the defendant, such nonsalaried warden or officer shall be entitled to said fee, but in no case shall such nonsalaried warden or officer be entitled to any part of a fine assessed and collected from the defendant; provided, however, that no fees shall be allowed in cases of acquittal. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 56; Code 1940, T. 8, § 55; Acts 1945, No. 296, p. 493, § 1; Acts 1959, No. 417, p. 1106, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-13      Violations of fish and game laws - Style of proceedings.**

The proceedings before the district court must be prosecuted in the name of the State of Alabama. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §49; Code 1940, T. 8, §48.*)

**Section 9-11-14      Violations of fish and game laws - Procedure on appeal.**

Appeals from the district court to the circuit court shall be governed by the procedure set forth in Chapter 12 of Title 12 of this code. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632; Code 1940, T. 8, §56.*)

### **Section 9-11-15 Violations of fish and game laws - Judgment on appeal.**

If the judgment is affirmed on appeal, judgment shall be entered against the defendant for the total amount of the fine, together with all the accrued costs in the case. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §50; Code 1940, T. 8, §49.*)

### **Section 9-11-16 Seizure, forfeiture and disposal of prohibited devices, etc., used in catching, killing, etc., fish or fur-bearing animals.**

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources or any of his wardens or agents to seize all instruments or devices prohibited by or constructed contrary to law and used unlawfully in trapping, capturing and killing fur-bearing animals in this state, as well as all instruments or devices prohibited by or constructed contrary to law and used unlawfully in taking, catching or killing fish in the public streams or waters of this state and after such seizure to hold the same for evidence.
- (b) In all cases of arrests and convictions for the use of such unlawful or illegal instruments or devices, such instruments or devices are declared to be a nuisance and shall be carried before the court having jurisdiction of such offense, and said court shall order such instruments or devices forfeited to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources immediately after trial and conviction of the person in whose possession such devices or instruments were found. When any illegal instrument or device prohibited by this section is found and the owner of same shall not be known to the officer finding same, such officer shall procure from the judge of any court having jurisdiction an order forfeiting said instrument or device to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (c) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may destroy such instrument or device or may otherwise dispose of the same as it shall deem advisable. (*Acts 1933, Ex. Sess., No. 72, p. 67, § 9; Code 1940, T. 8, &sect;76; Acts 1947, No. 610, p. 458, § 1.*)

### **Section 9-11-18 Furnishing of equipment for game and fish wardens.**

Game and fish wardens may be furnished with necessary skiffs, outboard motors and other equipment necessary in the performance of their duties as such game and fish wardens, said equipment to be furnished by the director and paid out of the conservation fund; provided, that no equipment shall be furnished by the director to wardens appointed for privately owned preserves and refuges; provided further, that the purchase of such equipment shall be made in compliance with the provisions of Chapters 4 and 5 of Title 41. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 62; Code 1940, T. 8, § 58.*)

### **Section 9-11-19 Assent to federal act relating to fish restoration and management projects; disposition of fishing license fees generally.**

The State of Alabama hereby assents to the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide that the United States shall aid the states in fish restoration and management projects, and for other purposes," approved August 9, 1950 (Public Law 681, 81st Congress), and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to perform such acts as may be necessary to the conduct and establishment of cooperative fish restoration projects, as defined in said act of Congress, in compliance with said act and rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary of the appropriate federal agency thereunder; and no funds accruing to the State of Alabama from license fees paid by fishermen shall be diverted for any other purpose than the administration of the game and fish activities of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and for the protection, propagation, preservation and investigation of fish and game. (*Acts 1951, No. 523, p. 913, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-20 Release of turkeys into wild areas of state prohibited; exceptions; penalty.**

- (a) 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.
- (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any turkeys kept by any farmer or homeowner of this state for normal agricultural purposes or for personal consumption.

- (c) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the stocking of wild turkeys by authorized personnel of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for propagation or research purposes.
- (d) Any person who shall be convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a "violation" under the criminal code of this state and shall be punished as provided for in said code. (*Acts 1980, No. 80-601, p. 1019, §§1-4.*)

**Section 9-11-21      Investigation of hunting deaths by grand jury; reporting of such accidents.**

- (a) Any hunting accident involving a gun or bow and arrow when such accident results in death and when such death is caused by one person against another, upon the recommendation of the conservation department, shall be investigated by the grand jury of the county in which said death occurs.
- (b) All accidents referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall be reported by the law enforcement agency chiefly involved in the investigation of said death to the office of the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources within 72 hours of said death, by the coroner and the sheriff's department of the county in which the death occurred. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-730, p. 1423, §§1, 2.*)

**Section 9-11-22      Commercial fishing equipment required to be affixed with tags; identifying information.**

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all commercial fishing equipment used in the waters of this state shall be affixed with a tag which has information adequate to identify the commercial fisherman owning the equipment imprinted on the tag. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall adopt rules requiring the use of a unique identification number or license number to identify the owner of commercial fishing equipment without requiring the disclosure of the owner's Social Security number, home address, or other sensitive personally identifying information.
- (b) A violation of this section shall be a Class B misdemeanor. (*Acts 1995, No. 95-214, p. 351, § 1; Act 2019-308, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-23      Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund.**

- (a) There is created within the Marine Resources Fund, a special account to be known as the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund. The assets of the fund shall consist of all of the following:
  - (1) The proceeds from the sale of the lifetime resident saltwater fishing license and two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) of the proceeds from the sale of the combination lifetime freshwater and saltwater fishing, combination lifetime saltwater fishing and hunting, and combination lifetime freshwater and saltwater fishing and hunting licenses, provided in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 9-11-65.2.
  - (2) The proceeds of any gifts, grants, and contributions to the state which are specifically designated for inclusion in the fund.
  - (3) Any other sources as may be specified by law.
- (b) The fund shall be administered by the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund Board of Trustees, which shall consist of the Director of Finance, the Secretary Treasurer of the State Employees' Retirement System, and the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The board of trustees shall have the power and authority to invest and reinvest the assets of the fund within the guidelines, limitations, and restrictions that govern investment of the State Employees' Retirement Fund.
- (c) The Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund is declared to be a special trust derived from a contractual relationship between the state and the members of the public whose license fees or other contributions accrue to the fund. The following limitations and restrictions are placed on expenditures from the fund:
  - (1) Any limitations or restrictions specified by donors on the uses of the income derived from gifts, grants, and voluntary contributions shall be respected, but shall not be binding.

- (2) Expenditures or disbursements shall not be made from the principal of the fund except as otherwise provided by law.
- (d) The income derived annually from the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund shall be credited to the Marine Resources Fund regular accounts and expended as provided by law. (*Act 99-660, 2nd Sp. Sess., p. 117, § 3.*)

#### **Section 9-11-24 Violation of fish and game laws - Assessment of court costs.**

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) and (c), the total court costs assessed against a defendant convicted of a game and fish violation pursuant to this chapter shall not exceed the amount of any fine assessed against the defendant.
- (b) This section shall not apply to a conviction for hunting at night in violation of Section 9-11-235, or for hunting on the lands of another without permission pursuant to Section 9-11-241.
- (c) This section shall not apply to or take into account any court costs specifically levied by constitutional amendment or to any court costs which are specifically pledged to the repayment of a bond issue.
- (d) Any court cost reduction provided by this section shall be remitted on a proportional basis in the same manner as total court costs otherwise provided except for court costs excepted pursuant to subsection (c) which shall be remitted in full as otherwise provided. (*Act 2000-746, p. 1667, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-25 Licenses and permits not transferable; penalties.**

- (a) Licenses and permits issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources pursuant to this chapter are not transferable, and it is unlawful for any person to borrow, lend, or alter the licenses or permits or for any issuing officer to back date any license or permit.
- (b) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). (*Act 2004-449, p. 794, §2.*)

#### **Section 9-11-26 Penalty for offering to sell shellfish, wild fish, or farm- raised fish processed with certain banned drugs.**

Any person, including a processor, distributor, retailer, or food service establishment, who knowingly offers for direct retail sale for human consumption any shellfish, wild fish, or farm-raised fish that has been processed with chloramphenicol, nitrofurans, or similar veterinary drugs, which are used in processing some imported seafood and banned by the United States Food and Drug Administration, shall be punished, on conviction, by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or a sentence of not more than one year, or both. (*Act 2004-526, p. 1104, §1.*)

### **Article 2 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses Generally.**

#### **Section 9-11-30 Game breeder's license - Issuance; renewal; expiration; fees.**

- (a) For the purposes of this section, Section 9-11-31, and Section 9-11-31.1, the following terms have the following meanings:
  - (1) CERVID. Any member of the family Cervidae possessed by a licensed game breeder pursuant to this section, Section 9-11-31, and Section 9-11-31.1.
  - (2) PROTECTED GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS. Any species of bird or animal designated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources by rule pursuant to Section 9-2-7, species of the family Cervidae documented by the department to exist in the wild in this state prior to May 1, 2006, which are whitetail deer, elk, and fallow deer, or species of nonindigenous animals lawfully brought into this state prior to May 1, 2006, and their offspring.
- (b) Pursuant to the requirements and restrictions of subdivisions (2) and (3), the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall issue an annual game breeder license to any properly accredited person authorizing a game breeder to engage in the business of raising protected game animals and game birds or fur-bearing animals for propagation purposes in this state.

- (2) Before a license is issued, the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall make or cause to be made a thorough investigation to determine the qualifications, responsibility, and equipment of the applicant for entering upon the business of breeding, raising, and handling of protected game animals and game birds or fur-bearing animals.
- (3) No license shall be issued or renewed for any person or principal officer or partner thereof that is convicted of violating Section 9-2-13(c) after May 1, 2006, or for the premises of any person whose license privileges are revoked after May 1, 2006.
- (4) A game breeder license shall expire on September 30 of the year in which issued, unless renewed, except that any license issued pursuant to this section between May 1, 2006, and September 30, 2006, shall expire on September 30, 2006.
- (5) The commissioner shall adopt rules for engaging in the business of breeding, raising, producing, and handling of protected game animals and game birds or fur-bearing animals or their eggs, embryos, or semen.

- (c)(1) The fees for issuance of licenses pursuant to this section shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for all species, except members of the family Cervidae.
- (2) The license fee for breeding members of the family Cervidae shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the first 50 animals, five hundred dollars (\$500) for 51 to 100 animals, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for more than 100 animals.
- (3) License fees under this section shall be based on the number of animals on hand as of the immediately preceding April 1 of each year.

- (d) The department may not require the killing of a cervid due to a disease unless: (i) the specific disease has been detected in another cervid possessed by the licensee; or (ii) the cervid has been transferred to the licensee from another licensee and is epidemiologically linked to a diseased cervid possessed by the transferring licensee.

- (e)(1) The department, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, shall adopt rules on or before March 1, 2026, that allow for the transfer of a cervid from a licensee within a designated disease management zone to another licensee or enclosure outside of a designated disease management zone under the circumstances provided herein. The rules shall provide options for the transfer of a cervid, including, but not limited to, requiring that the transferring licensee complies with all postmortem testing programs and that: (i) double fencing of pens and other standards for pens are followed; (ii) a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) certified live test for chronic wasting disease is used; (iii) scientifically accepted genomic testing values are satisfied; or (iv) any other test approved by the USDA and recommended by the State Veterinarian is used.
- (2) The department may not adopt an emergency rule that overrides this subsection.

*(Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 21; Code 1940, T. 8, § 23; Act 2006-109, p. 159, § 7; Act 2018-162, § 1; Act 2025-451, §1.)*

### **Section 9-11-31 Game breeder's license - Sales by licensee; nonindigenous game breeder option.**

- (a) Any person, firm, corporation, or association holding a game breeder's license as provided in Section 9-11-30 may sell live protected game animals and game birds, or the eggs, embryos, or semen of the birds and animals for propagating purposes to any person within or without this state. The purchaser or purchasers of protected game animals or game birds, or eggs, embryos, or semen of the birds or animals, shall be reported to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources before the sale or shipment of same. The serial number of the license of the game breeder making the sale or shipment shall appear or be attached in a conspicuous place on the crate or other container in which the game animals or game birds, or eggs, embryos, or semen of the birds or animals are being shipped. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may cancel or declare void any game breeder's license when it is not being used in strict compliance with this section and Section 9-11-30. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, licensees under Section 9-11-342 shall not be required to obtain the license provided for in this section in order to engage in those activities licensed under Section 9-11-342

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any person, firm, corporation, or association who, prior to May 1, 2006, is in lawful possession of nonindigenous game animals in this state may certify that status in writing to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources for a period of six months from May 1, 2006, and may apply for an annual nonindigenous game breeder option to the game breeder license. This license shall cost an additional fifty dollars (\$50) and shall run concurrently with the annual game breeder license. This license shall permit the holder thereof to engage in those activities permitted under the game breeder license for those nonindigenous animals which were lawfully in this state prior to May 1, 2006, or their offspring only. The holder of the license may only buy or sell these animals from or to other holders of the nonindigenous game breeder option license or sell to lawful buyers outside of this state. If an applicant for the nonindigenous game breeder option license restricts its activities to less than all of the possible permitted activities under the game breeder license, as long as the applicant meets the requirements for the restricted activities, the applicant may be licensed for the restricted activities only by obtaining the game breeder license and nonindigenous game breeder option on a restricted basis. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §22; Code 1940, T. 8, §24; Act 2006-109, p. 159, §7.*)

#### **Section 9-11-31.1 Game breeder's license - Violations**

- (a) Any person, firm, corporation, or association who knowingly violates Section 9-11-30 or 9-11-31, or any rules promulgated pursuant to Section 9-11-30 or 9-11-31, including, but not limited to, willfully failing to obtain a license or falsifying records, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined no less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each offense and in addition, may have all game breeder's license privileges revoked for a period of up to two years from the date of conviction.
- (b) Any second offense within five years shall be punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each offense and shall have all game breeder's license privileges revoked for a period of up to two years from the date of conviction.
- (c) Any third or subsequent offense within five years shall be punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each offense and shall have all game breeder's license privileges revoked permanently and all stock be disposed of as directed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, and, in addition, the principal officers or partners of the firm, corporation, or association shall not be eligible for licensing pursuant to Section 9-11-30 or eligible to serve as an officer of any firm, corporation, or association licensed pursuant to Section 9-11-30. (*Act 2006-109, p. 159, § 8; Act 2018-162, § 1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-32 Duration and scope of licenses.**

- (a) Unless specifically provided otherwise by law, all annual wildlife heritage, hunting, and fishing licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall be dated when issued and shall authorize the individual named on the license to participate in the licensed activities from September 1 or the date of issuance to the next August 31, and then only within the rules and restrictions provided by law.
- (b) (1) An individual may not use any license issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as a valid or supplemental form of government issued identification for any purpose other than participation in the licensed activities authorized by the department.  
(2) The department may adopt rules to implement this subsection.

*(Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §27; Code 1940, T. 8, §28; Acts 1989, No. 89-156, p. 138, §1; Acts 1994, No. 94-655, p. 1269, §1; Act 2000-742, p. 1647, §1; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1; Act 2025-397, §1.)*

#### **Section 9-11-35 Hunting or fishing license not required of member of armed forces during war.**

No person serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America shall be required to procure a hunting license or a fishing license to hunt or fish within the State of Alabama during any period of time in which the United States of America is engaged in a war. (*Acts 1945, No. 502, p. 727, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-35.1 Licensing exception for residents on active military duty.**

A resident of this state on active military duty, who is in this state on leave and who has proof of that status in his or her possession, may hunt and fish without a license required by Sections 9-11-44, 9-11-53, or 9-11-53.1. (Act 2004-449, p. 794, §3.)

### **Section 9-11-36 Issuance of licenses generally – Persons authorized; record.**

The judge of probate, the license commissioner or such person or persons not residing at the county seat in which the county courthouse is located and duly appointed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources and so authorized by him shall have authority to issue all licenses, resident or nonresident, to all persons complying with the provisions of this article and shall sign his name and shall require the person to whom the license is issued to sign his name on the margin thereof. The person or persons issuing said license shall keep in a book or on specially prepared sheets to be furnished by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources a correct and complete record of all licenses issued, which record shall remain in his office and be open to inspection by the public at all reasonable times. (Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 41; Code 1940, T. 8, § 42.)

### **Section 9-11-37 Issuance of licenses generally - Issuance fee; reports.**

- (a) There shall be a \$1.00 issuance fee for all licenses sold by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which shall be in addition to the prescribed cost of such licenses. In counties where the probate judge or issuing officer is on the fee system, the issuing fee shall be retained by the probate judge or issuing officer, and in counties where the probate judge or issuing officer is on a salary basis, the fee shall be paid by him into the county treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund. It shall be unlawful to charge any amount that is in excess of the fee provided herein; and, if any probate judge, license commissioner, special agent or other person authorized to issue such licenses does so, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$25.00 for each offense.
- (b) The balance of such fees shall be remitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the first of each month, which balance shall be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund of the department.
- (c) Said judges of probate and all other duly authorized and designated persons shall report to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the first day of each month the number and kind of licenses issued and the name and post-office address of the person or persons to whom issued, giving opposite each name the serial number of the license so issued. (Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, § 42; Code 1940, T. 8, §43; Acts 1943, No. 304, p. 262; Acts 1975, No. 1209, p. 2523, §1; Acts 1984, No. 84-446, p. 1040, §3.)

### **Section 9-11-38 Special agents for issuing hunting and fishing licenses – Application for appointment; authority.**

Any person, firm or corporation who or which resides at the county seat in which the county courthouse is located and who or which is engaged in the business of selling hunting and fishing equipment may make application in writing to the judge of probate or license commissioner of said county for the purpose of acting as special agent for issuing hunting and fishing licenses. Such agents shall have authority to issue all such licenses, resident or nonresident, to all persons complying with the provisions of the laws pertaining to the issuance of such licenses. (Acts 1951, No. 628, p. 1082, § 1.)

### **Section 9-11-39 Special agents for issuing hunting and fishing licenses – Bond generally, appointment.**

Such person, firm or corporation who or which applies to the judge of probate or license commissioner for the purpose of acting as special agent for the sale of hunting and fishing licenses shall submit with his or its application an indemnity bond in the amount of \$1,000.00, which bond shall be issued by a responsible bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Alabama. Upon receipt of such application and bond, the judge of probate or license commissioner shall forthwith designate and appoint such person, firm or corporation as a special agent to sell hunting and fishing licenses as provided for in Sections 9-11-38 through 9-11-43. (Acts 1951, No. 628, p. 1082, § 2.)

**Section 9-11-40      Special agents for issuing hunting and fishing licenses – Bond of agents to be payable to judge of probate or license commissioner.**

The indemnity bond referred to in Section 9-11-39 shall be made payable to the judge of probate or license commissioner to protect him for the licenses he issues to the special agent. The principal of said bond shall be the special agent. (*Acts 1951, No. 628, p. 1082, § 6.*)

**Section 9-11-41      Special agents for issuing hunting and fishing licenses – Furnishing of blank licenses to agents.**

Upon the designation or appointment of such person, firm or corporation to act as special agent, as provided for in Section 9-11-39, the judge of probate or license commissioner of the county in which the appointment is made shall immediately furnish to such special agent blank hunting and fishing licenses, retaining a record of the serial numbers of such licenses. In no instance shall the judge of probate or license commissioner furnish blank licenses the value of which exceeds the amount of the bond of such special agent. The person, firm or corporation so designated or appointed by the judge of probate or license commissioner shall be responsible to the judge of probate or license commissioner for all licenses entrusted to them. (*Acts 1951, No. 628, p. 1082, § 3.*)

**Section 9-11-42      Special agents for issuing hunting and fishing licenses – Duties generally, remittance of fees collected, etc., to judge of probate or license commissioner.**

The special agents shall keep an accurate record of the persons to whom the licenses are sold and shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, report to the judge of probate or license commissioner from whom the license books were supplied a statement of the number and kind of licenses sold and shall remit all moneys collected for the sale of such licenses, together with copies of the licenses so sold. The fees provided by law for the sale of such licenses shall be retained by the judge of probate or license commissioner who designated or appointed the agents. (*Acts 1951, No. 628, p. 1082, § 4.*)

**Section 9-11-43      Responsibility of judge of probate or license commissioner as to licenses; disposition of fees from sale of licenses.**

The judge of probate or license commissioner shall be responsible to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the licenses which said Department of Conservation and Natural Resources issued to them, and disposition of the issuance fees from the sale of such licenses shall be made by the judge of probate or license commissioner as provided by law. (*Acts 1951, No. 628, p. 1082, § 5.*)

**Section 9-11-44      Resident license - Hunting.**

(a) Any person who is age 16 years or older, but who has not reached 65 years of age, who has resided in Alabama continuously for a period of not less than 90 days next preceding, and who is not serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America during any period of time in which the United States of America is in a state of war, as declared by an act of Congress, shall procure an annual resident all-game hunting license before the person is entitled to hunt in this state by filing an application with the person in any county of the state duly authorized to issue the license, stating his or her name, age, place of residence, post office address, and after paying to the person issuing the license a license fee of twenty-three dollars (\$23), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1), which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. Any Alabama resident age 16 through 64 years, in lieu of purchasing the resident all-game hunting license may procure an annual resident small game hunting license to hunt all legal game in this state except deer and turkey. The license fee shall be fifteen dollars (\$15), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1), which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member of the United States military stationed in Alabama on active duty, and his or her spouse and their dependents who reside with them, shall be deemed to be Alabama residents for the purposes of procuring these licenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, effective with the license year beginning September 1, 2013, U.S. military veterans otherwise meeting the requirements of this section who are certified by the U.S. Veterans' Administration as 50 percent or more physically disabled shall be entitled to purchase an alternative resident hunting license to be

known as the Physically Disabled Military Veteran's Appreciation Hunting License for one-half of the cost of the annual resident all-game hunting license plus the applicable issuance fee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, effective with the license year beginning September 1, 2014, U.S. military veterans otherwise meeting the requirements of this section who are certified by the U.S. Veterans' Administration as 100 percent, service-connected, permanently and totally disabled shall be entitled to purchase an alternative resident hunting license to be known as the 100 Percent Disabled Military Veteran's Appreciation Hunting License for a license fee of two dollars (\$2), plus the applicable issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. Persons obtaining the resident all-game hunting license or the resident small game hunting license shall also be entitled to all of the privileges of the wildlife heritage license.

- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any resident 64 years of age procuring a state resident hunting license pursuant to this section shall be issued the license on a lifetime basis. License fees from the sale of a lifetime license pursuant to this subsection to a resident age 64 years shall be deposited to the credit of the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund within the Game and Fish Fund.
- (c) All persons making application for an annual state hunting license as provided in this section shall present a valid Alabama driver license or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence. All licenses required by this section shall bear the Alabama driver license number of the licensee, except in the case of nondrivers and active duty military personnel stationed in Alabama and their spouses and dependents who reside with them, and all licenses shall bear proof of residence as required by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. Active duty military personnel stationed in Alabama and their spouses and dependents who reside with them shall provide military orders that assign them to Alabama. Every person who obtains an annual hunting license without presenting a valid Alabama driver license or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence, or who provides any false information in the process of procuring the license, shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.
- (d) The licenses required by this section shall not apply to any resident or resident member of his or her immediate family who hunts on lands owned by him or her, nor shall it include any tenant or member of his or her immediate family who hunts on lands leased or rented by the tenant and who resides on the lands, nor any resident of this state on active military duty who is in this state on leave and who has proof of that status in his or her possession.
- (e) All persons under the age of 16 years shall be exempted from the requirement of procuring the licenses. Any resident of this state 65 years of age and older shall be exempted from the requirement of procuring a hunting license as provided for in this section, provided that the resident has on his or her person while hunting, proof of age, or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent Alabama residence and age.
- (f) The licenses shall not be transferable, and it shall be unlawful to borrow, lend, or alter any license, or for any license-issuing officer to falsify any license at the time of issuing the license. A violation of this subsection shall constitute a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.
- (g) There shall be provided on the license form for the licenses provided for in this section a check-off option whereby the licensee may voluntarily choose to donate an additional one dollar (\$1) to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for the purpose of research on wildlife and wildlife habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1971, No. 1515, p. 2629, §1; Acts 1975, No. 1171, p. 2301, §1; Acts 1979, No. 79-804, p. 1482, §1; Acts 1982, No. 82-407, p. 619, §1; Acts 1988, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 88-805, p. 242, §1; Act 2000-735, p. 1604, §1; Act 2004-449, p. 794, §1; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1; Act 2013-248, p. 607, §1; Act 2014-417, p. 1527, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-44.1 Certification of completion of approved hunter education course required for issuance of license; penalty; "supervision required" status.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person born on or after August 1, 1977, and of 16 years of age or older, or his or her agent, to procure any annual, trip, or wildlife heritage hunting license unless

the person has been issued and exhibits to the issuing agent at the time of purchasing any annual, trip, or wildlife heritage hunting license, a certification of satisfactory completion by the person of a hunter education course approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The person shall only be required to exhibit the certification at the time of purchase of his or her initial license. The exhibition of the certification shall not be required at the time of purchase of subsequent licenses if the person exhibits to the issuing agent at the time of purchase a license which was issued by this state to him or her in a previous year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, active duty U.S. military personnel, Alabama residents who are active members of the National Guard of the United States, and persons certified by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission as law enforcement officers who are employed by a law enforcement agency, as the terms are defined in Section 36-21-40, upon submission of proof of that status, shall be exempt from this requirement. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may provide by regulation for the specific proof requirements.

- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a), it shall be unlawful for any person authorized to issue hunting licenses in this state to issue any annual, trip, or wildlife heritage hunting license to any person born on or after August 1, 1977, or his or her agent, unless that license agent shall have been provided with a certification of satisfactory completion by the person of a hunter education course approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or in lieu of a certification a license issued by the state to the person in a previous year.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a), it shall be unlawful for any person born on or after August 1, 1977, of 16 years of age or older, to hunt in the State of Alabama pursuant to any Alabama lifetime hunting or Alabama lifetime hunting and fishing license, without the person first obtaining a certification of satisfactory completion by the person of a hunter education course approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person or his or her agent to wrongfully or fraudulently obtain or issue this certification.
- (e) The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may provide by regulation the procedure whereby the department may revoke or cancel any hunting license and/or hunter education certification upon determination that the holder thereof was not entitled to issuance or obtained the license or certification by any fraudulent means. Upon revocation or cancellation, the holder thereof shall surrender the license and/or certification to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (f) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, shall prescribe a course of instruction in competency and safety in hunting and in the handling of firearms and archery equipment. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall also prescribe procedures whereby competent residents of this state shall be certified as hunter education instructors. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries may approve hunter education courses from other jurisdictions.
- (g) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
- (h) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, a person may obtain any required trip, annual, or wildlife heritage hunting license without the above-required certification, but shall only be entitled to hunt under a "supervision required" status, which shall be noted on the face of the license, under which the person may only hunt under the supervision of another person otherwise meeting the requirements of subsection (a) as a licensed or otherwise lawful hunter, aged 21 years or older, who is not the holder of the "supervision required" license. For the purposes of this subsection, "supervision" shall mean under the normal voice control, not to exceed 30 feet, of the supervising person. (*Acts 1991, No. 91-600, p. 1106, §1; Act 2004-449, p. 794, §1; Act 2007-418, p.874, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-45 License to hunt on wildlife management areas; fee; violations.**

- (a) Unless a person is properly licensed for a particular activity under the wildlife heritage license, any person who hunts on state operated wildlife management areas in this state shall pay a special annual license fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) in addition to the amount of the resident or nonresident's licenses specified in Sections 9-11-44 to 9-11-49, inclusive, payment of which

shall be evidenced by a stamp, license, big game tag system, or other appropriate method as the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may prescribe.

(b) The issuing officer or authority shall be allowed a fee of one dollar (\$1) for each special license issued by him or her, which issuing fee shall be in addition to the cost of the special license. In counties where the judge of probate or issuing officer is on the fee system, the issuing fee shall be retained by the judge of probate or issuing officer, and in counties where the issuing officer or judge of probate is on a salary basis, the fee shall be paid to the county treasury; provided, that the license established by this section shall not be required of any Alabama resident who is 65 years of age or older or who is less than 16 years of age. The license fees and issuance fees provided for in this section shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68.

(c) All license fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund and shall be expended in the operation of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries program, including the acquiring of additional conservation officers and the expansion of public hunting areas.

(d) Whoever uses a Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shooting range and who is age 16 years through 64 years shall hold a valid license issued pursuant to this section, the wildlife heritage license issued pursuant to Section 9-11-71, or a valid license issued pursuant to Sections 9-11-44 to 9-11-49, inclusive.

(e) Whoever hunts on state-operated wildlife management areas without first obtaining the proper hunting license and the special license required in this section or the wildlife heritage license issued pursuant to Section 9-11-71, if applicable, or whoever utilizes a Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shooting range in this state in violation of this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable as prescribed in Section 9-11-51. (*Acts 1965, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 121, p. 169; Act 2000-742, p. 169, §§1-3; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-45.1 Use of crossbows for hunting.**

The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may by regulation authorize the use of crossbows for hunting. (*Acts 1991, No. 91-210, p. 392, §§ 1, 2; Act 2001-1102, p. 1166, § 1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-46 Nonresident hunting licenses - "Small game only."**

Any nonresident of this state who is 16 years old or older shall procure an annual "small game only" hunting license to hunt all legal game in this state except deer and turkey by filing an application with the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources or any judge of probate or other person authorized to issue the license, stating his or her age, race, place of residence, and post office address and after paying to the person issuing the license a fee of eighty-eight dollars (\$88), plus a two dollar (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. There shall be provided on the license form for the licenses provided for in this section a check-off option whereby the licensee may voluntarily choose to donate an additional one dollar (\$1) to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for the purpose of research on wildlife and wildlife habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1965, No. 751, p. 1365, §1; Acts 1977, No. 764, p. 1321, §1; Acts 1994, No. 94-577, p. 1051, §1; Act 2000-742, p. 1647, §1; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-47 Nonresident hunting licenses - "All game."**

Any nonresident of this state who is 16 years old or older shall procure an annual "all game hunt license" to hunt all legal game in this state by filing an application with the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources or any judge of probate or other person authorized to issue the license, stating his or her age, race, place of residence, and post office address and after paying to the person issuing the license a fee of two hundred seventy-three dollars (\$273), plus a two dollar (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68.

Every person making application for a nonresident hunting license as provided in this section and Sections 9-11-46, 9-11-48, and 9-11-49 shall provide a valid driver license number or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence. All nonresident hunting licenses shall bear the driver license

number of the licensee and the state where the license was issued, except in the case of nondrivers, and all licenses shall bear proof of residence as required by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Every person who obtains a nonresident hunting license without providing a valid driver license number or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twice the applicable license fee.

There shall be provided on the license form for the licenses provided for in this section a check-off option whereby the licensee may voluntarily choose to donate an additional one dollar (\$1) to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for the purpose of research on wildlife and wildlife habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1965, No. 751, p. 1365, §2; Acts 1977, No. 764, p. 1321, §2; Acts 1982, No. 82-407, p. 619, §1; Acts 1982, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 82-777, p. 279, §1; Acts 1984, No. 84-446, p. 1040, §4; Acts 1994, No. 94-577, p. 1051, §1; Act 2000-742, p. 1647, §1; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-48 Nonresident hunting licenses - "Trip small game."**

Any nonresident of this state who is 16 years old or older shall, in lieu of the small game license provided for in Section 9-11-46, procure one of the following "trip small game" hunting licenses to hunt all legal game in this state except deer and turkey, the procurement of which shall be in the same manner as provided for procuring nonresident annual hunting licenses provided for in Sections 9-11-46 and 9-11-47, by paying the license fees herein specified, which licenses will authorize the holder of the license to hunt in this state for a period of days specified on the license from the day the license was issued:

- (1) A "nonresident small game 10-day trip hunting license," the cost of which shall be fifty-three dollars (\$53), plus a two dollar (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. This license shall be valid for those legal hunting hours occurring during the then current license year for a period not to exceed 240 consecutive hours from the beginning date and time, as selected and designated by the licensee to the issuing agent at the time of issuance.
- (2) A "nonresident small game 3-day trip hunting license," the cost of which shall be thirty-eight dollars (\$38), plus a two dollar (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. This license shall be valid for those legal hunting hours occurring during the then current license year for a period not to exceed 72 consecutive hours from the beginning date and time, as selected and designated by the licensee to the issuing agent at the time of issuance.
- (3) There shall be provided on the license form for the licenses provided for in this section a check-off option whereby the licensee may voluntarily choose to donate an additional one dollar (\$1) to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for the purpose of research on wildlife and wildlife habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1965, No. 751, p. 1365, §3; Acts 1977, No. 764, p. 1321, §3; Acts 1981, No. 81-720, p. 1226, §1; Acts 1994, No. 94-577, p. 1051, §1; Act 2000-742, p. 1647, §1; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-49 Nonresident hunting licenses - "Trip all game."**

Any nonresident of this state who is 16 years or older shall, in lieu of the all game license provided for in Section 9-11-47, procure one of the following "trip all game" hunting licenses to hunt all legal game in this state, the procurement of which shall be in the same manner as provided for procuring the nonresident annual hunting licenses provided for in Sections 9-11-46 and 9-11-47, by paying the license fees herein specified, which licenses will authorize the holder of the license to hunt in this state for a period of days specified on the license from the day the license was issued:

- (1) A "nonresident all game 10-day trip hunting license," the cost of which shall be one hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$168), plus a two dollar (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. This license shall be valid for those legal hunting hours occurring during the then current license year for a period not to exceed 240

consecutive hours from the beginning date and time, as selected and designated by the licensee to the issuing agent at the time of issuance.

(2) A “nonresident all game 3-day trip hunting license,” the cost of which shall be one hundred eighteen dollars (\$118), plus a two dollar (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. This license shall be valid for those legal hunting hours occurring during the then current license year for a period not to exceed 72 consecutive hours from the beginning date and time, as selected and designated by the licensee to the issuing agent at the time of issuance. In addition, effective with the license year beginning September 1, 2013, there shall be a Physically Disabled Military Veteran’s Appreciation three-day trip event license, for events sanctioned by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, that shall permit up to 10 U.S. military veterans, resident or non-resident, which names shall be designated on the license, otherwise meeting the requirements of this section who are certified by the U.S. Veterans’ Administration as 50 percent or more physically disabled, to purchase the license as an alternative to the trip hunting license for a fee equal to the nonresident all game three-day hunting license, plus the applicable issuance fee. The duration of this license shall be the same as that of the nonresident all game three-day hunting license.

(3) There shall be provided on the license form for the licenses provided for in this section a check-off option whereby the licensee may voluntarily choose to donate an additional one dollar (\$1) to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for the purpose of research on wildlife and wildlife habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1965, No. 751, p. 1365, §4; Acts 1977, No. 764, p. 1321, §4; Acts 1981, No. 81-720, p. 1226, §1; Acts 1982, No. 82-407, p. 619, §1; Acts 1982, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 82-777, p. 279, §1; Acts 1994, No. 94-577, p. 1051, §1; Act 2000-742, p. 1647, §1; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1; Act 2013-248, p. 607, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-49.1 Establishment of bag limits, etc., for certain nonresidents.**

Notwithstanding any rule, regulation or law to the contrary, the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with consent of the conservation advisory board is hereby authorized to establish bag limits, lengths of seasons and license fees for nonresidents who reside in those states which have entered into reciprocal agreements as to the aforementioned with the State of Alabama. But under no circumstance shall the annual all game license be less than \$99.00 nor the trip all game license less than \$50.00. (*Acts 1982, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 82-777, p. 619, §2.*)

#### **Section 9-11-50 Hunting by persons under 16 years of age.**

No person under the age of 16 years will be required to procure a hunting license to hunt within the State of Alabama; provided, that such person or persons shall be required when hunting upon lands other than their own or which they rent or upon which they reside to have a permit to hunt on such lands or to be accompanied by some person of adult age who is authorized to hunt upon said lands. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §33; Code 1940, T. 8, §34.*)

#### **Section 9-11-51 Hunting without license, etc.**

(a) Any person other than a nonresident who hunts in this state or who utilizes a Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shooting range without the required hunting license shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each offense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a hunting license shall not be required for a resident or resident member of the immediate family who hunts on lands owned by him or her, nor shall a hunting license be required for a tenant or a member of the tenant’s immediate family who hunts on lands leased or rented by him or her, provided the hunter resides on the lands, nor of any resident of this state on active military duty who is in this state on leave and who has proof of that status in his or her possession.

(b) Any person other than a nonresident who lends or transfers his or her hunting license to another shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each offense.

(c) Any nonresident of the state who hunts in this state without first obtaining a nonresident hunting license permitting him or her to do so, or who lends or transfers his or her hunting license to another shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than three times the cost of the nonresident annual license without which he or she was convicted of hunting. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §34; Code 1940, T. 8, §35; Acts 1979, No. 79-750, p. 1335, §1; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-53 Resident license - Freshwater fishing.**

(a) Any person who has been a bona fide resident of this state for a period of not less than 90 days next preceding and who is age 16 or older, but who has not yet reached the age of 65, shall not take, catch, kill or attempt to take, catch, or kill any fish in any of the waters of this state above that line defined in Rule 220-2-42 (1) of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as published in the Alabama Administrative Code, as well as below that line in any of the ponds or lakes containing freshwater fish, subject to the exceptions contained herein, by any means, except designated commercial fishing gear and wire baskets, expressly allowed by law or regulation without first procuring an annual resident freshwater fishing license and paying therefor the sum of eleven dollars (\$11), plus a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68; provided, however, that U.S. military veterans otherwise meeting the requirements of this section who are certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration as 20 percent or more disabled shall be entitled to purchase an alternative license to the annual resident freshwater fishing license to be known as the disabled military veterans appreciation fishing license for a license fee of two dollars (\$2) plus a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee. All persons making application for the license provided for in this section shall present a valid Alabama driver license, or in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence. All licenses required by this section shall bear the Alabama driver license number of the licensee, except in the case of nondrivers and active duty military personnel stationed in Alabama and their spouses and dependents who reside with them, and all licenses shall bear proof of residence as required by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member of the United States military stationed in Alabama on active duty, and his or her spouse and their dependents who reside with them, shall be deemed Alabama residents for the purpose of procuring this license. Active duty military personnel stationed in Alabama and their spouses and dependents who reside with them shall provide military orders that assign them to Alabama. These licenses shall be issued in the manner and under the conditions, limitations, and exemptions as expressly provided for in this section. Persons obtaining the annual resident freshwater fishing license shall also be entitled to all of the privileges of the wildlife heritage license.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any resident 64 years of age procuring a resident freshwater fishing license pursuant to this section shall be issued the license on a lifetime basis. License fees from the sale of a lifetime license pursuant to this subsection to a resident age 64 years shall be deposited to the credit of the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund within the Game and Fish Fund.

(c) A fishing license shall not be transferable, and it shall be unlawful to borrow, lend, or alter any fishing license, or for any license-issuing officer to falsify any license at the time of issuing the license. A violation of this subsection shall constitute a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.

(d) Any citizen of this state who is entitled to purchase a fishing license as provided for in this section may procure a license by applying to any judge of probate, license commissioner, or other persons authorized and designated to issue fishing licenses, stating his or her name, age, place of residence, and post office address, and paying to the issuing officer the amount required in this section for the license. Judges of probate, license commissioners, or other persons authorized and designated to issue fishing licenses shall be entitled to the issuance fee set out herein for each license so issued, which fee shall be in addition to the amount designated in this section as the cost of the license. All fees collected by any judge of probate or license

commissioner who is paid a salary for the performance of his or her duties shall be paid into the county treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund.

(e) All persons under the age of 16 years shall be exempted from the requirement of procuring a license. Any resident of this state 65 years of age and older shall be exempted from the requirement of procuring a fishing license as provided for in this section, provided that the resident has on his or her person while fishing, a valid Alabama driver license, or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent Alabama residence and age.

(f) Every person who obtains an annual resident freshwater fishing license without presenting a valid Alabama driver license, or in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence, or who provides any false information in the process of procuring the license, shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law.

(g) The licenses required by this section shall not apply to a resident of this state on active military duty who is in this state on leave and who has proof of that status in his or her possession, nor to any person who fishes in a private pond. The license required by this section shall not apply to any person fishing from the bank with an ordinary hook and line in his or her county of residence. A person who fishes from the bank with ordinary hook and line in his or her own county of residence shall be required to have on his or her person, while so fishing, a reasonable proof of residency in the county. In addition, the licenses required by this section shall not apply to persons exempt from fishing license requirements while fishing at commercial fee fishing ponds pursuant to the provisions of Article 17 of this chapter.

(h) The revenue derived from the sale of the license provided for in this section shall be remitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the first day of each month by the issuing officer and shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund and shall be used in the construction, maintenance, development, and supervision of public fishing lakes, for the purchase of lands to be used for public landings on public streams and for the development, protection, propagation, and distribution of fish and wildlife of this state.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each offense.

(j) There shall be provided on the license form for the licenses provided for in this section a check-off option whereby the licensee may voluntarily choose to donate an additional one dollar (\$1) to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for the purpose of research on fisheries and aquatic habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1936-37, Ex. Sess., No. 147, p. 165, §§1-4; Code 1940, T. 8, §38; Acts 1955, No. 257, p. 601; Acts 1971, No. 1980, p. 3222, §1; Acts 1979, No. 79-803, p. 1481, §1; Acts 1983, No. 83-743, p. 1223, §1; Acts 1988, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 88-805, p. 242, §2; Acts 1992, No. 92-344, p. 736, §2; Acts 1993, No. 93-624, p. 1047, §1; Act 2000-735, p. 1604, §1; Act 2004-449, p. 794, §1; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-53.1 Resident license - Saltwater fishing.**

(a) (1) Any person who has been a bona fide resident of this state for a period of not less than 90 days next preceding and who is age 16 or older, but has not yet reached the age of 65, shall not take, catch, kill, possess, or attempt to take, catch, kill, or possess, any fish in any of the waters of this state, except those waters for which a license is required by Section 9-11-53, below that line defined in Rule 220-2-.42(1) of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as published in the Alabama Administrative Code, by angling with rod and reel or by use of any artificial bait, fly, lure, gig, cast net, bow, crab traps that are not required to be licensed by Section 9-12-124, or by spear fishing, as defined by Section 9-11-170, without first procuring an annual resident saltwater fishing license for twenty dollars (\$20), plus a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-69.

(2) A United States military veteran otherwise meeting the requirements of this section who is certified by the United States Veterans Administration as 20 percent or more disabled may

purchase an alternative license to the annual resident saltwater fishing license, to be known as the disabled military veterans appreciation saltwater fishing license, for a license fee and issuance fee equivalent to that charged for a disabled military veterans appreciation freshwater fishing license pursuant to Section 9-11-53, subject to the cost adjustments provided for in Section 9-11-69.

- (3) a. All persons making application for the license provided for in this section shall present an Alabama driver license, or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence.  
b. All licenses required by this section shall bear the driver license number of the licensee, except in the case of nondrivers, and all licenses shall bear proof of residence as required by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.  
c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member of the United States military stationed in Alabama on active duty, and his or her spouse and their dependents who reside with them, shall be deemed to be Alabama residents for the purposes of procuring this license.
- (4) a. A saltwater fishing license shall not be required of any person who has been issued and is the holder of any valid lifetime fishing license that is provided for in Section 9-11-65, provided that such license was issued on or before March 31, 1992, or any valid lifetime saltwater fishing license that is provided for in Section 9-11-65.2.  
b. A saltwater fishing license shall not be required of permanent Alabama residents under 16 years of age or age 65 years or over, provided, however, that residents age 65 years or older shall be required to have in their actual possession, while fishing, an Alabama driver license, or in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent Alabama residence and age.
- (5) The revenue derived from the sale of the license provided for in this section shall be remitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the first day of each month by the issuing officer and shall be covered into the State Treasury to the credit of the Marine Resources Fund and shall be used in the research, management, and development of saltwater fisheries. It shall be unlawful to provide false information in the process of obtaining the license.

- (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, any resident 64 years of age who procures a resident saltwater fishing license pursuant to this section shall be issued the license on a lifetime basis. The license fees from the sale of a lifetime license pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited to the credit of the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund within the Marine Resources Fund.  
(2) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each offense.
- (c) There shall be provided on the license form for the licenses provided for in this section a check-off option whereby the licensee may voluntarily choose to donate an additional one dollar (\$1) to the Division of Marine Resources for the purpose of research on fisheries and aquatic habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1992, No. 92-344, p. 736, §1; Act 2000-735, p. 1604, §1; Act 2004-449, p. 794, §1; Act 2007-419, p. 891, §1.; Act 2019-134, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-53.5 Resident seven-day trip saltwater fishing license.**

A person who has been a bona fide resident of this state for a period of not less than 90 days next preceding and who is age 16 years through 64 years, who is otherwise required to obtain a resident annual saltwater fishing license pursuant to Section 9-11-53.1, may, in lieu thereof, purchase a resident seven-day trip saltwater fishing license which shall entitle the person to engage in the same activities authorized under a license provided in Section 9-11-53.1, but only during those hours occurring during the then current license year for a period not to exceed 168 consecutive hours from the beginning date and time, as selected and designated by the licensee to the issuing agent at the time of issuance. The cost of the license shall be eight dollars (\$8), plus a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-69. The license fees shall be deposited into the Marine Resources Fund. A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law except that the minimum fine shall not be less than fifty dollars (\$50). (*Acts 1993, No. 93-322, p. 486, §1; Act 2007-419, p. 891, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-53.6 Resident daily state lake fishing license.**

Effective with the license year beginning September 1, 2014, a person otherwise meeting the requirements of Section 9-11-53, for the resident annual fishing license, who fishes the state public fishing lakes owned and operated by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries may purchase an alternative license to the annual freshwater fishing license to be known as the resident daily state lake fishing license for a fee of five dollars (\$5) plus the same issuance fee as provided for the resident annual fishing license, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68, and which shall entitle the person to fish at state public fishing lakes, but shall not grant any other privileges of the annual fishing license or wildlife heritage license. (*Act 2014-340, p. 1262, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-54 Special fishing license certain persons with total and permanent disability.**

- (a) Any person who is totally and permanently disabled and receiving disability retirement from a public or private entity or a disability benefit from the federal Social Security Administration, the United States Railroad Retirement, the United States Office of Personnel Management, the Retirement Systems of Alabama, or a unit of federal, state, or local government designated by rule of the department and who has been a bona fide resident of this state for not less than 90 days next preceding the date of application may, upon the payment of an annual license fee as provided in subsection (b), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1), procure a special fishing or hunting license in the following manner: The applicant shall file with the person, in the county in which he or she resides, who is duly authorized to issue licenses, an application, stating his or her age, place of residence, post office address, and length of residence in this state. The application shall have attached evidence of the receipt of disability benefits as may be required by rule.
- (b) For purposes of this section, annual license fees shall be as follows:
  - (1) Hunting license: five dollars (\$5).
  - (2) Freshwater fishing license: two dollars (\$2).
  - (3) Saltwater fishing license: two dollars (\$2).
- (c) The annual license and issuance fees provided in this section shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 9-11-68.
- (d) The license application process, including, but not limited to, providing proof of residency and disability status, may be established by rule.
- (e) (1) a. A fishing license issued pursuant to this section shall be in lieu of the annual resident fishing license in Section 9-11-53.  
b. A hunting license issued pursuant to this section shall be in lieu of the annual resident hunting license in Section 9-11-44, except for the disabled military veterans hunting license provided in that section.  
c. A saltwater fishing license issued pursuant to this section shall be in lieu of the annual resident saltwater fishing license in Section 9-11-53.1.  
(2) This section does not supersede any additional license or requirement to hunt on state-operated wildlife management areas, as provided in Section 9-11-45 or to hunt migratory waterfowl, as provided in Section 9-11-433.  
(3) An annual resident hunting or freshwater fishing license for a person with a disability shall entitle the license holder to all of the privileges of the wildlife heritage license.
- (f) The issuing officer or authority shall be allowed an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1) for each license issued. In counties in which the probate judge or issuing officer is on a fee system, the issuing fee shall be retained by the probate judge or issuing officer, and in a county in which the probate judge or issuing officer is on a salary basis, the issuing fee shall be paid into the county treasury. These licenses shall not be issued by special agents. (*Acts 1966, Ex. Sess., No. 423, p. 567, §§1, 2; Acts 1996, No. 96-667, p. 1129, §1; Act 2015-455, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-55 Nonresident freshwater fishing licenses – Annual license; penalty.**

Nonresidents of the state 16 years of age or older shall not take, catch, kill or attempt to take, catch, or kill any fish in any of the fresh waters of this state without first procuring an annual nonresident freshwater fishing license which shall authorize the holder to fish in any legally available fresh waters

of this state, by filing with any person authorized to issue the license an affidavit stating the applicant's age, place of residence, and post office address and after paying to the person issuing the license a fee of forty-four dollars (\$44), plus a two dollar (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. The license fees for residents of the states of Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Mississippi shall, upon submittal of a valid driver license issued by one of those states or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of residency of one of those states, be the same as the license fees charged Alabama residents for similar licenses in those states in the event the state charges Alabama residents more than Alabama charges residents from that state. Licenses shall not be required of persons properly licensed for trip fishing under Section 9-11-56.

The issuing officer or authority or special agent shall be allowed the issuance fee set out herein for each license issued by him or her, which issuing fee shall be in addition to the cost of the license. In counties where the probate judge or issuing officer is on the fee system, the issuing fee shall be retained by the probate judge or issuing officer, and in counties where the probate judge or issuing officer is on a salary basis, the fee shall be paid by him or her into the county treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund.

All of the license fees shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund.

Any person who violates this section is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law except that the minimum fine shall not be less than fifty dollars (\$50).

There shall be provided on the license form for the licenses provided for in this section a check-off option whereby the licensee may voluntarily choose to donate an additional one dollar (\$1) to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for the purpose of research on fisheries and aquatic habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §38; Code 1940, T. 8, §39; Acts 1977, No. 351, p. 468, §1; Acts 1984, No. 84-446, p. 1040, §5; Acts 1986, Ex. Sess., No. 86-649, p. 31, §1; Acts 1993, No. 93-322, p. 486, §5; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-55.1 Nonresident freshwater fishing licenses – Use of certain trotlines prohibited; inspection of permissible trotlines required; penalties.**

- (a) Nonresidents fishing in the public waters of the State of Alabama pursuant to those licenses provided for by Sections 9-11-55 or 9-11-56, are hereby prohibited from taking or attempting to take fish from said waters by means of one or more trotlines having a combination of more than 100 hooks. Said nonresidents are required to inspect permissible trotlines at least once each day.
- (b) Any person who violates the provisions of this section, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. (*Acts 1991, No. 91-476, p. 864, §§1, 2.*)

**Section 9-11-55.2 Nonresident saltwater fishing license; cost; disposition of fees; penalty for violation.**

- (a) A nonresident of this state who is age 16 or older, shall not take, catch, kill, possess, or attempt to take, catch, kill, or possess any fish in any of the waters of this state except those waters for which a license is required by Section 9-11-53, below that line defined in Rule 220-2-.42(1) of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as published in the Alabama Administrative Code, by angling with rod and reel or by use of any artificial bait, fly, lure, gig, cast net, bow, crab traps that are not required to be licensed by Section 9-12-124, or by spear fishing, as defined by Section 9-11-170, without first procuring a nonresident saltwater fishing license. The cost of nonresident saltwater fishing licenses shall be as follows:
  - (1) A nonresident annual saltwater fishing license shall cost forty-four dollars (\$44), plus a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-69.
  - (2) A nonresident seven-day trip saltwater fishing license shall cost twenty-four dollars (\$24), plus a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-69. A nonresident seven-day trip fishing license shall authorize a nonresident to fish during those hours occurring during the then current license year for a period not to exceed 168 hours from the beginning date and time, as selected and designated

by the licensee to the issuing agent at the time of issuance for a one-time period of seven consecutive days.

- (b) The license fee for nonresidents who are residents of the States of Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, or Mississippi, upon submittal of a valid driver's license issued by one of those states, or in the case of nondrivers, proof of residency of one of those states, shall be the same as the license fee charged Alabama residents for a similar license in one of those states in the event the state charges Alabama residents more than the State of Alabama charges residents from that state.
- (c) The revenue derived from the sale of the licenses provided for in this section shall be remitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the first day of each month by the issuing officer and shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Marine Resources Fund and shall be used in the research, management, and development of saltwater fisheries.
- (d) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law except that the minimum fine shall not be less than fifty dollars (\$50). (*Acts 1993, No. 93-322, p. 486, §6; Act 2007-419, p. 891, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-55.3 Combination nonresident saltwater-freshwater license; fee.**

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may provide for the issuance of a combination nonresident saltwater-freshwater fishing license for a combination license fee of \$60, with \$30 going to the Marine Resources Fund, and \$30 going to the Game and Fish Fund. In addition, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, there shall be a \$1 issuance fee imposed for the cost of issuing the combination nonresident saltwater-freshwater license. (*Acts 1993, No. 93-322, p. 486, §7.*)

#### **Section 9-11-55.4 Nonresident state lake fishing license.**

Effective with the license year beginning September 1, 2014, a nonresident of any state who fishes the state public fishing lakes owned and operated by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries may purchase an alternative license to the nonresident freshwater fishing license to be known as the nonresident state lake fishing license for a fee of five dollars (\$5) per day or ten dollars (\$10) per license year, plus the same issuance fees, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. (*Act 2014-340, p. 1262, §2.*)

#### **Section 9-11-55.5 Nonresident family three-day fishing license.**

Effective with the license year beginning September 1, 2014, nonresidents of any state, in lieu of any otherwise required fishing licenses, may procure a nonresident three-day family fishing license, for a period of three consecutive days or less by paying the same license fee and issuance fee as the nonresident seven-day trip fishing license provided for in Section 9-11-56, which license will authorize the holder thereof and up to four other members of his or her immediate family, comprised of his or her parent, spouse, children, and grandchildren, which names shall be designated on the license, to fish in any of the otherwise legally available fresh waters of this state during those hours occurring during the then current license year for a period not to exceed 72 consecutive hours from the beginning date and time, as selected and designated by the licensee to the issuing agent at the time of issuance. (*Act 2014-340, p. 1262, §3.*)

#### **Section 9-11-56 Nonresident freshwater fishing licenses - Trip license; penalty.**

Any nonresident of this state 16 years of age or older shall not take, catch, kill or attempt to take, catch, or kill any fish in any of the fresh waters of this state for a period of seven consecutive days or less without first procuring a trip fishing license in the same manner provided for other licenses provided in this article, by paying the sum of twenty-four dollars (\$24), plus a two dollar (\$2) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68, which license will authorize the holder thereof to fish in any of the otherwise legally available fresh waters of this state during those hours occurring during the then current license year for a period not to exceed 168 consecutive hours from the beginning date and time, as selected and designated by the licensee to the issuing agent at the time of issuance. The license fees for residents of the States of Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Mississippi shall, upon submittal of a valid driver license issued by one of those states, or in the case of nondrivers, proof of residency of one of those states, be the same as the license fees charged

Alabama residents for similar licenses in those states in the event the state charges Alabama residents more than Alabama charges residents from that state. In the event no similar license exists in any of those states, residents of the states shall not be permitted to procure a trip fishing license in the State of Alabama. The license shall not be required of persons properly licensed under Section 9-11-55.

The issuing officer or authority or special agent shall be allowed the issuance fee set out herein for each license issued by him or her, which issuing fee shall be in addition to the cost of the license. In counties where the probate judge or issuing officer is on the fee system, the issuing fee shall be retained by the probate judge or issuing officer, and in counties where the probate judge or issuing officer is on a salary basis, the fee shall be paid by him or her into the county treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund.

All of the license fee shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law except that the minimum fine shall not be less than fifty dollars(\$50).

There shall be provided on the license form for the licenses provided for in this section a check-off option whereby the licensee may voluntarily choose to donate an additional one dollar (\$1) to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for the purpose of research on fisheries and aquatic habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1935, No. 240, p. 632, §39; Code 1940, T. 8, §40; Acts 1977, No. 351, p.468, §1; Acts 1984, No. 84-446, p. 1040, §5; Acts 1986, Ex. Sess., No. 86-649, p. 31, §2; Acts 1993, No. 93-322, p. 486, §8; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-56.1 Nonresident fishing licenses - Commercial license.**

- (a) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, hereinafter referred to as "the department" or duly authorized designees of the department shall sell and issue commercial fishing licenses to residents of other states, which other states reciprocate the sale and issuance of similar such commercial fishing licenses to residents of Alabama to fish the waters of their respective states.
- (b) The amount to be charged for such nonresident commercial fishing license shall be the same as is charged a resident of Alabama for such a license in the reciprocating state, but in no event shall the amount be less than the prevailing amount charged by the department of commercial fishing licenses for Alabama residents.
- (c) Nonresident commercial fishing licensees shall be subject to the same rules, regulations and requirements of law and of the department as may apply to Alabama resident commercial fishing licensees. Each license issued pursuant to this section shall expire on September 30 of the year for which such license is issued.
- (d) All proceeds derived from the issuance of such nonresident commercial fishing licenses shall be deposited to the game and fish fund of the department. (*Acts 1980, No. 80-537, p. 835, § 1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-56.2 Annual "Free Fishing Day."**

An annual "Free Fishing Day" is hereby established and created. Saturday, June 10, 1989, is hereby designated as "Free Fishing Day" for calendar year 1989. For each calendar year thereafter, the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall, not later than February 1 of each year, and without necessity of promulgation of regulation, designate the date of the annual "Free Fishing Day" for that calendar year. During the daylight hours on said day, those persons normally eligible to be and required to be licensed for fishing pursuant to Sections 9-11-53 through 9-11-56, as amended from time to time, shall be permitted to engage in those otherwise lawful fishing activities for which the licenses under Sections 9-11-53 through 9-11-56, would otherwise be required, without said licenses. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-810, p. 1617, § 1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-56.3 Public fishing pier license; saltwater pier fishing license; fees.**

- (a) A person, firm, or corporation that operates a fishing pier open to the general public in the inside waters of the State of Alabama as defined by Rule 220-3-.04 of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, may purchase a public fishing pier license to be issued by the Marine Resources Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The fee for a public fishing pier license shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year, which

fee shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-69. Any law or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, a resident of the State of Alabama may fish from a licensed public fishing pier in the inside waters of the State of Alabama without purchasing a fishing license. A licensed public fishing pier shall be open to the general public. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the operator of a licensed public fishing pier from charging a fee for the use of the pier.

- (b) A person who has been a bona fide resident of this state for a period of not less than 90 days next preceding and who is age 16 through 64, may fish from piers open to the general public in the Gulf of Mexico or the inside waters of the State of Alabama as defined by Rule 220-3-.04 of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources by angling with rod and reel or by use of any artificial bait, fly, lure, gig, cast net, bow, or crab trap that is not required to be licensed by Section 9-12-124, after purchasing an annual saltwater pier fishing license at a cost of five dollars (\$5), which fee shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-69. A nonresident may fish from piers open to the general public in the Gulf of Mexico or the inside waters of the State of Alabama as defined by Rule 220-3-.04 of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources by angling with rod and reel or by use of any artificial bait, fly, lure, gig, cast net, bow, or crab trap that is not required to be licensed by Section 9-12-124, after purchasing an annual saltwater pier fishing license at a cost of ten dollars (\$10), which fee shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-69. Alabama residents and nonresidents possessing a current saltwater fishing license, residents and nonresidents under age 16, and residents age 65 or over are expressly exempt from the requirements of this subsection.
- (c) The licenses provided for in this section may be purchased from any judge of probate, license commissioner, revenue commissioner, or other officer authorized to issue licenses upon application on forms furnished by the Division of Marine Resources of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and payment of the required fee for the license plus a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fee shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-69.
- (d) The licenses provided for in this section shall be issued on an annual basis and shall expire on August 31 of each year.
- (e) Any revenue derived from the sale of these licenses shall be remitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the first day of each month by the issuing officer and shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Marine Resources Fund.
- (f) Any violation of this section shall be a Class C misdemeanor punishable as provided by law except that the minimum fine shall not be less than fifty dollars (\$50). In addition, the punishment for a violation of subsection (a) shall include an additional mandatory fine of twice the amount of the license. (*Act 2008-384, p. 714, §2; Act 2010-513, p. 846, §1; Act 2014-340, p. 1262, §5.*)

#### **Section 9-11-56.4      Disabled three-day fishing event license.**

Effective with the license year beginning September 1, 2014, there shall be a disabled three-day fishing event license, for events sanctioned by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. Except as otherwise provided herein for additional persons, the license shall permit up to 20 disabled residents or non-resident persons plus up to 20 resident and non-resident assistants, in such numbers as determined to be reasonably necessary by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, to purchase the license as an alternative to any recreational fishing license otherwise applicable under this chapter, which shall permit such persons, for a period not to exceed 72 consecutive hours, to engage in those same activities as the holders of the annual freshwater fishing license in Section 9-11-53. The license fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100). Notwithstanding the foregoing, any additional disabled persons over the 20- person limit shall be charged an additional five dollars (\$5) per person, which amount, subject to the approval of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, may include an additional assistant. (*Act 2014-340, p. 1262, §4.*)

#### **Section 9-11-56.5      Disabled three-day saltwater fishing event license.**

- (a) Effective with the license year beginning September 1, 2019, there shall be a disabled three-

day saltwater fishing event license, for events sanctioned by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section for additional persons, the license shall permit up to 20 disabled residents or nonresidents, plus up to 20 resident and nonresident assistants, in the numbers as determined to be reasonably necessary by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, to purchase the license as an alternative to any recreational saltwater fishing license otherwise applicable under this chapter, which shall permit the persons, for a period not to exceed 72 consecutive hours, to engage in those same activities as the holders of the annual saltwater fishing license in Section 9-11-53.1.

(c) The license fee shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

(d) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c), any additional disabled persons over the 20-person limit shall be charged an additional five dollars (\$5) per person, which amount, subject to the approval of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, may include an additional assistant. (*Act 2019-134*)

**Section 9-11-58      Licenses of nonresident live fish and minnow dealers; fees of issuing authorities; disposition of fees.**

(a) Any nonresident person, firm or corporation who engages in the capturing, purchasing, raising, propagating, breeding or acquisition or possession of live fish for the purpose of stocking or restocking any fresh waters of this state or the purchasing, raising, propagating, breeding or acquisition of minnows to be used as bait either in or outside this state where any or all of the foregoing are to be sold for stocking purposes or resale shall, before engaging in such activities, purchase an annual license from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which license shall be effective from October 1 through September 30, next following. Such licenses shall be as follows:

Nonresident retail dealer	\$200.00
Nonresident wholesale dealer	\$250.00

(b) All such license fees shall be paid to and permits obtained from the judge of probate or license commissioner on forms prescribed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The judge of probate shall be allowed an issuance fee of \$.25 out of the money received for each such license issued by him and shall remit the balance to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources for deposit in the state Game and Fish Fund.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any nonresident retail or wholesale dealer to operate within this state without first obtaining the license or licenses required by subsection (a) of this section, and such dealers shall display such licenses in a conspicuous place in their places of business or vehicles transporting such fish.

(d) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$500.00 for the first offense and not less than \$1,000.00 for the second or subsequent offenses. (*Acts 1970, Ex. Sess., No. 11, p. 2612, §§ 1-4.*)

**Section 9-11-59      License to capture or kill fur-bearing animals for commercial purposes; traps.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture, or kill, or to attempt to take, capture, or kill for commercial purposes by any means or device any of the fur-bearing animals protected by the laws or regulations of this state without first procuring a license therefor, to be issued in the same manner as is provided for hunting and fishing licenses.

(b) (1) Any person who has been a bona fide resident of this state for 90 days next preceding may procure a resident trapping license by paying the sum of twenty dollars (\$20).

(2) Any person who has not been a bona fide resident of this state for 90 days next preceding may procure a nonresident trapping license by paying the amount charged a resident of Alabama for a similar license in the nonresident state, except that the license fee for a nonresident in no event shall be less than 10 times the license fee charged by the department for a trapping license for an Alabama resident.

(c) A trapping license shall be valid only during the season when fur-bearing animals may be legally taken. The license fees provided in this section and the issuance fees for the issuance of licenses shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 9-11-68.

(d) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to trap in the State of Alabama without identifying each trap with a metal tag bearing information adequate to identify the owner. Should any law enforcement officer of this state or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama discover any trapping device being used in violation of the terms of this section, the officer shall confiscate the device and it shall become the property of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and shall be disposed of as ordered by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(2) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall adopt rules requiring the use of a unique identification number or license number to identify the owner of trapping equipment without requiring the disclosure of the owner's Social Security number, home address, or other sensitive personally identifying information.

(e) A violation of this section or failure to fully comply therewith shall constitute a mis- demeanor and, upon conviction, the person violating same or failing to comply therewith shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each offense. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §10; Code 1940, T. 8, §91; Acts 1951, No. 707, p. 1246, §1; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 187, p. 2157, §1; Acts 1969, No. 759, p.1339, §2; Acts 1977, No. 801, p. 1381, §1; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1; Act 2014-181, p. 229, §1. Act 2019-308*)

**Section 9-11-60 Disposition of funds from sale of fur catchers' licenses; report of licenses issued.**

Judges of probate and other persons authorized and designated to issue licenses provided in Section 9-11-59 shall retain out of the license fee the sum of \$.25, which shall cover the services required for issuing and reporting the sale of said licenses, and shall remit the balance to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources the first of each month, which balance shall be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund; provided, that if any such license is issued by any probate judge, license commissioner or other officer who is paid a salary for the performance of his duties as such officer, he shall be required to remit the entire amount collected to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources except the \$.25 charged by the issuing officer for the issuance of such licenses, and this amount shall be remitted to the treasurer of the county in which said license was paid for credit to the appropriate fund. Each person authorized to issue fur catchers' licenses shall make a full and complete report on the first day of each month to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources of the number of licenses issued and the name and post office address of the person or persons to whom issued, giving opposite each name the serial number of the license issued and the amount of money remitted therefor. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, § 14; Code 1940, T. 8, &sect;97; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 185, p. 2156, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-61 Transporting, etc., furs, skins, or pelts without furcatcher's license.**

Any person, firm, or corporation who sells, ships by mail, express, or otherwise transports within or without this state raw furs, skins, or pelts of fur-bearing animals, the taking, capturing, killing, or catching of which has been done without first procuring a fur catcher's license, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall apply to commercial shippers and common carriers which merely ship or otherwise transport raw furs, skins, or pelts by request of or contract with the possessor or owner thereof. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §15; Code 1940, T. 8, §98; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 186, p. 2157, §1; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-62 Fur dealers defined; presumptions.**

Any person, other than a fur catcher shipping his own catch, who ships or carries skins and hides of fur-bearing animals out of this state shall be considered a dealer; provided, that any nonresident who accompanies, consults, advises, finances or associates with any resident dealer or trapper or fur catcher

in the examination, grading or purchase of furs offered for sale within or without the state shall be presumed to be a dealer and shall be required to obtain a nonresident's license; provided further, that any resident of this state who accompanies, consults, advises, finances or associates with any nonresident, or whose operations under this article are financed in whole or in part by such nonresident, in the examination, grading or purchase of furs offered for sale within or without this state shall be presumed to be a dealer and shall be required to obtain a resident dealer's license. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, § 17; Code 1940, T. 8, §100.*)

#### **Section 9-11-63 Fur dealer's license; penalty for violations.**

(a) Any person, firm, association, or corporation who or which engages in the business of buying, trading, selling, or otherwise deals in raw furs, skins, or pelts of fur-bearing animals for which a business license is not otherwise provided in this article shall be required, before engaging in or transacting that business, to first procure a license in the same manner and place as provided for procuring hunting, fishing, and fur licenses and upon the following schedule: A minimum license fee of \$25.00 when the gross sales during the next preceding year amounted to \$15,000.00 or less; a license fee of \$50.00 when such gross sales amounted to more than \$15,000.00 and less than \$30,000.00; a license fee of \$100.00 when such gross sales amounted to \$30,000.00 or more. Any nonresident dealer, trader, or buyer of raw furs, skins, or pelts of fur-bearing animals who or which maintains a place of business in this state or who in person or through an agent buys, trades, or deals in furs, skins, or pelts of fur-bearing animals in this state shall first procure a license and pay a fee of \$300.00 therefor. A nonresident as mentioned in this section is defined as any person, firm, association, or corporation who or which has not been continuously domiciled in this state for one year prior to October 1 of the year for which such license is required.

(b) Any person, firm, association, or corporation who or which violates any of the provisions of this article for which a penalty is not otherwise provided shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction therefor, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense and in addition thereto the license of the person or entity shall be cancelled by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, and shall not be renewed nor shall a new license be issued to the person, firm, association, or corporation for a period of two years thereafter; provided, that amounts required to be paid to the state by Section 40-12-110 shall be deducted from the amounts required to be paid to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources by firms, associations, or corporations as set out in this section. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §18; Code 1940, T. 8, §101; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-64 Inspection of books and records of dealers, etc.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, his wardens or any other persons appointed and designated by him for such purpose shall have power and authority at any and all reasonable hours to inspect or examine the books and records of any person, firm, association or corporation in order to determine the amount of license fees due under the provisions of Section 9-11-63 and to further require such persons or any member or members or agents or employees of such firm, association or corporation to answer under oath any questions that may be propounded to determine the facts desired. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources and his said wardens and agents shall further have authority to administer an oath to any such person. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §19; Code 1940, T. 8, §102.*)

#### **Section 9-11-65 Lifetime resident hunting, freshwater fishing and combination licenses.**

(a) Any Alabama resident meeting the residency requirements set out in Section 9-11-44 may in lieu of the resident all-game hunting license purchase a lifetime resident hunting license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed by the commissioner and paying therefor the following license fees, which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68: Persons less than two years old, three hundred dollars (\$300); persons age two through 11 years, four hundred dollars (\$400); persons

age 12 through 49 years, five hundred dollars (\$500); and persons age 50 years and above, three hundred dollars (\$300).

(b) Any Alabama resident meeting the residency requirements set out in Section 9-11-53 may in lieu of the annual resident freshwater fishing license purchase a lifetime resident freshwater fishing license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed by the commissioner and paying therefor the following license fees, which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68: Persons less than two years old, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150); persons age two through 11 years, two hundred dollars (\$200); persons age 12 through 49 years, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250); and persons age 50 years and above, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

(c) In lieu of purchasing the licenses provided for in subsections (a) and (b) separately, any person may purchase a combination lifetime resident hunting and freshwater fishing license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed by the commissioner and paying therefor the following license fees, which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68: Persons less than two years old, four hundred fifty dollars (\$450); persons age two through 11 years, five hundred dollars (\$500); persons age 12 through 49 years, seven hundred dollars (\$700); and persons age 50 years and above, four hundred fifty dollars (\$450).

(d) The holder of a valid lifetime hunting or lifetime freshwater fishing license shall also be entitled to all of the privileges of the wildlife heritage license.

(e) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, nonresidents of the State of Alabama shall not be entitled to the licenses provided for in this section. (*Acts 1981, 3rd Ex. Sess., No. 81-1122, p. 386, §§1-3, 8; Acts 1989, No. 89-300, p. 487, §1; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-65.2 Lifetime resident saltwater fishing license; combination licenses with freshwater fishing, hunting.**

(a) Any Alabama resident meeting the residency requirements set out in Section 9-11-53.1, in lieu of the annual resident saltwater fishing license provided for in Section 9-11-53.1, may purchase a lifetime resident saltwater fishing license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed and paying the following license fees, which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68: Persons less than two years old, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250); persons age two through 11 years, three hundred dollars (\$300); persons age 12 through 49 years, three hundred fifty dollars (\$350); and persons age 50 years and above, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The license fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be credited to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund.

(b) In lieu of obtaining the licenses provided for in subsection (a) and in subsection (b) of Section 9-11-65, any person may purchase a combination lifetime resident freshwater and saltwater fishing license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed and paying the following license fees, which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68: Persons less than two years old, four hundred dollars (\$400); persons age two through 11 years, five hundred dollars (\$500); persons age 12 through 49 years, six hundred dollars (\$600); and persons age 50 years and above, four hundred dollars (\$400). License fees shall be credited as follows: That portion of the license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident freshwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (b) of Section 9-11-65 shall be credited to the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund, and that portion of the license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident saltwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (a) hereof shall be credited to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund. Section 9-2-20 shall not apply to those fees designated in this section for credit to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund.

(c) In lieu of obtaining the licenses provided for in subsections (a) and (b) and in sub- section (a)

of Section 9-11-65, any person may purchase a combination lifetime resident saltwater fishing and hunting license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed and paying the following license fees, which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68: Persons less than two years old, five hundred fifty dollars (\$550); persons age two through 11 years, seven hundred dollars (\$700); persons age 12 through 49 years, eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850); and persons age 50 years and above, five hundred fifty dollars (\$550). License fees shall be credited as follows: That portion of the license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident hunting license as provided for in subsection (a) of Section 9-11-65 shall be credited to the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund, and that portion of the license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident saltwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (a) shall be credited to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund. Section 9-2-20 shall not apply to those fees designated in this section for credit to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund.

(d) In lieu of obtaining the license provided for in subsection (a) and in subsection (c) of Section 9-11-65, any person may purchase a combination lifetime resident freshwater and saltwater fishing and hunting license by filing an application in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the form prescribed and paying the following license fees, which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68: Persons less than two years old, seven hundred dollars (\$700); persons age two through 11 years, eight hundred dollars (\$800); persons age 12 through 49 years, one thousand fifty dollars (\$1,050); and persons age 50 years and above, seven hundred dollars (\$700). License fees shall be credited as follows: That portion of the license fee representing the amount of the combination lifetime resident hunting and freshwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (c) of Section 9-11-65 shall be credited to the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund, and that portion of the license fee representing the amount of the lifetime resident saltwater fishing license as provided for in subsection (a) hereof shall be credited to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund. Section 9-2-20 shall not apply to those fees designated in this section for credit to the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund. *(Act 99-660, 2nd Sp. Sess., p. 117, §2; Act 2007-418, p. 874, §1.)*

### **Section 9-11-65.3 Resident lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for disabled U.S. military veterans.**

(a) Effective beginning with the license year commencing on September 1, 2021, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall issue resident lifetime hunting and fishing licenses to disabled U.S. military veterans subject to the fees, qualifications, and conditions as provided in this section.

(b) Hunting License.

- (1) A U.S. military veteran who is certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration as 40 percent or more physically disabled and who meets the residency requirements of Section 9-11-44, in lieu of purchasing an annual hunting license, may purchase a lifetime disabled military veteran's appreciation hunting license for the following applicable fee:
  - a. Disabled military veterans less than 50 years old: sixty dollars (\$60).
  - b. Disabled military veterans 50 years old or older: thirty dollars (\$30).
- (2) A U. S. military veteran who is certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration as 100 percent, service-connected permanently and totally disabled and who meets the residency requirements of Section 9-11-44, in lieu of purchasing an annual hunting license, may purchase a lifetime resident 100 percent disabled military veteran's appreciation hunting license for the following applicable fee:
  - a. Disabled military veterans less than 50 years old: forty-five dollars (\$45).
  - b. Disabled military veterans 50 years old or older: twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (3) The license fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund.

(c) Freshwater Fishing License.

(1) A U.S. military veteran meeting the disability and residency requirements of Section 9-11-53, in lieu of purchasing an annual freshwater fishing license, may purchase a lifetime disabled military veteran's appreciation freshwater fishing license for the following applicable fee:

- Disabled military veterans less than 50 years old: forty-five dollars (\$45).
- Disabled military veterans 50 years old or older: twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(2) The license fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund.

(d) Saltwater Fishing License.

(1) A U.S. military veteran meeting the disability and residency requirements of Section 9-11-53.1 may in lieu of purchasing an annual saltwater fishing license purchase a lifetime resident disabled military veteran's appreciation saltwater fishing license for the following applicable fees:

- Disabled military veterans less than 50 years old: forty-five dollars (\$45).
- Disabled military veterans 50 years old or older: twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(2) The license fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Fund.

(e) Combination License. The department may offer a combination lifetime license for hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing to disabled military veterans for a total of the applicable license fees listed in this section.

(f) In addition to paying any license fee required by this section, an applicant shall pay an issuance fee of one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) when submitting his or her license application.

(g) The license fees and issuance fees prescribed in this section are subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 9-11-68 and Section 9-11-69.

(h) Applications for lifetime licenses authorized by this section shall be filed in the office of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or as otherwise authorized by the commissioner on forms prescribed by the commissioner.

(i) Lifetime licenses issued pursuant to this section are not transferable.

(j) Nonresidents of this state may not purchase the licenses provided for in this section.

(k) The holder of a valid lifetime disabled military veteran's hunting or lifetime disabled military veteran's freshwater fishing license shall also be entitled to all of the privileges of the wildlife heritage license. (*Act 2021-83, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-66      Fishing in Pike County public lake without paying admission fee.**

Any person who is a citizen of the State of Alabama and over 65 years of age shall be entitled to fish in the Pike County public fishing lake operated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, without the requirement of payment of any admission fee. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-451, p. 668, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-68      Cost adjustments - Hunting and fishing licenses.**

Beginning with the license year October 1, 2010, and each license year thereafter, those license fees and issuance fees specified in Act 2007-418 shall be subject to a possible cost adjustment based on the following procedure: By the end of November of 2009, and each November thereafter, the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, with the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, may submit to the Chair of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources, a recommendation of an increase in both the license fees and issuance fees for the licenses, based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (All Items - U.S. City Average) maintained by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the immediately preceding yearly period of October to October, rounded down to the nearest nickel. The recommendation shall be subject to the approval of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources on or before the end of March of each year. If the increase is approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources, the board through its secretary, by the end of March of each year, shall submit the board's recommendation to the Chair of the Legislative Council, for the

Legislative Council's review and approval. In the event the recommendation is not disapproved by the Legislative Council by the end of April of each year, the recommendation of the board shall be deemed to be approved. In the event one or more years elapses during which there is no adjustment as provided for herein, the same procedure may be followed to obtain a net cumulative increase since the previous increase. (*Act 2007-418, p. 874, §2.*)

### **Section 9-11-69 Cost adjustments - Saltwater fishing licenses.**

Beginning with the license year October 1, 2010, and each license year thereafter, those license fees and issuance fees specified in Sections 9-11-53.1, 9-11-53.5, and 9-11-55.2, shall be subject to a cost adjustment based on the following procedure: By the end of November of 2009, and each November thereafter, the Director of the Division of Marine Resources of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, with the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, may submit to the Chair of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources a recommendation of an increase in both the license fees and issuance fees for the licenses based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (All Items - U.S. City Average) maintained by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the immediately preceding yearly period of October to October, rounded down to the nearest nickel. Such recommendation shall be subject to the approval of the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources on or before the end of March of each year. If the increase is approved by the advisory board, the board through its secretary, by the end of March of each year, shall submit the board's recommendation to the Legislative Council for the Legislative Council's review and approval. In the event the recommendation is not approved by the Legislative Council by the end of April of each year, the recommendation of the board shall be deemed to be approved. In the event one or more years elapses during which there is no adjustment as provided for herein, the same procedure may be followed to obtain a net cumulative increase since the previous increase. (*Act 2007-419, p. 891, §2.*)

### **Section 9-11-70 Hunting, fishing, or trapping with revoked or suspended license; licenses not transferable; penalties.**

- (a) No person shall hunt, fish, or trap in areas or under any conditions that a hunting, fishing, or trapping license is required by law, during any period that the person's hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges pursuant to the license have been revoked or suspended by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (b) Unless specifically otherwise authorized by law, all hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses issued pursuant to this chapter shall not be transferable, and it shall be unlawful to borrow, lend, or alter any such license, provide false information in the process of obtaining any such license, or for any license-issuing officer to falsify any license at the time of issuing the license.
- (c) A violation of this section shall be a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law. (*Act 2007-418, p. 874, §3.*)

### **Section 9-11-71 Wildlife heritage license.**

- (a) There is established a wildlife heritage license. This license shall have a fee of nine dollars (\$9), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1), which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68, if purchased separately from one of the other licenses. The wildlife heritage license shall enable all Alabama residents age 16 through 64 years to do the following: Fish those waters under the jurisdiction of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as provided under Rule 220-2-.42, Alabama Administrative Code, with a hook and line from the bank in other than the person's county of residence; fish in Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries operated public fishing lakes, provided that the person obtains the required permit; hunt small game, except waterfowl, on Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Wildlife Management Areas; shoot on Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shooting ranges; and provide a means to contribute to the conservation of all wildlife species. The requirements for the issuance of the wildlife heritage license shall be as provided in subsection (c) of Section 9-11-44. The wildlife heritage license may be issued on a lifetime basis for a license fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) which shall include a one dollar (\$1) issuance fee, which fees shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68.
- (b) The initial five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) of license revenues accruing to the

Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as a result of the licenses sold under this section shall be utilized by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for the purpose of research on wildlife and wildlife habitat as approved by the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. (Act 2007-418, p. 874, §4.)

**Section 9-11-72      Violation of rules prohibiting transportation and release of live feral swine.**

A violation of any rule of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prohibiting the transportation and release of live feral swine shall be a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by law, except the defendant shall be subject to a mandatory minimum fine of not less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). (Act 2015-519, 1st Sp. Sess., p. 1862, § 1.)

**Section 9-11-73      Nonresident Student hunting and fishing licenses.**

(a) For purposes of this section, the following words have the following meanings:

- (1) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. An institution of higher education located in this state which meets the requirements of and conforms to the definitions contained in the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 United States Code, Section 1001(a) and the regulations, guidelines, and procedures promulgated by the U.S. Secretary of Education.
- (2) NONRESIDENT STUDENT. A nonresident who is 17 years of age or older and under 24 years of age who is enrolled as a full-time student at an institution of higher education.

(b) A nonresident student who is enrolled at an institution of higher education may purchase any noncommercial resident hunting, fishing, or combination hunting and fishing license or permit issued pursuant to Chapters 11 and 12, except a lifetime resident hunting or fishing license or a combination lifetime resident hunting and fishing license, for the same fee as the respective resident license and shall have the same privileges as a resident holder of the same respective license or permit.

(c) In order to obtain a hunting, fishing, or combination hunting and fishing license or permit, a nonresident student shall submit proof that he or she is a nonresident student pursuant to rules adopted by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (Act 2017-92, § 1.)

**Article 3 Fishing Laws.**

**Section 9-11-80      Public and private waters defined.**

- (a) All waters of this state are hereby declared to be public waters if such waters are natural bodies of water such as rivers, creeks, brooks, lakes, bayous, bays, channels, canals or lagoons or are dug, dredged or blasted canals and if these waters traverse, bound, flow upon or through or touch lands title to which is held by more than one person, firm or corporation. Any water impounded by the construction of any lock or dam or other impounding device placed across the channel of a navigable stream is declared a public water. All waters caused to be impounded or owned or leased by any municipality, county or other governmental unit are also declared to be public waters; likewise, all impoundments owned or operated by public utilities when such impoundments touch or bound lands title to which is held by more than one person, firm or corporation are declared to be public waters; provided, that before any person may go or be upon the posted lands of another for the purpose of fishing he shall procure the consent of the landowner or his agent.
- (b) Private waters are defined as any body of water wholly on lands held in fee or in trust or under lease by any one person, firm, corporation or club and include impoundments that are wholly on lands held in fee or in trust, or under lease by any one person, firm, corporation or club, and regardless of the extent of the impounded stream, provided such stream is nonnavigable. (Acts 1933, Ex. Sess., No. 72, p. 67; Code 1940, T. 8, &sect;68; Acts 1943, No. 553, p. 541, § 1.)

**Section 9-11-81      Title to freshwater fish vested in state.**

The title ownership to all fish in the public fresh waters of the State of Alabama is vested in the state for the purpose of regulating the use and disposition of the same in accordance with the provisions of

the laws of this state and regulations based thereon. (*Acts 1933, Ex. Sess., No. 72, p. 67, §1; Code 1940, T. 8, §59.*)

#### **Section 9-11-82 Game fish designated.**

For the purposes of this title the following shall be considered game fish: largemouth and smallmouth black bass, commonly called trout or green trout; bream, crappie or perch and all other members of the sunfish family, including rock bass or goggle eye, calico bass, warmouth, redbreast, white perch, speckled perch, bluegill and copper nose; walleye pike, sauger or jack salmon, jack fish or pickerel and all other members of the pickerel and pike families; and white lake bass, commonly called striped bass, yellow bass and other members of the bass family; also, the saltwater striped bass or rock fish when taken in fresh water. (*Acts 1933, Ex. Sess., No. 72, p. 67, § 2; Code 1940, T.8, & sect;60; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 192, p. 2165, § 1; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 239, p. 2252, § 1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-83 Commercial or nongame fish designated.**

The following shall be considered commercial fish or nongame fish: drum, buffalo, channel catfish and all members of the catfish family and the spotted sucker and all members of the sucker family, including the species known as red horse and black horse. (*Acts 1933, Ex. Sess., No. 72, p. 67, §8; Code 1940, T. 8, §61.*)

#### **Section 9-11-84 Sale, transportation, etc., of game fish taken from public or private waters.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale within this state, or ship or transport for sale within or without this state, or to ship into this state any game fish caught or taken in any of the fresh waters, whether public or private, of this state or any other state. All species of black bass, white bass, yellow bass, saltwater striped bass, bream, and pickerel, as well as walleye, sauger, black and white crappie, and yellow perch are designated game fish for the purpose of this section.
- (b) This section shall not apply to the sale of game fish raised in hatcheries and sold for the purposes of stocking ponds and lakes, nor shall it apply to the sale of nonnative game fish raised for human consumption, nor shall it apply to the sale of yellow perch, large-mouth bass, shellcracker, and bluegill bream raised in farm ponds; provided, that, prior to any sale provided for in this section, the seller shall have first obtained a permit for the sale from the Commissioner, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall prevent the practice of private pond owners or managers charging for game fish caught by fishermen from the pond when the charges are based on the number of fish caught or the total pounds caught.
- (d) A violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor; and, upon conviction thereof, the person, firm, or corporation convicted shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each offense. (*Acts 1975, No. 1172, p. 2303, §§1-4; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1; Act 2011-682, p. 2013, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-84.1**

- (a) The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall issue a permit to a municipality or private entity associated with fishing or conservation that allows the introduction and placement of black bass into the Coosa River if all of the following are satisfied.
  - (1) The municipality or private entity obtains the black bass from a fish hatchery in this state which is approved by the department.
  - (2) The only black bass that may be introduced or placed into the Coosa River are the Northern Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides salmoides*) subspecies, the Florida Bass (*Micropterus salmoides floridanus*) subspecies, or a first generation offspring of these two subspecies.
  - (3) The municipality or private entity bears all costs associated with the purchase, transport, and introduction of the black bass.

- (b) The commissioner, under his or her authority granted in Sections 9-2-2 and 9-2-7, may deny a permit as provided for in this section due to environmental, pathogenic, or biological factors or for the protection of public health and welfare.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the commissioner from issuing permits for the introduction and placement of other subspecies of black bass into segments of the Coosa River when the commissioner determines that the introduction and placement of those subspecies is appropriate for the fishery.
- (d) The department shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section (*Act 2024-90, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-85 Game fish to be transported openly; confiscation, etc., of game fish taken or transported illegally.**

All game fish taken in this state must at all times be carried or transported openly, and failure to do so shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$25.00. All game fish carried or transported in an illegal manner or taken or killed illegally shall be confiscated and disposed of under regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, § 24; Code 1940, T. 8, §64.*)

**Section 9-11-86 Limitation on transportation, etc., of game fish beyond boundaries of state.**

No person, firm, or corporation shall carry, ship, or transport beyond the boundaries of this state more than one day's creel limit of any species of game fish and then only for his or her personal use. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). (*Acts 1933, Ex. Sess., No. 72, p. 67, §8; Code 1940, T. 8, §65; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-87 Means of catching game fish generally.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, or kill or attempt to take, catch, or kill any game fish by any other means than ordinary hook and line, artificial lure, troll, or spinner in any of the public waters of this state. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500). (*Acts 1933, Ex. Sess., No. 72, p. 67, §10; Code 1940, T. 8, §66; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 191, p. 2164, §1; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 298, p. 2360, §1; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-88 Catching game or nongame fish by use of gill, trammel, etc., nets.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, capture, or kill any game or non-game fish by use of a gill, trammel, or similar type net in the waters impounded by Jordan Dam, Lay Dam, Mitchell Dam, and Martin Dam. Whoever violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as prescribed by law.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, capture, or kill any game or non-game fish by use of a gill, trammel, or similar type net in that part of the Tennessee River lying within the boundaries of Alabama and all tributaries thereto. Any person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment in the county jail for six months, or by both a fine and imprisonment. (*Acts 1973, No. 1234, p. 2081, §1; Acts 1976, No. 336, p. 366, §§1, 2; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-89 Use of game fish for bait - Generally.**

It shall be unlawful for any person in the State of Alabama to use any game fish for fish bait at any time. (*Acts 1933, Ex. Sess., No. 72, p. 67, §11; Code 1940, T. 8, §67.*)

**Section 9-11-90 Use of game fish for bait - Use of sunfish.**

It shall be lawful to use the following species of the sunfish family for bait in the streams and waters of Alabama: bluegill, redear sunfish, green sunfish and/or any other species of bream; provided, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to allow any person to have in his possession any sunfish or bream in excess of the daily creel limit, regardless of size. (*Acts 1953, No. 644, p. 903, §1; Acts 1967, No. 572, p. 1327, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-91      Catching, etc., of fish in private ponds, lakes, pools, or reservoirs.**

- (a) It is unlawful for any person to take, catch, or kill or attempt to take, catch, or kill fish or aid in the taking, catching, or killing of fish of any species by the means or use of a seine, net, trap, or any similar or other device which may be used for taking, catching, killing, or stunning fish, or by the use of hook and line, rod and reel, by use of dynamite or other explosives, or by the use of any poison, poisonous substance, fish berries, lime, or other delirious or poisonous matter in any private pond, private lake, private pool, or private reservoir of this state, except as otherwise specifically provided in this section.
- (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), but if the violation is for seining, netting, dynamiting, or poisoning fish in such private bodies of water, the fine shall be not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and the convicted violator may also be imprisoned in the county jail or sentenced to hard labor for the county for not more than six months at the discretion of the court.
- (c) This section shall not apply to the owner of any private pond, private lake, private pool, or private reservoir, or to any member of his or her family, duly authorized agent, lessee, any other person holding from the owner specific written authorization, or any person who accompanies the owner or person in possession or control of such private body of water.
- (d) Any federal or state agent engaged in research, restocking, or rescue work shall be exempt from this section, or any private fish culturist who holds a written permit from the owner or person in charge of the private pond, private lake, private pool, or private reservoir shall also be exempt.
- (e) All money arising from fines, penalties, or forfeitures for violations of this section shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources by the trial court on the first day of each month and shall be covered into the Game and Fish Fund of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1951, No. 924, p. 1573, §§1-5; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-91.1      Unauthorized fishing from or near fish farm.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to fish or take fish from any fish farm except with the consent of the owner thereof. Any person possessing fishing tackle on the premises of a fish farm shall be rebuttably presumed to be fishing.
- (b) Any motor vehicle, or fishing tackle, or other fishing equipment which has been or is used for illegal fishing shall be contraband, and, in the discretion of the circuit court may be forfeited to the county wherein the violation occurred, as provided by law. A commercial fish pond shall be posted with signs which are readable from the public right-of-way.
- (c) The sheriff or any other person authorized to enforce the game and fish laws of this state who apprehends any person violating the provisions of this section, or who finds any vehicle which is being or has been used in illegal fishing shall seize the vehicle and any fishing tackle and other fishing equipment found in the possession of or on the person of the person, or in or on the vehicle, and shall report the seizure and the facts connected therewith to the district attorney or other prosecuting official in the judicial circuit. The report shall contain a full description of the vehicle or other equipment seized and detained, the name of the person in whose possession it was found, the name of the person making claim to the same, or any interest therein, if the name is known or can be ascertained, the date of the seizure, and a statement of the circumstances surrounding the seizing of the property.
- (d) The district attorney or other prosecuting officer of the judicial circuit upon receiving the report may at once institute, or cause to be instituted, condemnation proceedings in the circuit court, in the same manner that he or she is directed by law to institute proceedings for the condemnation and forfeiture of automobiles and other vehicles used

in the illegal transportation of alcoholic beverages. Except as herein otherwise provided, the procedures for the condemnation, forfeiture, and sale of motor vehicles and fishing equipment under this section used in the illegal fishing shall be governed in all things by and shall conform to the law relative to proceedings for the condemnation, forfeiture, and sale of vehicles used in the illegal transportation of alcoholic beverages. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing sentence, the provisions of Sections 28-4-286 and 28-4-287 shall apply to and govern all such proceedings.

- (e) The proceeds of the sale of any property condemned and forfeited to any county under authority of this section, after payment of all expenses in the cause, including the cost of seizure and a keeping of the property pending the proceedings, shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the county in which the violation occurred.
- (f) Any lienholder with a perfected security interest recorded in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code may recover the vehicle in kind or may recover the balance remaining after deduction of any costs of recovery and sale.
- (g) Except as provided in subsection (i), any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and, at the discretion of the court, by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment, and for subsequent offenses, fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and a mandatory jail sentence for not less than 30 days nor more than one year.
- (h) It shall be unlawful for any person to fish from any public road or public road right-of-way at any location along the road or right-of-way within 100 yards of any commercial fish pond. This section shall not apply to free flowing streams, ponds, or other independent bodies of water which are separate and apart from a commercial fish pond and do not receive fish due to overflows of a commercial fish pond.
- (i) Any person who violates subsection (h) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and, at the discretion of the court, by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 48 hours, or both fine and imprisonment, and for subsequent offenses, fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and a mandatory jail sentence of not less than 30 days nor more than one year. No confiscation of nor condemnation of property shall be initiated for violation of subsection (h). (*Acts 1983, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 83-152, p. 160, §§1,2; Act 2000-687, p. 1396, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-92 Preventing passage of fish up rivers or creeks.**

Any person who by means of traps or other obstructions other than dams prevents the passage of fish up the waters of any river or creek in this state must, on conviction, be fined not more than \$100.00, but it shall not be unlawful to erect or maintain a dam on a nonnavigable stream for the impounding of private waters for the production of fish for food and recreation or for the furtherance of any lawful business without providing or maintaining means for the passage of fish up such stream. (*Code 1886, §4167; Code 1896, §5587; Code 1907, §6898; Acts 1911, No. 364, p. 405; Code 1923, §4059; Code 1940, T. 8, §78; Acts 1943, No. 530, p. 505, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-93 Catching, killing, etc., of fish by use of poisons or explosives.**

Any person who takes, catches, kills, or attempts to take, catch, or kill fish by depositing in any public stream or public body of water in Alabama any poison, poisonous substance, fish berries, lime, or other deleterious or poisonous matter, or any person who takes, catches, kills, or attempts to take, catch, or kill fish in any of the public streams or public bodies of water in this state by the use of giant powder, dynamite, gunpowder, or any other explosive substance, on conviction, shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), to be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Code 1852, §206; Code 1867, §3753; Code 1876, §4211; Code 1886, §4168; Code 1896, §5588;*)

*Code 1907, §6899; Code 1923, §4060; Code 1940, T. 8, §79; Acts 1947, No. 611, p. 458, §1; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.)*

**Section 9-11-94    Catching, killing, etc., of game or nongame fish by means not expressly allowed.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, stun, or kill or attempt to take, catch, stun, or kill any game or nongame fish by any means other than those which are expressly allowed by law or regulation of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in any of the public waters of this state.
- (b) Any person who uses any electrical device or any other device or instrument capable of taking, catching, stunning, or killing game or nongame fish, which is not expressly allowed by law or regulation of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be in violation of this section, and the violation shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Any person convicted the second time of violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000). The court, for any conviction, may also impose a jail sentence of not longer than six months.
- (c) The possession of any electrical device or any other device or instrument, on the bank of a public stream or other public body of water or in a boat on such water which is capable of taking, catching, stunning, or killing fish and which device or instrument is not expressly allowed by law or regulation of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall be *prima facie* evidence that the device or instrument is being used illegally for the purpose of taking, catching, stunning, or killing or attempting to take, catch, stun, or kill game or nongame fish. (*Acts 1951, No. 786, p. 1384, §§1-3; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-94.1    Purchase of tags required for each tarpon taken, killed, or harvested.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or kill or harvest from the public waters of this state the fish commonly known as the tarpon (*Megalops Atlanticus*), and has been designated as the official state saltwater fish of the State of Alabama, pursuant to Section 1-2-8, without first obtaining from the Marine Resources Division of the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources a tag which shall be affixed to the tarpon immediately upon the kill or harvest from the public waters of Alabama.
- (b) The cost of the tags for the tarpon shall be \$50 per tag, and the Marine Resources Division may promulgate rules and regulations concerning the sale of the tags and the quantity thereof which may be purchased by any person during one calendar year.
- (c) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$250 for each offense. (*Acts 1993, No. 93-750, p. 1487, §§1-3.*)

**Section 9-11-95    Disposition of fines, forfeitures, etc.**

All money arising under the provisions of this article from fines, forfeitures, etc., and not otherwise provided for shall be forwarded to the Treasurer on the first day of each month and covered into the Game and Fish Fund. (*Code 1907, §6903; Code 1923, §4064; Code 1940, T. 8, §81.*)

**Article 4**

**Commercial Fishing in Public Impounded Waters and Navigable Streams.**

**Section 9-11-140    Use of commercial fishing gear in public impounded waters and navigable streams - When, where, and how permitted.**

Any person engaged in the taking, killing or capturing of commercial or nongame fish from the public impounded waters and navigable streams of the State of Alabama may use in such commercial fishing operations hoop and fyke nets, seines, gill nets, trammel nets, setlines, trotlines, snaglines and lawful fish traps. However, all such nets, setlines, trotlines, snaglines and fish traps shall conform to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources covering the same, who shall designate when, where and how same shall be used. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069,*

**Section 9-11-141 Use of commercial fishing gear in public impounded waters and navigable streams - License - Required generally.**

Prior to using any nets, seines, traps or other commercial fishing devices, as specified in this article, a person shall, except to the extent otherwise provided for in this article, have first secured a license permitting the use of such fishing gear, such license to be issued in the manner prescribed by this article. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §1; Acts 1991, No. 91-580, p. 1067, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-142 Use of commercial fishing gear in public impounded waters and navigable streams - License - Individual licenses required; exception for certain assistants.**

It is the intent of this article that the license provided herein for the taking of commercial or nongame fish from the public impounded waters and navigable streams of the State of Alabama shall be issued upon an individual basis only, and, except to the extent otherwise provided for in this article, each person engaging in such activities or operations shall be required to purchase said license. It is hereby provided, however, that each person licensed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9-11-141 and 9-11-142 may be assisted by one "helper" or assistant, who shall, while in the course of such assistance, be located in the licensed person's boat and/or shall be accompanied by the licensed person at all times. While engaged in providing such assistance, said "helper" or assistant shall be exempt from the otherwise applicable licensing requirements of Sections 9-11-141 and 9-11-142. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §1 1/2; Acts 1991, No. 91-580, p. 1067, §2.*)

**Section 9-11-143 Use of commercial fishing gear in public impounded waters and navigable streams - License - Issuance; fees; records; disposition of fees.**

The judge of probate, the commissioner of licenses or such person or persons duly appointed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources and so authorized by him to issue the license provided by this article shall issue such a license to any resident of this state complying with the provisions of this article and shall sign his name and shall require the person to whom the license is issued to sign his name on the margin thereof. The license for the use of such commercial fishing gear as authorized under the provisions of this article shall be \$100.00. A resident of the State of Alabama, as applicable to this article, shall be a person who has resided continuously in this state for 12 months next preceding the application for said license. The person or persons issuing said licenses shall keep in a book or on specially prepared sheets to be furnished by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources a correct and complete record of all licenses issued, which record shall remain in his office and be open to inspection by the public at all reasonable times. Judges of probate and other persons authorized and designated to issue licenses shall retain out of the money received for each license issued by them under the provisions of this article \$1.00 for each license issued, which amount shall cover services required by the provisions of this article, and shall remit the balance to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources on the first of each month. Said judges of probate and all other duly authorized and designated persons shall report to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama on the first day of each month the number and kind of licenses issued under this article and the name and post office address of the person or persons to whom issued, giving opposite each name the serial number of the license so issued and the amount of money remitted; provided, that if any such license is issued by any probate judge, license commissioner or any other officer who is paid a salary for the performance of his duties as such officer, he shall be required to remit the entire amount collected to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, except the amount charged by the issuing officer for the issuance of such license, and this amount shall be remitted to the treasurer of the county in which said license was paid. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §4; Acts 1966, Ex. Sess., No. 402, p. 545; Acts 1991, No. 91-580, p. 1067, §3.*)

**Section 9-11-144 Use of commercial fishing gear in public impounded waters and navigable streams - License - Expiration.**

Each license issued under the provisions of this article shall expire on September 30 of the year for which such license is issued. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §3.*)

**Section 9-11-145 Use of commercial fishing gear in public impounded waters and navigable streams - License - Forfeiture.**

Upon conviction of any person for the violation of any of the provisions of this article, all licenses held

by any such person to fish commercially or operate or use commercial fishing gear in the public impounded waters or navigable streams of this state shall be forfeited for a period of 12 months from the date of conviction. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §10; Acts 1975, No. 1122, p. 2211, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-146 Disposition of proceeds from sale of licenses, etc.**

The proceeds from the sale of all licenses required by any of the provisions of this article and all other proceeds arising under this article shall be deposited to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, § 5.*)

**Section 9-11-147 Marking location of and identifying fishing gear.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any of the fishing gear mentioned in Section 9-11-141, except slat boxes, in the public impounded waters and navigable streams of this state without marking their location by buoys or floats and identifying such nets and lines by showing the license number in plain figures upon the buoys or floats. The license number must be attached to all seines and nets, and at least one such buoy shall bear the name and address of the owner. It shall be unlawful to use slat boxes in said waters without permanently affixing thereto a metal tag stating thereon the name, address and license number of the licensee operating and using each slat box. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §2; Acts 1981, No. 81-351, p. 506, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-148 Game fish taken to be returned to waters; possession of game fish by commercial fishermen.**

Should any species of fish designated by the laws or regulations of this state as game fish be taken from the public impounded waters or navigable streams of this state by the use of commercial fishing gear, such fish, without injury, shall be immediately returned to the waters from whence they were taken. The possession by commercial fishermen of any of such fish shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this article, and such possession by such commercial fishermen shall be *prima facie* evidence of the fact that such fish were taken by the use of commercial fishing gear. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §6.*)

**Section 9-11-149 Use of fishing gear within one-half mile below lock or dam.**

The use of the commercial fishing gear as designated in this article shall not be permitted within one-half mile below any lock or dam on any waters to which this article applies. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §7.*)

**Section 9-11-150 Use of fishing gear within 100 yards of mouths of streams, etc., emptying into salt waters or bays.**

No person shall take or catch or attempt to take or catch any fish by means of any of the fishing gear designated in this article within 100 yards above or below the mouth of any of the streams, lakes, estuaries, bayous or rivers emptying into any of the salt waters or bays of this state. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §8.*)

**Section 9-11-151 Seizure, confiscation and disposition of fishing gear used in violation of article.**

Should any law enforcement officer of this state or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama discover commercial fishing gear being used in violation of the terms of this article, he shall seize and hold the same; and, in the event no one within a reasonable time claims seized commercial fishing gear and the owner thereof is unknown to the person finding the same, it shall be confiscated and shall become the property of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and shall be disposed of as ordered by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §9.*)

**Section 9-11-152 Shipment or transportation of fish taken in violation of article; seizure, confiscation and disposition of fish illegally transported or shipped.**

It shall be unlawful to knowingly ship or transport or to knowingly receive for shipment or transportation any fish taken from the public impounded waters or navigable streams of this state in violation of the terms of this article; and should such fish be knowingly shipped or transported or knowingly received for shipment or transportation, the same shall be seized and confiscated and, upon confiscation, shall be disposed of as ordered by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §11.*)

**Section 9-11-153 Wholesale and retail freshwater nongame fish dealers' licenses; commercial paddlefish dealer's license.**

- (a) Every person, firm, association, or corporation engaged in the buying, selling, or handling of freshwater nongame fish for the purpose of resale, whether handled on a commission basis or otherwise, and every person, firm, association, or corporation shipping freshwater nongame fish out of the State of Alabama on consignment or order shall be considered a wholesale dealer of freshwater nongame fish, and shall be required to pay a license of \$25.00 per annum. Any person, firm, association, or corporation handling freshwater nongame, uncooked fish strictly at retail to the consumer shall be considered a retailer and must purchase a license and pay \$10.00 per annum for the same. The revenue to be derived from such licenses shall be covered into the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Wholesale and retail licenses as prescribed in this section shall be issued in the same manner and under the same provisions as provided for other licenses in this article.
- (b) In addition to the above licenses, every resident person, firm, association, or corporation who buys, processes, sells, or ships paddlefish roe, flesh, or parts, other than a licensed paddlefish fisherman selling or shipping within the state fish or roe that the fisherman has caught to an Alabama licensed commercial paddlefish dealer, shall purchase a commercial paddlefish dealer's license and pay a license fee of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) per license year. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or duly authorized designees of the department shall sell and issue commercial paddle- fish licenses to residents of another state if the other state by reciprocal agreement or otherwise provides for the sale and issuance of a similar commercial paddlefish license to residents of this state to buy, process, sell, or ship paddlefish roe, flesh, or parts from the waters of the other state. The amount to be charged for a nonresident commercial paddle- fish dealer's license shall be the same as the license fee charged a resident of this state for a license in the state of the nonresident, but in no event shall the amount be less than the license fee charged by the department for commercial fishing licenses for a resident of this state. Any person, firm, association, or corporation who engages in any activity with- out a license, for which the paddlefish dealer's license as provided in this subsection is required, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, except the minimum fine for the first offense shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), and for the second or any subsequent violation, the fine shall be not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §12; Act 2012-471, p. 1300, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-154 Records of wholesalers and retailers of freshwater nongame fish; inspection, etc., of records.**

All wholesalers and retailers of freshwater nongame fish in this state shall be required to keep in record form the names and addresses of the persons, firms, corporations or associations from whom said fish were purchased or received and the date or dates of such purchase or receipt. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources or such other persons appointed and designated by him for such purpose shall have power and authority at any and all reasonable hours to inspect and examine the books and records of any person, firm, association or corporation engaging in the business of wholesaling or retailing freshwater nongame fish in order to determine the amount of license fees due under this article and to ascertain the names and addresses of persons, firms, associations or corporations from whom or to whom the fish were purchased, received, shipped or consigned. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §13.*)

**Section 9-11-155 Applicability of provisions of article.**

The provisions of this article licensing the use of setlines, trotlines or snag lines shall not apply to resident fishermen and shall not apply to state or federal agencies conducting research on freshwater fish, nor shall it apply to nonresident fishermen who have acquired a sport fishing license of this state. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §14; Acts 1955, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 36, p. 59.*)

### **Section 9-11-156      Penalties for violations of provisions of article.**

Any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation violating any of the provisions of this article or rules and regulations based thereon shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and, upon conviction for the first offense, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000.00 and/or sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year; upon conviction for the second or any subsequent offense, the punishment shall be by a fine of not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$2,000.00, and/or by imprisonment for not less than one month nor more than one year. In addition thereto, all commercial fishing gear, boats, motors, implements, instruments, appliances or things of whatsoever nature used in connection with the commission of such misdemeanor, if the owner is unknown, shall be seized and confiscated and shall become the property of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and shall be disposed of as ordered by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. Such fishing gear, boats, motors, implements, instruments, appliances or things of whatsoever nature used in connection with the commission of such misdemeanor, if the owner is known, shall be seized and confiscated and shall be disposed of as ordered by the court having jurisdiction thereof. (*Acts 1953, No. 784, p. 1069, §15; Acts 1975, No. 1122, p. 2211, §1; Acts 1980, No. 80-368.*)

## **Article 5 Spearfishing.**

### **Section 9-11-170      Spearing of commercial or nongame fish for sport – When, where and how permitted; notice of competitive events.**

- (a) The spearing of commercial or nongame fish solely for the purpose of sport in all waters of this state, both fresh and salt, shall be lawful; provided, that the person engaged in the act of spearing shall be completely submerged. "Commercial or nongame fish" as used in this article shall be limited to those freshwater fish designated as such by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and all species of saltwater fish. "Spearing" as used in this article shall be limited to the use of a spear or similar instrument that is held in the hand of the person using same and the use of a weapon, other than a firearm, which propels or forces a projectile, arrow or similar device therefrom to which a wire, rope, line, cord or other means of recovering the propelled projectile, arrow or similar device is attached and is secured to the weapon or to the person using the weapon.
- (b) When a group of individuals shall meet for the purpose of a competitive spearfishing event, notice thereof shall be given to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at least one week prior thereto designating the time, date and place of the event. (*Acts 1961, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 266, p. 2282, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-171      Spearing of commercial or nongame fish for sport - License - Required; issuance; fees; disposition of revenue from sale.**

Each person engaged in the spearing of commercial or nongame fish shall, in addition to all other Alabama fishing licenses, have a commercial or nongame fish spearfishing license. The fee for the commercial or nongame spearfishing license shall be as follows: state resident's license, \$5.00; nonresident seven-day license, \$2.50; nonresident annual license, \$7.50. Said licenses shall be issued only by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Montgomery, Alabama. The revenue derived from the sale of the licenses provided for in this article shall be covered into the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund. (*Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 266, p. 2282, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-172      Spearing of commercial or nongame fish for sport—License—Display.**

Said commercial or nongame spearfishing license must be kept in the boat or other base of operations for said skin diver and readily available for inspection by any conservation officer, agent or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 266, p. 2282, §2.*)

### **Section 9-11-173      Regulation of seasons, hours, etc.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have the power to open and close spearfishing of commercial or nongame fish on any and all waters of this state or at any time of the day or night by regulation and shall have the power to further regulate or restrict spearfishing if he deems it necessary in the interest of good conservation practices. (*Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 266, p. 2282, §3.*)

**Section 9-11-174    Compliance with water safety laws.**

The provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 33 of this code requiring a diver's flag to be displayed on the surface of the water where skin divers are operating and any and all other present and future regulations promulgated under authority of said act which affect the operation of skin divers must be obeyed by spear fishermen when engaged in spearfishing under authority of this article. (*Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 266, p. 2282, §4.*)

**Section 9-11-175    Possession of spear, etc., evidence of spearfishing; exception.**

The possession of a spear, spear gun or spearing device in a boat, on the bank of a body of public water or on or in the public waters of this state shall be *prima facie* evidence to the court having jurisdiction that the person in possession of the same is engaged in spearfishing, unless said person is frog gigging only. (*Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 266, p. 2282, §5; Acts 1975, No. 1207, p. 2520, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-176    Penalty for violations.**

Any person who violates this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided for by law, except that the fine under this article shall be not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). (*Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 266, p. 2282, §6; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Article 6 Catching of Nongame Fish With Wire Baskets.**

**Section 9-11-190    Catching of nongame fish from public waters by use of wire baskets - When, where and how permitted.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate rules and regulations authorizing the taking, catching or killing of nongame fish from the public waters of this state by the use of wire baskets having a mesh of one inch or more; provided, however, that the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall only promulgate such a regulation upon the written petition of all of the state representatives and state senators from the county or counties in which said regulation or regulations shall be effective.

Petitions from state representatives and state senators as provided for above shall specify whether the wire baskets they desire shall have a mesh of one inch or two inches. No regulation shall be promulgated allowing the use of wire baskets in Lewis M. Smith reservoir on the Sipsey fork of the Warrior River unless the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources receives a petition from all of the state representatives and state senators from the counties which border on said reservoir. (*Acts 1967, No. 287, p. 814, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-191    Catching of nongame fish from public waters by use of wire baskets - License - Required; issuance; fees; disposition of fees.**

Any person desiring a license to fish with such wire basket in areas where they may be legalized by regulation as provided for in this article may apply to the probate judge or other appropriate licensing authority in any county of this state affected by the provisions of this article and shall pay a privilege license tax of \$1.00 for each wire basket he proposes to fish. Judges of probate, license commissioners or other persons authorized and designated to issue fishing licenses shall be entitled to a fee of \$.25 for each license so issued, which fee shall be in addition to the amount designated in this article as the cost of such license; provided, that all fees collected by any probate judge or license commissioner who is paid a salary for the performance of his duties shall be paid by him into the county treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund.

The revenue derived from the sale of the license provided for in this section shall be remitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on the first day of each month by the issuing officer and shall be covered into the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund. (*Acts 1967, No. 287, p. 814, §2.*)

**Section 9-11-192    Licenses not to be sold to persons holding commercial fishing licenses, etc.; sale or offer for sale of fish by licensees, etc.**

The licenses provided for in this article shall not be sold to any person holding a commercial fishing license or engaged in the business of commercial fishing, and it shall be unlawful for any person holding

a wire basket license or using a wire basket under the provisions of this article to sell or offer for sale any fish within or without this state. It is the specific intent of this article to allow the use of wire baskets to catch fish for personal consumption only. (*Acts 1967, No. 287, p. 814, §7.*)

**Section 9-11-193 Obtaining more than four licenses or fishing with more than four baskets.**  
It shall be illegal for any person to obtain more than four such licenses or fish with more than four such baskets. (*Acts 1967, No. 287, p. 814, §3.*)

**Section 9-11-194 Marking of baskets.**

Any basket or baskets that may become legal for use in the waters of this state under the provisions of this article shall be clearly marked with the name of the licensee operating, using and owning said basket and the license number of said basket. (*Acts 1967, No. 287, p. 814, §4.*)

**Section 9-11-195 Destruction of unmarked baskets.**

All wire baskets not marked in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-11-194 shall be destroyed upon discovery by any officer, agent or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1967, No. 287, p. 814, §5.*)

**Section 9-11-196 Nongame fish only to be taken, etc., with baskets; return of game fish taken to waters.**

Only nongame fish may be taken, captured or killed by means of any basket that may become legal for use in this state under the provisions of this article. All game fish taken in such baskets shall immediately be returned to the waters from whence taken with the least possible harm. (*Acts 1967, No. 287, p. 814, §6.*)

**Section 9-11-197 Taking of fish from baskets, etc., by unlicensed persons.**

It shall be illegal for any person to raise, inspect or take fish from any wire basket that may be legalized under the provisions of this article unless such person shall hold in his name and have in his possession the license for the particular basket he is raising, inspecting or from which he is taking fish. Nothing in this section shall prevent the raising of such baskets for inspection by any officer, agent or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1967, No. 287, p. 814, §8.*)

**Section 9-11-198 Penalty for violations of provisions of article; revocation of licenses.**

Any person who violates this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as prescribed by law; provided, that the fine shall be not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), and in addition to that punishment, the court trying the case shall revoke all basket licenses issued or to be issued to the person for a period of three years from the date of the conviction. (*Acts 1967, No. 287, p. 814, §9; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Article 7 Reciprocal Agreements as to Freshwater Fishing.**

**Section 9-11-210 Agreements as to fishing in waters of Alabama and of bordering states.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have authority to enter into agreements of reciprocity with conservation commissioners or directors or other proper officials of states bordering Alabama who have jurisdiction over the freshwater fishing laws and regulations of such states whereby the citizens of the State of Alabama may be permitted to catch or take fish from the waters under the jurisdiction of such other states upon similar agreements whereby such nonresidents are allowed to take or catch fish from the public waters of the State of Alabama regardless of residence. (*Acts 1957, No. 196, p. 254, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-211 Agreements as to fishing in waters lying between Alabama and adjoining states or partly in Alabama and partly in adjoining state.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources is hereby authorized and empowered to make and enter into agreements from time to time with the proper authorities of the states of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Mississippi whereby a valid fishing license issued by the State of Alabama will be accepted and honored as and in lieu of a fishing license for the respective state so agreeing for fishing on the lakes and in the waters of lakes, rivers and streams lying between the State of Alabama and such adjoining states or partly within the borders of the State of Alabama and the adjoining state, and valid

licenses issued by the resident state so agreeing shall be accepted and honored in lieu of an Alabama fishing license for fishing upon said lakes, rivers and streams. (*Acts 1957, No. 196, p. 254, §2.*)

**Section 9-11-212 Agreements to apply separately to waters lying between Alabama and each agreeing bordering state.**

The purpose of this article is to authorize the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to enter into such agreements with all states bordering on the State of Alabama, but it is not intended that the benefits of such agreements should extend to licenses of all bordering states on all lakes, rivers and streams lying upon the border of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Mississippi, but such agreements are to apply separately to those lakes, rivers and streams lying between the State of Alabama and each respective state so agreeing. (*Acts 1957, No. 196, p. 254, §3.*)

**Section 9-11-213 Rights and privileges granted to be exercised in accordance with Alabama laws, etc.**

The fishing rights and privileges which may be granted by or through such reciprocal agreements shall be exercised by all nonresidents of the State of Alabama in accordance with the laws of Alabama and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama which pertain to the taking and catching of freshwater fish of all species. (*Acts 1957, No. 196, p. 254, §4.*)

**Article 8 Hunting and Trapping of Birds and Game.**

**Section 9-11-230 Title to wild birds and animals vested in state.**

The title and ownership to all wild birds and wild animals in the State of Alabama or within the territorial jurisdiction of the state are vested in the state for the purpose of regulating the use and disposition of the same in accordance with the laws of the state. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §1; Code 1940, T. 8, §82.*)

**Section 9-11-230.1 Definitions**

For purposes of this article, the words "nighttime hours," "night," "between the hours of sunset and daylight," or similar words shall be defined as between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise of the following day. (*Act 2016-447, 1st Sp. Sess., p. 1226, § 2.*)

**Section 9-11-231 Permits for collection of invertebrate or vertebrate species, or their eggs, for scientific purposes.**

- (a) No person shall at any time collect any protected wild invertebrate or vertebrate species, or their eggs, in this state for propagation or scientific purposes except under the direction, supervision and regulation of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, who, on the payment of the applicable fee, may issue propagation or scientific permits annually to properly accredited persons or institutions, as follows:
  - (1) A general permit for individuals....\$50.
  - (2) An educational permit for professors or teachers, which shall also allow their current students to operate there under ...\$10.
  - (3) A master collecting permit involving more than one individual acting in the name of a firm, corporation, or agency ...\$100.
- (b) Any person, firm, association or corporation being or having in possession at any time a protected wild invertebrate or vertebrate species, or their eggs, without a permit as required in this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction therefor, shall be punished by a fine of three times the amount of the applicable permit.
- (c) The permit requirements under this section shall not apply to the Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, § 3; Code 1940, T. 8, §84 2016-258. P. 627, § 1 .*)

**Section 9-11-232 Possession, sale, purchase, etc., of protected wild birds,etc.**

Any person, firm, association, or corporation who takes, catches, kills, or has in possession at any time, living or dead, any protected wild bird not a game bird, or who sells or offers for sale, buys, purchases, or offers to buy or purchase any such bird or exchange same for anything of value, or who shall sell or expose for sale or buy any part of the plumage, skin, or body of any bird protected by the laws of this

state, or who shall take or willfully destroy the nests of any wild bird, or who shall have the nests or eggs of the birds in his or her possession, except as otherwise provided by law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §2; Code 1940, T. 8, §83; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-233 Enumeration of birds not protected.**

English sparrows, crows and starlings are not protected by the game laws of this state and may be killed at any time. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §4; Code 1940, T. 8, §85; Acts 1971, No. 233, p. 541, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-234 Hunting, etc., of protected birds or animals on state or federal game sanctuaries or refuges.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, take, catch or kill or to attempt to hunt, take, catch or kill any bird or animal protected by the game laws or regulations of this state on any land in the State of Alabama which is designated as a state or federal game sanctuary or refuge. Any violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor, and anyone convicted for the violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$500.00, the amount of which fine shall be fixed, determined and imposed by the judge of the court presiding at the trial of any case brought under the provisions of this section. (*Acts 1947, No. 612, p. 459, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-235 Taking, etc., of protected birds or animals, during nighttime hours; nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided by law or rule of the commissioner, for a person to take, capture, or kill, or attempt to take, capture, or kill, any bird or animal protected by the laws of this state during nighttime hours.
- (b) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) nor more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and may be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months. In addition, the court shall revoke all hunting license privileges for a period of three years from the date of conviction.
- (c) (1) This section shall not apply to an individual hunting feral swine or coyotes during nighttime hours on privately owned or leased lands during the specified nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting season dates if the individual has purchased, and is in possession of, a nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as follows:
  - a. Any individual hunting feral swine or coyotes during the special nighttime feral swine and coyote season shall purchase the nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license. The nighttime feral swine and coyote license does not include any other license privilege provided by Sections 9-11-44, 9-11-46, 9-11-47, 9-11-48, 9-11-49, 9-11-65, or 9-11-65.2, or the wildlife heritage license, all of which do not include privileges for hunting feral swine and coyotes during nighttime hours.
  - b. The annual resident nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license fee is fourteen (\$14), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1).
  - c. The annual nonresident nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license fee is fifty dollars (\$50), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1).
  - d. A person who possesses a 100 percent physically disabled resident hunting license or a 100 percent disabled military veteran's appreciation hunting license may obtain an annual resident nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license by paying the issuance fee of one dollar (\$1).
- (2) The fees provided for in this section are subject to adjustment as provided in Section 9-11-68.
- (3) A special nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license required by this subsection shall be procured in the same manner as an annual hunting license, with the issuance fee for the nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license paid to and retained by the issuing office or agency.

- (4) An individual who is exempt from purchasing a hunting license is not exempt from the requirement to purchase a nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license pursuant to this section.
- (5) A landowner and his or her agents who possess a valid permit to take protected wildlife causing crop damage, property damage, or concern for human safety, as provided by rule of the commissioner, shall be exempt from the requirement to purchase a nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting season license pursuant to this section. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, § 5; Code 1940, T. 8, § 86; Acts 1949, No. 662, p. 1026, § 1; Acts 1953, No. 767, p. 1028, § 1; Acts 1982, No. 82-488, p. 811, § 1; Acts 1995, No. 95-215, p. 252, § 2; Act 2008-384, p. 714, § 1; Act 2016-153, p. 391, § 1; Act 2016-447, 1st Sp. Sess., p. 1226, § 1; Act 2021-277, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-236    Hunting, etc., or possession of protected birds or animals during closed season.**

Any person who hunts, takes, catches, captures, kills, or has in his or her possession or who attempts to hunt, take, catch, capture, or kill, any bird or animal protected by law or regulation of this state except during the open season when same may be hunted, taken, caught, captured, or killed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and, at the discretion of the court, may also be imprisoned in the county jail for not longer than six months. It is provided further that any person who hunts, takes, catches, captures, or kills, or attempts to hunt, take, catch, capture, or kill, a wild turkey in an illegal manner or during the closed hunting season, or has in his or her possession a wild turkey killed during the closed hunting season or taken in an illegal manner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and, at the discretion of the court, may also be imprisoned in the county jail for not longer than six months. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §6; Code 1940, T. 8, §87; Acts 1949, No. 665, p. 1029, §1; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 193, p. 2166, §1; Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 261, p. 2277, §1; Acts 1991, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 91-750, p. 129, §1; Act 2008-384, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-237    Sale and purchase of game birds and animals including the meat or other product thereof.**

Any person, firm, or corporation who sells, offers, or exposes for sale, buys, purchases, barterers, or exchanges anything of value for any game bird or game animal or any part thereof at any time shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each offense. Duly licensed catchers of fur-bearing animals may sell to regularly licensed buyers or dealers only the furs, skins, or pelts of fur-bearing animals which they lawfully take, capture, or kill. The licensed catcher of fur-bearing animals may sell or offer for sale for food the dressed carcass of edible fur-bearing animals named by law or regulations. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, it shall not be a violation of this section to sell, offer, or expose for sale, buy, purchase, barter, or exchange anything of value for any of the following: (1) Lawfully taken "green" or raw untanned deer hides and their hooves, squirrels' skins, hides, and tails; (2) Finished product items such as gloves, shoes, clothing, jewelry, tanned deer hides, and similar products; and (3) Labeled, pre-packaged venison, other than white-tailed deer, which has been inspected by a state or federal meat inspection agency and which meets all requirements of this state. The venison shall be maintained in original labeled containers with receipts until prepared for consumption. The records, facilities, and venison shall be available during normal business hours for inspection by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §7; Code 1940, T. 8, §88; Acts 1979, No. 79-793, p. 1450, §1; Acts 1989, No. 89-941, p. 1849, §1; Acts 1995, No. 95-579, p. 1217, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-238    Hunting, etc., of wild turkeys with dogs.**

Any person who hunts, pursues, captures or kills a wild turkey in this state with the aid of a dog at any time shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00 for each offense. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §8; Code 1940, T. 8, §89.*)

**Section 9-11-240   Opening of season for hunting, etc., of female deer and unantlered male deer.**

Any law of the State of Alabama to the contrary notwithstanding, the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources is hereby authorized to open a season in any county, area or section of the state for the hunting, taking, capturing and killing of female deer or unantlered male deer by a duly promulgated regulation when, in his best judgment, he deems it necessary for biological reasons or because of crop damage to open the season on such deer, provided this meets with the approval of the landowner or leaseholder. (*Acts 1966, Ex. Sess., No. 180, p. 213, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-241   Hunting, trapping, etc., of wild game during day on lands of another without permission.**

Any person who hunts, traps, captures, injures, kills, or destroys, or attempts to hunt, trap, capture, injure, kill, or destroy any wild game on the lands of another between the hours of daylight and sunset without the written permission of or accompanied by the landowner or person in possession or control of the lands shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and at the discretion of the court may have all hunting license privileges revoked for up to one year from the date of conviction. Any person shall be punished for the second and each subsequent offense by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and the revocation of all hunting license privileges for one year from the date of conviction, and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not less than 10 nor more than 30 days.

This section shall not apply to the members of the family, guests, servants, or agents of the landowner. (*Acts 1936-37, Ex. Sess., No. 191, p. 224, §1; Code 1940, T. 8, §92; Acts 1975, No. 1119, p. 2208, §1; Acts 1982, No. 82-489, p. 813, §1; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-242   Hunting, trapping, etc., of wild game at night on lands of another without permission.**

Any person who hunts, traps, captures, injures, kills, or destroys, or attempts to hunt, trap, capture, injure, kill, or destroy any wild game on the lands of another between the hours of sunset and daylight without the written permission of or accompanied by the landowner or person in possession or control of the lands shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and at the discretion of the court may have all hunting license privileges revoked for up to one year from the date of conviction. A person shall be punished for the second and each subsequent offense by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and the revocation of all hunting license privileges for one year from the date of conviction, and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not less than 10 nor more than 30 days.

This section shall not apply to the members of the family, guests, servants, or agents of the landowner; provided further, that this section shall not apply to fox hunting with dogs exclusively; and, provided further, that this section shall not apply to raccoon and opossum hunting with dogs only. (*Acts 1936-37, Ex. Sess., No. 191, p. 224, §2; Code 1940, T. 8, §93; Acts 1982, No. 82-490, p. 814, §1; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-243   Hunting, trapping, etc., of fur-bearing animals within 10 feet of banks of waters on property of another without permission.**

Any person who hunts, traps, captures, injures, kills or destroys or attempts to hunt, trap, capture, injure, kill or destroy any fur-bearing animal on or in any river, creek, branch, lake, pond or other waters in this state running through or on property not his own or under his control, within 10 feet of the banks thereof, without the written permission of or accompanied by the landowner or person in possession or control of said lands shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$50.00 for each offense. (*Acts 1945, No. 231, p. 353, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-244   Taking, etc., of protected birds or animals by means of bait; bait privilege license.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), no person at any time shall take, catch, kill, or attempt to take, catch, or kill any bird or animal protected by law or rule of the State of Alabama by means, aid, or use, directly or indirectly, of any bait, such as shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn or of wheat or other grain, salt, or any other feed whatsoever that has been so deposited,

placed, distributed, or scattered as to constitute for the birds or animals a lure, attraction, or enticement to, on, or over the area where a hunter or hunters are attempting to kill or take them; provided, that the birds or animals may be taken under properly shocked corn and standing crops of corn, wheat, or other grain or feed and grains scattered solely as a result of normal agricultural harvesting; and provided further, migratory birds may be hunted under the most recent regulations established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or rules adopted by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources within the limits of the federal regulations.

(b) (1) This section shall not apply to a person hunting whitetail deer or feral swine with the aid of bait on privately owned or leased lands; provided, that the person has purchased, and is in possession of, a bait privilege license issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as follows:

- a. The annual resident bait privilege license fee shall be fourteen dollars (\$14), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1).
- b. The annual nonresident bait privilege license fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50), plus an issuance fee of one dollar (\$1).

(2) The fees provided for by this section shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 9-11-68.

(3) A bait privilege license required by this section shall be procured in the same manner as an annual hunting license, with the issuance fee for the bait privilege license paid to and retained by the issuing office or agency.

(4) A person who is exempt from purchasing a hunting license shall not be exempt from the requirement to purchase a bait privilege license pursuant to this section.

(c) The commissioner may, without refund, suspend the use of a baiting privilege license and adopt rules to manage the feeding of wild game animal populations on a county, regional, or statewide basis to prevent the spread of diseases among wildlife by announcing the suspension in a news release.

(d) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may adopt rules to implement this section. (*Acts 1951, No. 1001, p. 1672, § 1; Acts 1991, No. 91-591, p. 1093, § 1; Act 2019-103, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-245 Unlawful methods of hunting birds or animals protected by law or regulation.**

No person shall at any time make use of any pitfall, deadfall, baited field, cage, trap, net, pen, baited hook, snare, poison, explosive, or chemical for the purpose of injuring, capturing, or killing birds or animals protected by law or regulation of this state. This section shall not prevent the trapping of animals classified as fur-bearing animals by a duly licensed fur catcher. It shall be legal to use a scaffold for gun hunting of all legal game species except wild turkey and to use a scaffold for bow hunting of all legal game species. (*Acts 1951, No. 1001, p. 1672, §2; Acts 1975, No. 195, p. 681, §1; Acts 1995, No. 95-563, p. 1174, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-246 Penalties for violations of provisions of Sections 9-11-244 and 9-11-245.**

Any person who violates any of the provisions of Sections 9-11-244 or 9-11-245 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense. Any person convicted the second time of violating Sections 9-11-244 or 9-11-245 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$250.00 and, at the discretion of the court, may also be imprisoned in the county jail for not longer than six months. Any person convicted of violating Sections 9-11-244 or 9-11-245 the third or subsequent times shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 and, at the discretion of the court, may also be imprisoned in the county jail for not longer than six months. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any person who violates the provisions of Section 9-11-244 with respect to the taking, catching, killing, or attempting to take, catch, or kill, deer or turkey, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$500.00, and at the discretion of the court may have all hunting privileges revoked for up to one year from the date of

conviction. The second and each subsequent offense shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$2,000.00, and the automatic loss of hunting privileges for one year from the date of conviction, and, at the discretion of the trial court judge, imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not less than 10 nor more than 30 days. (*Acts 1951, No. 1001, p. 1672, §3; Acts 1989, No. 89-534, p. 1096, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-250 Taking, etc., of deer from public waters.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take or catch, by any means or device, deer, whether dead or alive, from the public waters of Alabama. (*Acts 1971, No. 2309, p. 3731, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-251 Taking, etc., of deer at night.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take, capture or kill deer at night in Alabama by any means or device, including but not limited to the use of any type of light. (*Acts 1971, No. 2309, p. 3731, §2.*)

#### **Section 9-11-252 Penalties for violations of provisions of Sections 9-11-250 and 9-11-251.**

A violation of Sections 9-11-250 or 9-11-251 shall constitute a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, the person, firm or corporation violating same shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than \$500.00, by the revocation of all hunting license privileges for a period of one year from the date of conviction, and shall also be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not less than three nor more than 10 days. Any person, firm or corporation convicted the second time of violating Sections 9-11-250 or 9-11-251 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000.00, by the revocation of all hunting license privileges for a period of three years from the date of conviction, and shall also be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not less than 10 nor more than 30 days. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of violating Sections 9-11-250 or 9-11-251 the third or subsequent times shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000.00, by the revocation of all hunting license privileges for a period of five years from the date of conviction, and shall also be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not less than 30 nor more than 60 days. (*Acts 1971, No. 2309, p. 3731, §3; Acts 1982, No. 82-278, p. 350, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-252.1 Motor vehicle, weapons, etc., used in nighttime deer hunting declared contraband; seizure report; condemnation and forfeiture; disposition of proceeds.**

- (a) Any motor vehicle, or any gun, rifle, ammunition or other hunting equipment which has been or is used for illegal nighttime deer hunting shall be contraband, and, in the discretion of the circuit court may be forfeited to the State of Alabama, as hereinafter provided.
- (b) The sheriff or any other person authorized to enforce the game and fish laws of this state who apprehends any person hunting deer in the nighttime, or who finds any vehicle which is being or has been used in such illegal nighttime hunting shall seize such vehicle and any gun, rifle, ammunition or other deer hunting equipment found in the possession of or on the person of such person or in or on such vehicle and shall report such seizure and the facts connected therewith to the district attorney or other prosecuting official in the judicial circuit. The report shall contain a full description of the vehicle or other equipment seized and detained, the name of the person in whose possession it was found, the name of the person making claim to the same, or any interest therein, if the name is known or can be ascertained, the date of seizure and a statement of the circumstances surrounding the seizing of the property.
- (c) The district attorney or other prosecuting officer of the judicial circuit upon receiving such report shall at once institute, or cause to be instituted, condemnation proceedings in the circuit court, in the same manner that he is directed by law to institute proceedings for the condemnation and forfeiture of automobiles and other vehicles used in the illegal transportation of alcoholic beverages. Except as herein otherwise provided, the procedures for the condemnation, forfeiture and sale of motor vehicles and hunting equipment under this act used in the illegal nighttime hunting of deer shall be governed in all things by and shall conform to the law relative to proceedings for the condemnation, forfeiture and sale of vehicles used in the illegal transportation of alcoholic beverages. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing

sentence the provisions of Sections 28-4-286 and 28-4-287, shall apply to and govern all such proceedings.

(d) The proceeds of the sale of any property condemned and forfeited to the state under authority of this section, after payment of all expenses in the cause, including the cost of seizure and a keeping of the property pending the proceedings, shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the state Game and Fish Fund. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-626, p. 1107, §§1-4.*)

**Section 9-11-253      Transportation or shipment of skins or hides of fur-bearing animals without payment of state tax; bonds of dealers.**

It shall be a violation of this article, subject to the same penalties as are provided for other offenses in Section 9-11-235, for any person, firm or corporation or association to ship or carry from this state any skin or hide of any fur-bearing animal on which the state tax is due without the state tax first being paid. Any nonresident dealer or his or its agent operating in this state shall be required to post a cash deposit or bond of \$1,000.00, and any resident dealer shall be required to post a cash deposit or a bond of \$500.00 to guarantee payment of all taxes due by such dealer under the provisions of this article. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §11; Code 1940, T. 8, §94.*)

**Section 9-11-254      Limitation as to number of traps for taking, etc., of fur-bearing animals; penalty.**

No person using traps for the purpose of taking or catching fur-bearing animals shall be permitted to set or have set in any one day more than 150 traps. A violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor, and the person so violating shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$25.00 for each offense. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, § 13; Code 1940, T. 8, §96.*)

**Section 9-11-255      Transportation, shipment, etc., of protected birds or game.**

Any person, firm, association, or corporation who takes, ships, or transports without or within this state any of the birds or game protected by the laws of this state, unless the same are in the personal possession of or are carried openly by the owner thereof or person killing the same, who has in his or her possession a nonresident's license if the game is to be carried without this state or a resident's license if the game is to be trans- ported wholly within this state shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00; provided, however, that under proper regulations by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources issued by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, any person may transport as baggage or by express not more than two days' bag limit of any game birds or animals taken legally; and provided further, that the baggage or express is marked or tagged with the shipping tag procured from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and a fee of \$.25 paid therefor. Failure or refusal on the part of any person to comply with this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §20; Code 1940, T. 8, §103; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-256      Liability of common carriers, etc., transporting, shipping, etc., protected birds or game.**

Any person, company, corporation or common carrier who shall ship or transport any game birds or game animals or parts thereof without first ascertaining that the person, firm or corporation offering same for shipment or transportation has in his possession a license authorizing his possession of same and covering the period when such shipment is offered and the license tax required in this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §21; Code 1940, T. 8, §104.*)

**Section 9-11-257      Hunting or discharge of firearm from, upon, or across public roads, etc.**

Any person, except a duly authorized law enforcement officer acting in the line of duty or person otherwise authorized by law, who hunts or discharges any firearm from, upon, or across any public road, public highway, or railroad, or the rights-of-way of any public road, public highway, or railroad, or any person, except a landowner or his or her immediate family hunting on land of the landowner, who hunts within 50 yards of a public road, public highway, or railroad, or their rights-of-way, with a

centerfire rifle, a shotgun using slug or shot larger in diameter than manufacturer's standard designated number four shot, or a muzzleloading rifle .40 caliber or larger in this state, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and shall be punished for the second and each subsequent offense by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and shall have all hunting license privileges revoked for one year from the date of conviction. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §23; Code 1940, T. 8, §105; Acts 1982, No. 82-522, p. 870, §1; Acts 1988, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 88-945, p. 566, §1; Act 99-442, p.1007, §1; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-258 Persons hunting deer at night liable for killing stock.**

If any person hunting deer by fire in the nighttime kills any horse, mare, colt or other domestic animal, he is liable to double damages in a civil action instituted by the owner of the property. (*Code 1852, § 1114; Code 1867, § 1295; Code 1876, § 1600; Code 1886, § 1378; Code 1896, § 420; Code 1907, § 4485; Code 1923, § 8260; Code 1940, T. 8, § 106.*)

**Section 9-11-259 Game, birds or animals to be transported openly;confiscation, etc., of game, birds or animals transported or taken illegally.**

All game, birds or animals taken or killed in this state must at all times be carried or transported openly, and failure to do so shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$25.00. All game, birds or animals carried or transported in an illegal manner or taken or killed illegally shall be confiscated and disposed of under regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, § 24; Code 1940, T. 8, §107.*)

**Section 9-11-260 Acquisition of lands, expenditure of revenues, etc., bycommissioner for propagation of game birds, game and fur-bearing animals.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources is hereby authorized on behalf of the State of Alabama to engage in the propagation of game birds, game and fur- bearing animals, and for this purpose the said Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources is authorized and empowered to secure by lease, gift or otherwise lands in the State of Alabama suitable for the propagation of birds or animals, the increase from which shall be planted under proper regulations of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources for brood stock for propagation purposes. He shall be further authorized to expend revenues out of the Game and Fish Fund for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings, the purchase of all necessary equipment and the employment of expert assistance in the breeding and propagation of birds and animals. (*Acts 1933, Ex. Sess., No. 71, p. 65, §1 1/2; Code 1940, T. 8, §108.*)

**Section 9-11-261 Permits for propagation of game birds, and game or fur-bearing animals for private purposes.**

- (a) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, upon the payment of a fee of \$1.00, may issue an annual permit to any individual, association, partnership, firm, or corporation owning property in the State of Alabama permitting the permit holder to engage in the business of raising game birds and game or fur-bearing animals for propagation purposes in the State of Alabama under the rules and methods as may be prescribed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for the exclusive purpose of stocking private or protected lands under the ownership, supervision, or control of the holder of the permit. The holder of the permit shall not be authorized to dispose of any game or fur-bearing animals propagated under the permit authorized by this section.
- (b) Any permittee having game birds or game or fur-bearing animals in his or her possession at the time of the expiration of the permit so issued and held and who fails or refuses to renew the permit on or before the beginning of the new fiscal year shall immediately make such disposition of the game birds or game or fur-bearing animals as may be pro- vided in regulations issued and promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (c) Any individual, association, partnership, firm, or corporation violating this section or any regulations based thereunder shall forfeit the permit held at the time of the violation and in addition therefor shall be adjudged guilty of the violation and upon conviction shall be fined

not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500). (*Acts 1935, No. 383, p. 813, §3; Code 1940, T. 8, §109; Act 2008-384, p. 714, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-263 Consent to acquisition of lands, etc., for establishment of migratory bird reservations.**

Consent of the State of Alabama is given to the acquisition by the United States by purchase, gift, devise or lease of such areas of land or water or of land and water in the State of Alabama as the United States may deem necessary for the establishment of migratory bird reservations in accordance with the act of Congress approved February 18, 1929, entitled "An Act to more effectively meet the obligations of the United States under the Migratory Bird Treaty with Great Britain by lessening the dangers threatening migratory game birds from drainage and other causes by the acquisition of areas of land and of water to furnish in perpetuity reservations for the adequate protection of such birds; and authorizing appropriations for the establishment of such areas, their maintenance and improvement and for other purposes," reserving, however, to the State of Alabama full and complete jurisdiction and authority over all such areas not incompatible with the administration, maintenance, protection and control thereof by the United States under the terms of said act of Congress. (*Acts 1931, No. 119, p. 188, §1; Code 1940, T. 8, §110.*)

**Section 9-11-264 Liability for injury or damage to persons or domestic animals of persons using traps, etc., to take, capture, etc., fur-bearing animals; exemption of Lawrence County.**

Any person shall be strictly liable for civil damages who causes the injury or damage to any person or domestic animal as a result of using any trap or similar device on public land to take, capture, or kill any of the fur-bearing animals protected by the laws or regulations of this state.

Any person who suffers injury or damage to his person or domestic animal as a result of such activity shall have an action for civil damages and such aggrieved person need not prove negligence.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to Lawrence County. (*Acts 1977, No. 801, p. 1381, §2; Acts 1979, No. 79-123, p. 154, §1; Act 2015-485, p. 1663, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-265 Trapping on or from right-of-way of state highway; exemption of Lawrence County.**

It shall be unlawful for anyone to trap on or from a state highway right-of-way unless the trapper has the permission of adjoining landowners.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to Lawrence County. (*Acts 1977, No. 801, p. 1381, §3; Acts 1979, No. 79-123, p. 154, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-265.1 Sections 9-11-264 and 9-11-265 inapplicable in Limestone County.**

The provisions of Sections 9-11-264 and 9-11-265 shall not apply to Limestone County. (*Acts 1978, No. 432, p. 440, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-266 Checking of traps; hanging or suspending of bait over or within 25 feet of steel trap.**

All traps set in or beneath water must be checked at least once every 72 hours. All traps other than water sets must be checked at least once every 24 hours.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to hang or suspend bait over or within 25 feet of a steel trap. (*Acts 1977, No. 801, p. 1381, §4.*)

**Section 9-11-267 Filing of reports as to animals trapped, purchased, etc., by persons licensed to trap fur-bearing animals and by fur dealers.**

Any person licensed to trap fur-bearing animals in the State of Alabama shall file with the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries office in Montgomery a report listing by county the number and type of animals trapped during the preceding season and the names and addresses of the persons or companies to whom the furs were sold.

Any person, firm or corporation licensed as a fur dealer pursuant to the laws of Alabama shall file a report with the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries office in Montgomery listing the names

and addresses of each trapper from whom furs were purchased and describing the number and type of furs purchased from each trapper.

All reports required by this section must be submitted no later than 45 days after the close of each trapping season. (*Acts 1977, No. 801, p. 1381, §5.*)

**Section 9-11-268    Penalty for violations of provisions of Sections 9-11- 265, 9-11-266 and 9-11-267.**

A violation of the provisions of Sections 9-11-265, 9-11-266 and 9-11-267 or failure to fully comply therewith shall constitute a misdemeanor and the person violating same or failing to comply therewith shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00 for each offense. (*Acts 1977, No. 801, p. 1381, §6; Acts 1978, No. 432, p. 440, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-269    Protection of flattened musk turtle.**

- (a) The flattened musk turtle (*sternotherus minor depressus*) is a reptile unique to the State of Alabama. The Legislature finds the protection of this unique specie is required for its survival.
- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, it is unlawful for any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or any other entity to:
  - (1) Hunt, wound, injure, kill, trap, collect or capture a flattened musk turtle (*sternotherus minor depressus*), or to attempt to engage in such conduct; or
  - (2) Sell, offer for sale, purchase, offer to purchase, deliver, transport, carry or ship, in intrastate, interstate, or foreign commerce a flattened musk turtle (*sternotherus minor depressus*), whether alive or dead, or any of its parts or products, or to attempt to engage in such conduct.
- (c) The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall permit, under such reasonable terms and conditions as it may prescribe consistent with this section, any act otherwise prohibited by subsection (b) of this section for one of the following purposes: scientific or survival research, zoological exhibition, or education; provided that, the prohibitions of subsection (b)(2) of this section shall not be effective until 30 calendar days after passage of this section; and provided further, that the prohibitions of subsection (b)(1) of this section regarding the killing and injuring of a flattened musk turtle (*sternotherus minor depressus*) shall not apply to activities where such killing or injuring is incidental to, and not the purpose of, such activities which are otherwise lawful; provided further, that the prohibitions of subsection (b) and the permitting process of subsection (c) shall not apply to any flattened musk turtle captured prior to the passage of this section, or to any offspring of such previously captured flattened musk turtle.
- (d) Any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association or other entity who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall, upon conviction be fined not more than \$5,000.00, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. (*Acts 1984, No. 84-621, p. 1259.*)

**Article 8A Interference with Legal Hunting or Fishing.**

**Section 9-11-270    Interference with persons legally hunting or fishing.**

No person shall willfully and knowingly prevent, obstruct, impede, disturb, or interfere with, or attempt to prevent, obstruct, impede, disturb, or interfere with any person in legally hunting or fishing pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the law of the State of Alabama. (*Acts 1994, No. 94-321, p. 561, §1; Acts 1996, No. 96-668, p. 1131, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-271    Activities prohibited.**

Activities prohibited by this article shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (a) Creating a visual, aural, olfactory, or physical stimulus intended to affect the natural behavior of the wild animal being hunted or fish for the purpose of fishing.
- (b) Affecting the condition or location of personal property intended for use in the hunting or fishing. (*Acts 1994, No. 94-321, p. 561, §2; Acts 1996, No. 96-668, p. 1131, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-272    Obeying order of peace officer.**

No person shall fail to obey the order of a peace officer to desist from conduct which violates this article. (*Acts 1994, No. 94-321, p. 561, §3.*)

**Section 9-11-273    Limited application.**

This article applies only to activities on lands or waters upon which hunting or fishing may legally occur. This article does not apply to acts of a peace officer, owner of the lands or waters, or the tenant or other person acting under authority of the owner of the lands or waters; provided, however, that the provisions of this article shall apply to wildlife and game management areas operated by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This article shall not be construed to prohibit conduct protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. (*Acts 1994, No. 94-321, p. 561, §4; Acts 1996, No. 96-668, p. 1131, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-274    Penalties.**

Any person violating this article is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. (*Acts 1994, No. 94-321, p. 561, §5.*)

**Section 9-11-275    Construction of article.**

This article is supplemental to all laws relating to hunting and fishing and shall be construed in pari materia with Chapter 15 of Title 35. (*Acts 1994, No. 94-321, p. 561, §7; Acts 1996, No. 96-668, p. 1131, §1.*)

**Article 9 Reciprocal Agreements as to Waterfowl Hunting.**

**Section 9-11-280    Agreements as to hunting and taking of waterfowl from waters of Alabama and of bordering states.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources with approval of the governor shall have authority to enter into agreements of reciprocity with conservation commissioners or directors or other proper officials of states bordering Alabama who have jurisdiction over waterfowl hunting laws and regulations of such states whereby the citizens of the State of Alabama may be permitted to hunt and take waterfowl from the waters under the jurisdiction of such other states upon similar agreements whereby such nonresidents are allowed to take or catch waterfowl from the waters within the State of Alabama regardless of residence. (*Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 240, p. 2252, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-281    Agreements as to hunting and taking of waterfowl from waters lying between Alabama and adjoining states or partly in Alabama and partly in adjoining states.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources with approval of the Governor is hereby authorized and empowered to make and enter into agreements from time to time with the proper authorities of the states of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Mississippi whereby a valid hunting license issued by the State of Alabama will be accepted and honored as and in lieu of a hunting license for the respective state so agreeing for waterfowl hunting, and waterfowl only, on the lakes, rivers and streams lying between the State of Alabama and such adjoining states or partly within the borders of the State of Alabama and the adjoining state, and valid licenses issued by the resident state so agreeing shall be accepted and honored in lieu of an Alabama hunting license for hunting waterfowl upon said lakes, rivers and streams. (*Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 240, p. 2252, §2.*)

**Section 9-11-282    Agreements to apply separately to waters lying between Alabama and each agreeing bordering state; hunting privileges limited to waterfowl.**

The purpose of this article is to authorize the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources upon approval of the Governor to enter into such agreements with all states bordering on the State of Alabama, but is not intended that the benefits of such agreements should extend to licenses of all bordering states on all lakes, rivers and streams lying upon the border of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Mississippi, but are to apply separately to those lakes, rivers and streams lying between the State of Alabama and each respective state so agreeing. Such hunting privileges shall apply only to the killing and taking of waterfowl. (*Acts 1961, Ex. Sess., No. 240, p. 2252, §3.*)

**Section 9-11-283 Rights and privileges granted to be exercised in accordance with Alabama laws, etc.**

The waterfowl hunting rights and privileges which may be granted by or through such reciprocal agreements shall be exercised by all nonresidents of the State of Alabama in accordance with the laws of Alabama and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama which pertain to the hunting and taking of waterfowl of all species. (*Acts 1961, Ex.Sess., No. 240, p. 2252, §4.*)

**Article 10 Wildlife Management Areas.**

**Section 9-11-300 Establishment.**

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, through the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, is hereby authorized and directed to establish by proclamation such wildlife management areas as may be in the public interest and to enter into agreements with the United States Forest Service, the United States Bureau of Biological Survey, the Tennessee Valley Authority or other owners, lessees or administrators of such lands as may be necessary and suitable for the purpose of establishing wildlife management areas. Such agreements shall provide for the fixing and demarcation of the boundaries of said area or areas, define the responsibilities of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the cooperating party or parties for restocking of wildlife species, the planting and cultivation of game and fish foods, the protection of such areas from predatory animals and unauthorized hunting or fishing and any other work necessary for the management of wildlife on such areas, shall include provision for the harvesting of game and fish crops in accordance with special rules and regulations approved by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources and provide for the collection by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of special fees for the privilege of hunting on or fishing on such wildlife management areas and may provide that a portion not to exceed 50 percent of the gross receipts collected by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources from any such wildlife management area be paid to the cooperating party or parties. (*Acts 1939, No. 668, p. 1061, §1; Code 1940, T. 8, §110(1).*)

**Section 9-11-301 Fixing of boundaries; promulgation of special rules and regulations for management and protection of areas.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources is authorized to fix such boundaries and promulgate such special rules and regulations for the management and protection of wildlife management areas as may be necessary or desirable. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, he is specifically authorized to set up for any wildlife management area special open and closed seasons on game animals, game birds and fish, to establish the amount of the fees to be collected for the privilege of hunting and fishing during any open season, to collect such fees and to authorize their collection by designated employees of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, to require the possession of a special permit when hunting or fishing within wildlife management areas, and to limit the number of permits to be issued during any open season to such members as he may direct. (*Acts 1939, No. 668, p. 1061, §2; Code 1940, T. 8, §110(2).*)

**Section 9-11-302 Closing of land or water in areas to hunting and fishing.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources is authorized to close to all hunting and fishing any land or water within the boundary of a wildlife management area which is not under a cooperative wildlife management agreement with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; provided, that at least 90 percent of the said wildlife management area is under such agreement. (*Acts 1939, No. 668, p. 1061, §3; Code 1940, T. 8, §110(3).*)

**Section 9-11-303 Searches and seizures.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources and his designated agents or employees are authorized to search without warrant any automobile, wagon, truck or other vehicle or any hunting sack or hunting coat within any wildlife management area and to confiscate any protected bird, animal or fish found killed or held in violation of the game laws or the regulations of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources; provided, that this section shall not be operative against persons

traveling on state and federal highways within any wildlife management areas. (*Acts 1939, No. 668, p. 1061, §4; Code 1940, T. 8, §110(4).*)

**Section 9-11-304 Carrying or possession of firearms.**

The carrying or possession of firearms within any wildlife management area, except while in possession of a valid permit allowing this privilege, is prohibited; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any authorized law enforcement officer nor to any officer of the United States forest service, the United States Bureau of Biological Survey, or of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources while in the pursuit of his official duty. (*Acts 1939, No. 668, p. 1061, §5; Code 1940, T. 8, §110(5).*)

**Section 9-11-305 When dogs permitted in areas; liability of owners of dogs at large in areas.**

No dog shall be permitted except on leash within any wildlife management area except in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, and whoever shall be the owner of any dog at large within any wildlife management area shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (*Acts 1939, No. 668, p. 1061, §6; Code 1940, T. 8, §110(6).*)

**Section 9-11-307 Penalties for violations of provisions of article, etc.**

Any person violating this article or any rule adopted by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources under the authority of this article shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor punishable as provided by law, except that the minimum fine shall not be less than one hundred dollars (\$100). (*Acts 1939, No. 668, p. 1061, §8; Code 1940, T. 8, §110(8) acts 2019-369.*)

**Article 11 Possession of Wildlife for Public Exhibition Purposes.**

**Section 9-11-320 Definitions.**

For the purpose of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings, respectively, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) **WILDLIFE.** Any wild mammal, wild bird, reptile or amphibian; and
- (2) **PERSON.** Such term includes an individual, firm, corporation, association or partnership. (*Acts 1971, No. 2246, p. 3602, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-321 Possession of wildlife in captivity for public exhibition purposes.**

No person shall possess any wildlife in captivity for public exhibition purposes, except as provided in this article or any rule or regulation promulgated by the commissioner. (*Acts 1971, No. 2246, p. 3602, §2.*)

**Section 9-11-322 Appointment of committee to study and recommend standards for care and treatment of captive wildlife.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall appoint a committee, not to exceed five in number, of recognized experts in the exhibition, conservation, preservation and humane care of public wildlife to study and recommend to him reasonable standards for the care and treatment of captive wildlife for public display purposes, including standards of sanitation. (*Acts 1971, No. 2246, p. 3602, §2.*)

**Section 9-11-323 Promulgation of regulations prescribing standards for care and treatment of captive wildlife.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall give due consideration to the recommendations of the committee appointed under Section 9-11-322 and shall issue regulations prescribing reasonable standards for the care and treatment of captive wildlife for public display purposes, including standards of sanitation. (*Acts 1971, No. 2246, p. 3602, §3.*)

**Section 9-11-324 Permits to possess wildlife for public exhibition ~~purposes~~, contents of applications for permits.**

- (a) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, upon application of any person qualified by education or experience in the care and treatment of wildlife, may issue an annual permit to such person at a cost of \$25.00, under such terms and conditions as he prescribes,

to possess wildlife for public exhibition purposes in accordance with this article and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(b) Each application for a permit shall include:

- (1) A statement regarding such person's education or experience in the care and treatment of wildlife and that of any individual employed by such person for such purpose;
- (2) A description of the facilities used to keep the wildlife in captivity;
- (3) A statement of the number of species or subspecies of wildlife to be covered by the permit and a statement relative to where or from whom such wildlife was acquired;
- (4) A signed agreement that recommended standards for wildlife exhibitors as promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources will be adopted and adhered to; and
- (5) Such other information as the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources deems appropriate. (*Acts 1971, No. 2246, p. 3602, §4.*)

**Section 9-11-325 Condition in permits to allow inspections; notice of and abatement of violations.**

Each permit issued under this article shall include a condition authorizing anyone designated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources to enforce this article to enter upon and inspect the facilities where the wildlife covered by such permit is held in captivity. If the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources or his designee uncovers a violation, the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources shall give reasonable time and adequate notice, as he so determines, to the permittee to allow him to abate the violation. If, upon the expiration of such time, the violation has not been abated, the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may cause an action to be brought in the appropriate court to abate such violation. (*Acts 1971, No. 2246, p. 3602, §5.*)

**Section 9-11-326 Enforcement of article, standards and provisions of permits.**

Anyone authorized by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources to enforce this article may, with or without a warrant, arrest any person who violates such provisions or standards in his presence or view and may execute any warrant or other process issued by any officer or court of competent jurisdiction and may, with a search warrant or as incident to a lawful arrest, search for and seize any wildlife possessed in violation of this article or the standards issued thereunder or the provisions of any permit. (*Acts 1971, No. 2246, p. 3602, §6.*)

**Section 9-11-327 Penalties for violations of article, standards or provisions of permits.**

Anyone who knowingly violates any provision of this article or the standards adopted thereunder or the provisions of any permit shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisoned for not more than three months, or both. (*Acts 1971, No. 2246, p. 3602, §6.*)

**Section 9-11-328 Applicability of article; importation of Cervidae species.**

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this article shall not apply to a municipal, county, state, or other publicly owned zoo or wildlife exhibit, or a privately owned traveling zoo, circus, or pet shop.
- (b) A municipal, county, state, or other publicly owned zoo or wildlife exhibit, or a privately owned traveling zoo, circus, or pet shop shall not import or cause to be imported into the state any species of the family Cervidae. (*Acts 1971, No. 2246, p. 3602, §7.; Acts 2019-371, §1.*)

**Article 12 Commercial Quail Breeding.**

**Section 9-11-340 "Pen-raised quail" defined.**

A pen-raised quail is a quail which has been hatched from an egg laid by a quail confined in a pen or coop and has itself been wholly raised in a pen or coop by a duly licensed quail breeder holding a permit as provided by this article from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-341 Persons, etc., authorized to engage in propagation, etc., of pen-raised quail.**

Any person, firm or corporation may engage in the business of propagating pen-raised quail, commonly

known as bobwhite quail, for restocking, propagation and other commercial purposes by complying with the provisions of this article and may thereafter sell either live quail or the carcasses of such pen-raised quail for any purpose, including sale for food, either within or without this state. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §1.*)

#### **Section 9-11-342 Commercial quail breeder's license.**

A commercial quail breeder's license must first be obtained from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or its agents upon payment of \$25.00 for each such license. Said license shall be valid from October 1 to September 30 next following. Such license must bear a number as designated by the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and shall be conspicuously exhibited at all time at the place where said quail are bred. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §2.*)

#### **Section 9-11-343 Licensees to obtain markers or marking devices.**

Before any sale may be made of the carcass of any bobwhite quail, the holder of a commercial quail breeder's license shall obtain a proper marker or marking device as prescribed by a regulation promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §3.*)

#### **Section 9-11-344 Carcasses to be marked before sale; quail to be killed otherwise than by shooting.**

- (a) Before the carcass of a dead pen-raised quail shall be sold, the holder of the commercial quail breeder's license shall plainly mark each such carcass sold with an authorized mark or marker. Any person selling or purchasing the carcass of a pen-raised quail not so marked shall be guilty of a violation of this law.
- (b) All pen-raised quail offered for sale or sold for commercial purposes must be killed otherwise than by shooting with firearms. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §4.*)

#### **Section 9-11-345 Invoices to be attached to packages of carcasses.**

Such pen-raised quail, when dressed and marked as provided in this article, when delivered into the hands and possession of the purchaser, his agent or common carrier or into the hands of a donee and prior to leaving the place of the licensed breeder by whatever method employed, shall have firmly and substantially attached to the package an invoice signed by such licensed breeder or his agent stating the number of the license, the number of quail contained in said package and the name and address of the purchaser, consignee or donee. Such invoice shall authorize transportation within this state, possession and use for 30 days after its date and shall be substantially in the following form:

Name of licensed breeder. Number of breeder's license,

Date \_\_\_\_\_ of 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Kind and number of quail \_\_\_\_\_ Name of consignee \_\_\_\_\_ Address of consignee \_\_\_\_\_

This authorizes transportation within

this state, possession and sale

for 30 days after date if attached to package.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (Breeder) \_\_\_\_\_ (Agent) (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §5.*)

#### **Section 9-11-346 Packages of carcasses to be shipped with invoices attached.**

When any such package containing a shipment of quail carcasses for which an invoice is required is to be shipped by rail, express or other carrier, public or private, the invoice shall be securely attached thereto or to the package containing the same in plain sight, and the same may then be lawfully carried and delivered within this state to the consignee named in such invoice. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §6.*)

#### **Section 9-11-347 Invoices to be kept attached to packages of carcasses during storage.**

If such package or shipment of quail carcasses is kept in storage in any hotel, restaurant, cafe or boardinghouse or elsewhere, such invoice shall be kept attached thereto as aforesaid until the same shall have been prepared for consumption. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §7.*)

**Section 9-11-348 Resale or disposition of quail by persons other than retail vendors.**

In case of the resale or disposition of such quail or any part thereof by any person other than a retail vendor, he shall at such time make an exact copy of such original invoice and endorse thereon the date of his sale, the number of quail carcasses so disposed of and the name of the purchaser and sign and deliver the same to the purchaser or donee, who shall keep it attached as aforesaid until the quail are prepared for consumption, and the same shall have the same force and effect as the original invoice. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §8.*)

**Section 9-11-349 Records of licensees; inspection of records and premises of licensees.**

Each person, firm or corporation holding a commercial quail breeder's license shall keep permanent records in a suitable, permanently bound book of all bird carcasses sold, to whom sold, the date of the sale, the address of the vendee or consignee and the number of carcasses sold, which records, as well as the premises of such licensed breeder, shall be subject to examination and inspection by any agent of the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or by any peace officer, without the issuance of any warrant, upon displaying his credentials of authority to such breeder. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §9.*)

**Section 9-11-350 Article applicable to persons, etc., shipping quail into state.**

Any person, firm or corporation shipping quail into this state shall be subject to the provisions of this article. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §10.*)

**Section 9-11-351 Penalty for violations of provisions of article.**

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided by law. (*Acts 1959, No. 408, p. 1040, §11.*)

## **Article 13 Taking of Mussels or Mollusks From Fresh Waters**

**Section 9-11-370 "Nonresident" defined; burden of proof as to residence.**

For the purposes of this article, a "nonresident" shall be deemed to be any person who has not resided continuously in the State of Alabama for 12 months next preceding the application for a license. The burden for proof of residence is placed strictly upon the applicant for a license. (*Acts 1966, Ex. Sess., No. 426, p. 570, §5.*)

**Section 9-11-371 Promulgation of rules and regulations as to taking of mussels or mollusks from fresh waters.**

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources is hereby empowered to promulgate and establish rules and regulations as to when, where and how and under what conditions mussels or any type of mollusk may be caught or taken from the fresh waters of this state. This regulatory and rule-making power shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The number, size and type of mussels or mollusks that may be caught or taken;
- (2) The dates, times and areas when mussels or mollusks may be caught or taken;
- (3) The type of gear, equipment and boats that may be used to take or catch mussels or mollusks;
- (4) The type, kind and number of records and reports which must be submitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on activities in the mussel and mollusk fishing industry; and
- (5) The type of gear and equipment and the number and kind of boat or boats that may be used under each "mussel catcher's license." (*Acts 1966, Ex. Sess., No. 426, p. 570, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-372 Mussel catcher's license.**

Before any person shall take or catch or attempt to take or catch any mussel or any type of mollusk for commercial purposes from the fresh waters of this state, he or she shall purchase a "mussel catcher's license." The license shall be issued in the same manner and be effective for the same period as commercial fishing licenses. The cost of the license shall be \$250 for residents, and \$750 for nonresidents, as defined in Section 9-11-370, plus an issuance fee of \$1 which shall be in addition to the initial amount charged for the license. A violation of this section shall be a Class B misdemeanor, the punishment for which shall include, but not be limited to, a fine of five times the cost of the license. (*Acts 1966, Ex. Sess., No. 426, p. 570, §2; Acts 1990, No. 90-85, p. 90, §1; Acts 1993, No. 93-638, p. 1094, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-373    Mussel buyer's license.**

Before any person shall buy or purchase or attempt to buy or purchase any type of fresh- water mussel or any type of freshwater mollusk or the shells thereof within this state, he shall purchase a "mussel buyer's license." Said license shall be issued in the same manner and be effective for the same period as commercial fishing licenses. The cost of said license shall be \$100.00 for residents and \$300.00 for nonresidents, plus an issuance fee of \$.25 which shall be in addition to the initial amount charged for the license. (*Acts 1966, Ex. Sess., No. 426, p. 570, §3.*)

### **Section 9-11-374    Disposition of proceeds of sale of licenses.**

All proceeds from the sale of said licenses, except the issuance fee, shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The issuance fee shall be retained by the judges of probate and other persons authorized and designated to issue licenses in each of the counties of Alabama where said officials are on a fee basis; in those counties where said judges of probate and other officials authorized to issue licenses are on a salary, said issuance fee shall be paid to the general fund of that county. If said license is issued directly from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, said issuance fee shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1966, Ex. Sess., No. 426, p. 570, §4.*)

### **Section 9-11-375    Charge for buying or otherwise obtaining freshwater mussels; disposition of revenues; violation as a misdemeanor.**

- (a) Any person, firm, or corporation who purchases or otherwise obtains freshwater mussels taken from Alabama waters shall pay to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries the amount equal to \$0.05 per pound of mussel shells, with or without meat, purchased or obtained.
- (b) The payment to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall be calculated from receipts filled out by the buyer for each transaction. A copy of each receipt shall be given to the seller and a copy retained by the buyer, and shall be made available by the buyer for inspection by agents of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for a period of two years. When mussels are exported without first going through a buyer, the method of payment shall be as described in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. For purposes of this section, a buyer is any person, firm, or corporation who buys, or otherwise obtains, mussels from mussel harvesters or mussel buyers from Alabama.
- (c) Payments from buyers shall be made monthly and shall be received by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries no later than the 15th day of the month following payment.
- (d) Revenue from this section shall be used for mussel management, research, enforcement, and administration. However, no more than 50 percent of the total revenue shall be spent on enforcement.
- (e) Violation of this section shall be punishable as a Class A misdemeanor. (*Acts 1993, No. 93-638, p. 1094, §2.*)

## **Article 15 Commercial Fowl Hunting Preserves.**

### **Section 9-11-410    License required.**

Any person, firm, or corporation desiring to operate a bird hunting preserve commercially on which artificially propagated birds may be hunted, taken, captured, killed, harvested, or otherwise recovered shall obtain a bird hunting preserve license and comply with the provisions of this article and all rules promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources governing the operation of hunting preserves. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-431, p. 678, §1; Act 2010-398, p. 653, §1; Act 2010-697, p. 1688, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-412    Birds to be hunted.**

Game which may be hunted on a preserve licensed under this article shall be artificially propagated or pen-raised bob-white quail, pheasants, chukar partridge, and such other species of birds, except for artificially propagated or pen-raised turkeys, as the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural

Resources shall designate. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-431, p. 678, §3; Act 2010-398, p. 653, §1; Act 2010-697, p. 1688, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-413 License fee; issuance of license; license to operate a commercial bird hunting preserve.**

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the privilege license fee for operating a hunting preserve shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year for the first 100 acres of hunting preserve area plus five dollars (\$5) per year for each additional 100 acres or part thereof. Upon application to the judge of probate of the county in which the preserve is located and payment of the license fee required in this subsection and an issuance fee of two dollars (\$2), the judge of probate shall issue a privilege license to operate a hunting preserve to the applicant. Privilege licenses to operate hunting preserves shall be issued on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources furnished to the judge of probate. All fees collected by the judge of probate for issuing hunting preserve licenses shall be remitted at the same time and in the same manner that hunting and fishing license fees are remitted and shall be paid into the Game and Fish Fund of the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (b) In lieu of the license fee provided for in subsection (a), the operator of a commercial bird hunting preserve may purchase a license which entitles the licensee to operate a commercial bird hunting preserve and exempts the patrons of the preserve from the license requirement of Section 9-11-417. The fee for the license shall be five hundred dollars (\$500), plus a two dollar (\$2) issuance fee. The license shall be issued in the same manner as the license provided for in subsection (a). The license or a copy thereof shall be in the possession of at least one person in each hunting party. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-431, p. 678, §4; Act 2010-398, p. 653, §1; Act 2010-697, p. 1688, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-414 Limits on harvest; hunting period for “pen-raised birds.”**

There shall be no daily commercial limit as to the number of released pen-raised birds commercially taken or recovered by patrons under this article. The period during which pen-raised birds may be hunted, taken, captured, killed, or otherwise recovered on preserves shall begin on October 1 each year and extend through March 31 of the following calendar year. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-431, p. 678, §5; Act 2010-398, p. 653, §1; Act 2010-697, p. 1688, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-417 Hunting licenses required of preserve patrons; seven- day license; operators as agent vendors of licenses.**

- (a) Except for patrons hunting artificially propagated or pen-raised birds on preserves licensed pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 9-11-413, Alabama hunting licenses shall be required of all persons hunting on licensed hunting preserves. Alabama residents shall be licensed under the regularly established game laws. Each non-resident hunting on a licensed preserve shall be required to possess a regular non-resident annual hunting license or a non-resident trip hunting license.
- (b) In lieu of a regular hunting license as provided in subsection (a), either a resident or a non-resident may purchase a seven-day commercial bird hunting preserve license that allows that person the privilege of hunting only artificially propagated or pen-raised birds as designated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources as legal to hunt on a licensed commercial bird hunting preserve. The cost of a seven-day commercial bird hunting preserve license shall be eight dollars (\$8), plus a two dollar (\$2) issuance fee. The license shall be valid for seven consecutive days from the date of issuance.
- (c) To better serve the public and in order that the state will not lose revenue from the loss of sale of licenses to out-of-state visitors arriving on weekends, each hunting preserve operator licensed pursuant to this article shall be an agent vendor of all non-resident and resident hunting licenses with any issuance fees collected therefor to be remitted to the judge of probate of the county in which the preserve is located. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-431, p. 678, §8; Acts 1992, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 92-702, p. 172, §1; Act 2010-398, p. 653, §1; Act 2010-697, p. 1688, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-418 Enforcement of game and fish laws; inspection of preserves.**

Duly authorized agents of the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, game wardens

and other law enforcement officers duly authorized to enforce game and fish laws shall have authority to enforce all game and fish laws and regulations on such preserves; and for such purposes are authorized to enter and inspect licensed hunting preserves. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-431, p. 678, §9.*)

**Section 9-11-419      Violations; license revocation.**

Any person, firm or corporation who is found guilty of operating a licensed hunting preserve in violation of any provision of this article, upon conviction, shall have his hunting preserve license revoked forthwith. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-431, p. 678, §10.*)

**Article 16 Preservation of Wetlands and Hunting of Migratory Waterfowl**

**Section 9-11-430      Definitions.**

Whenever used in this article, the following words and terms shall have the following respective meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) MIGRATORY WATERFOWL. Any wild duck, wild goose, brant or coot (poule d'eau).
- (2) DEPARTMENT. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (3) STAMP. The state migratory waterfowl stamp furnished by the department. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-545, p. 985, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-431      Construction of article; purpose thereof.**

This article shall be construed in furtherance of the purpose thereof, which is to ensure the procurement, development, restoration, maintenance or preservation of wetlands for migratory waterfowl habitat. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-545, p. 985, §2.*)

**Section 9-11-432      Stamp required for hunting migratory waterfowl; form; procedure.**

A person may not hunt migratory waterfowl within the State of Alabama or its coastal waters without first procuring a state migratory waterfowl stamp. The stamp shall be validated by the signature of the hunter written across the face of the stamp in ink. The stamp shall be in the possession of the hunter while the hunter is hunting or taking migratory waterfowl. The form of the stamp shall be determined by the department and the department shall furnish the stamps to the judge of probate or issuing officer of the counties or to other authorized license agents as provided in Section 9-11-433 for issuance or sale in the same manner as state hunting licenses are issued or sold. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-545, p. 985, §3; Act 98-615, p. 1355, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-433      Issuance of annual stamp; lifetime migratory waterfowl stamp; fees; issuing agents; refund for unsold stamps.**

- (a) A stamp shall be issued to each hunting license applicant by the judge of probate or issuing officer of any county of the state or other authorized license agent as provided herein upon the payment of a fee of ten dollars (\$10). Each stamp shall be valid for the duration of one hunting season as established by the department. Stamps shall be available for sale prior to any waterfowl season, including any special season which may precede the regular season. The stamp fee provided in this subsection shall be subject to periodic adjustments by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources based on increases in the Consumer Price Index in the same manner as other fishing and hunting licenses and fees are adjusted pursuant to Section 9-11-68.
- (b) In lieu of an annual stamp, a lifetime migratory waterfowl stamp may be purchased by or for individuals meeting the residency requirements set out in Section 9-11-44 for the following license fees:
  - (1) Persons less than two years old, one hundred thirty dollars (\$130).
  - (2) Persons age two through 11 years old, one hundred seventy dollars (\$170).
  - (3) Persons age 12 through 49 years, two hundred ten dollars (\$210).
  - (4) Persons age 50 years and above, one hundred thirty dollars (\$130).
- (5) The stamp fee provided in this subsection may be subject to periodic adjustments by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources upon approval of the commissioner based on increases in the Consumer Price Index in the same manner as other fishing and hunting licenses and fees are adjusted pursuant to Section 9-11-68.

- (6) In addition to the license fee provided by this subsection, there shall be a twenty dollar (\$20) issuance fee collected and deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the development of waterfowl habitat.
- (c) The judge of probate, or issuing officer, or other authorized license agent as provided herein shall be allowed a fee of one dollar (\$1) for each license issued, which issuing fee shall be in addition to the cost of the stamp and shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. In counties where the judge of probate or issuing officer is on the fee system, the issuing fee shall be retained by the judge of probate or issuing officer, and in counties where the judge of probate or issuing officer is on a salary basis, the fee shall be paid into the county treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund.
- (d) Other license agents as authorized by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may issue migratory waterfowl stamps, provided the other authorized license agents prepurchase sheets of stamps for resale at face value plus the issuance fee provided herein. An agent shall place an initial order for one or more sheets of 10 stamps each for the license year. At the end of the license period, the agent may return unsold stamps for a refund. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-545, p. 985, §4; Act 98-615, p. 1355, §1 Act 2016-384. Act 2018-551, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-434 Revenue used in preservation of wetlands; contracts with non-profit organizations for project outside United States.**

The revenue derived from the sale of the stamp provided for herein shall be remitted to the department on the first day of each month by the judge of probate or issuing officer and shall be covered into the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund and shall be used for projects approved by the department for the procurement, development, restoration, maintenance or preservation of wetlands, for waterfowl habitat, and the development or improvement of controlled public waterfowl hunting areas, except that part which is specified by the department for use in paying administrative expenses. No part of revenues derived from the sale of this stamp shall be used to pay administrative expenses not directly related to waterfowl management and no part of revenues shall be used to pay enforcement expenses.

No part of the revenues derived from the sale of this stamp shall be used to replace revenues and allocations presently being made by the department for management of waterfowl refuges and public waterfowl hunting areas.

No part of the revenues derived from the sale of this stamp shall be used to maintain, procure or restore habitat for other wild game except where their occurrence is coexistent with migratory waterfowl. The department may enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations for the use of one-half of such funds outside the United States if the department finds that such contracts are necessary for carrying out the purposes of this article. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-545, p. 985, § 5.*)

**Section 9-11-435 Requirements for approval of outside United States projects.**

Before approving and allocating funds for a proposed project to be undertaken outside the United States, the department shall obtain evidence that the project is acceptable to the government agency having jurisdiction over the lands and waters affected by the project. (*Acts 1979, No. 79-545, p. 985, § 6.*)

**Article 17 Commercial Fee Fishing Ponds.**

**Section 9-11-450 Permit required; rules and regulations.**

Any person, firm or corporation desiring to operate a "commercial fee fishing pond" (as provided for herein) from which otherwise legally permitted freshwater fish, which are private farm raised or private hatchery produced fish only, may be taken, captured, harvested, or otherwise recovered, may do so upon obtaining an annual "commercial fee fishing pond" letter permit and complying with the provisions of this article and laws relating to the importation and control of exotic fish species. (*Acts 1988, No. 88-578, p. 902, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-451 Site of fee fishing ponds; marking of entrance.**

Each fee fishing site to be operated hereunder may contain one or more man-made ponds in one tract of leased or owned land. Under no circumstances, however, shall any fishing site as provided for

herein, be operated on any public waters of the State of Alabama as defined by Section 9-11-80. The entrance to each fee fishing site shall be clearly marked with a sign, at the top of which shall appear in letters not less than two inches high, the words "LICENSED COMMERCIAL FEE FISHING PONDS". (*Acts 1988, No. 88-578, p. 902, §2.*)

**Section 9-11-452 Ponds to be stocked with farm or hatchery produced fish.**

No ponds shall qualify to be operated hereunder which are stocked with or which contain any fish other than private farm raised or private hatchery produced fish. (*Acts 1988, No. 88-578, p. 902, §3.*)

**Section 9-11-453 Application procedure.**

Any person who desires to operate a fee fishing site as provided for herein shall first file a request with a local conservation officer or with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. If it meets the requirements of this article, the operator shall be issued a letter permit to operate such fee fishing site. (*Acts 1988, No. 88-578, p. 902, §4.*)

**Section 9-11-454 Fishing license not required; letter permit prominently displayed.**

Holders of the letter permit issued pursuant to this article, their guests and patrons may, to the extent that said persons fish in accordance with the provisions hereof, fish from the ponds on the approved site without an approved fishing license. The letter permit shall be displayed prominently adjacent to the place where the fish taken from said site are checked and weighed. (*Acts 1988, No. 88-578, p. 902, §5.*)

**Section 9-11-455 Creel limits.**

Creel limits for fish taken from the said fee fishing ponds shall be at the discretion of the operator. (*Acts 1988, No. 88-578, p. 902, §6.*)

**Section 9-11-456 Selling of fish caught.**

No fish caught or taken from the said fee fishing sites shall be sold or offered to be sold or traded or offered to be traded, except as otherwise provided by law. (*Acts 1988, No. 88-578, p. 902, §7.*)

**Section 9-11-457 Violations; fines.**

Any violation of the provisions of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.00. (*Acts 1988, No. 88-578, p. 902, §8.*)

## **Article 18 Protection of Black Bears.**

**Section 9-11-480 Legislative findings.**

The Legislature finds that the black bear (*Ursus americanus*) is a unique mammal in the State of Alabama requiring special protection. (*Act 2001-634, p. 1223, § 1.*)

**Section 9-11-481 Prohibited activities; exceptions; applicability; penalties.**

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), it shall be unlawful for any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or any other entity to do any of the following:
  - (1) Hunt, wound, injure, kill, trap, collect, or capture a black bear, or to attempt to engage in that conduct during the closed season for black bear.
  - (2) Sell, offer for sale, purchase, offer to purchase, deliver, transport, carry, or ship, in intrastate, interstate, or foreign commerce a black bear, whether alive or dead, or any of its parts or products, or to attempt to engage in that conduct. Nothing in this article shall prohibit legal possession of black bear taken legally in other states.
- (b) The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall permit, under reasonable terms and conditions as it may prescribe, any act otherwise prohibited by subsection (a) for any of the following purposes:
  - (1) Scientific or survival research.
  - (2) Zoological exhibition.
  - (3) Education.
  - (4) Any other purposes as may be determined by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

- (c) The prohibitions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) shall not apply to activities where killing or injuring a black bear is incidental to, and not the purpose of, activities which are otherwise lawful.
- (d) Any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or other entity who violates this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, punishable as follows:
  - (1) For the first offense, by a fine of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.
  - (2) For the second and any subsequent offense, by a fine of not less than three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) and not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or imprisonment for not less than six months or more than one year, or both.
  - (3) Any individual shall have all hunting and fishing license privileges revoked for a period of three years from the date of conviction.
  - (4) Any motor vehicle, weapons, or other property, which has been or is used in any activity prohibited by this section may be confiscated under the same procedures set forth in Section 9-11-252.1. (*Act 2001-634, p. 1223, §2.*)

## **Article 19 Hunting of Native Game Animals and Certain Nonindigenous Animals.**

### **Section 9-11-500 Definitions.**

For purposes of this article, the following words have the following meanings:

- (1) **GAME ANIMAL.** A species of animal designated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources pursuant to Section 9-2-7, as a game or fur-bearing animal, any game or fur-bearing animal that exists historically and naturally in the wild within this state, or any game animal of the species of the family Cervidae (deer) that exists within this state in the wild as a result of the natural expansion of its range prior to May 1, 2006, which are white-tailed deer, fallow deer, and elk.
- (2) **NONINDIGENOUS ANIMAL.** A species of animal, other than birds, that does not exist historically and naturally in the wild within the state or does not exist within the state as a result of the natural expansion of its range.
- (3) **TAME GAME ANIMAL.** An animal that has been held captive as a zoological attraction or exhibit, or any animal, at the time of hunting, not exhibiting the flight characteristics or wariness for the species. (*Act 2006-109, p. 159, §1.*)

### **Section 9-11-501 Hunting of native game animals under certain conditions prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or kill, attempt to hunt or kill, or offer the opportunity to hunt or kill native game animals or any other animal legally permissible to hunt for a fee or other valuable consideration or for recreation under conditions in which the animal hunted does not have a reasonable opportunity to evade the hunter, including, but not limited to, hunting animals that are tied, staked, hobbled, or caged; animals that have been released from confinement less than 10 days; or animals that are taken by aid of any remote controlled or computer aided device. Hunting of native game animals or any other animal legally permissible to hunt within the confines of an enclosure does not in and of itself constitute a violation provided adequate space and escape cover for the species exist to provide the animals with a reasonable opportunity to evade the hunter. (*Act 2006-109, p. 159, §2.*)

### **Section 9-11-502 Hunting of tame game animals prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or kill, attempt to hunt or kill, or offer the opportunity to hunt or kill any tame game animal for a fee or other valuable consideration or recreation. The promise or guarantee of, or contract for, killing an individual tame game animal, shall be *prima facie* evidence of a violation of this article. (*Act 2006-109, p. 159, §3.*)

### **Section 9-11-503 Hunting of nonindigenous animals prohibited.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or kill, attempt to hunt or kill, or offer the opportunity to hunt or kill any species of animal nonindigenous to the state including, but not limited to, any species of African or Asian lion, tiger, or elephant for a fee or other valuable consideration or for recreation.

(b) This section does not apply to feral swine or to any species of animal deemed a nuisance by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, nor to any nonindigenous animal lawfully brought into this state prior to May 1, 2006, or their offspring; provided the owner of the nonindigenous animal provides written notice to the commissioner of the ownership and location of the species. (*Act 2006-109, p. 159, §4.*)

**Section 9-11-504 Hunting of pen-raised birds.**

Nothing in this article shall prohibit the hunting of pen-raised birds by properly licensed hunters or by properly licensed persons engaged in the training of bird dogs, or by persons engaged in bird dog field trials as provided by law or rules promulgated by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Act 2006-109, p. 159, §5.*)

**Section 9-11-505 Penalties.**

Any person, firm, corporation, or association that violates Sections 9-11-500 to 9-11-504, inclusive, of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and may be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not more than 30 days for each offense. A second and subsequent offense shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 10 nor more than 30 days. (*Act 2006-109, p. 159, §6.*)

**Article 20 Registered Deer Enclosures.**

**Section 9-11-520 Registration of enclosures for game animal of the species of the family cervidae; fees.**

(a) Any person, firm, corporation, or association operating an enclosure for any game animal, as defined in Section 9-11-500(1), of the species of the family cervidae that complies with this chapter and all applicable rules adopted by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources thereunder, including, but not limited to, the rules governing the release of captive raised cervidae, rules governing deer enclosures, and rules related to restrictions on possession, sale, importation, and/or release of certain animals, may register the enclosure annually with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(b) The registration fee shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per year and shall be subject to adjustment as provided for in Section 9-11-68. The registration form shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources. All registration forms and fees must be submitted on or before July 1 of each year. All registration fees collected by the department shall be paid into the Game and Fish Fund of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Act 2022-423, §1.*)

**Section 9-11-521 Establishment of hunting periods in which deer may be hunted by gun deer stalk hunting methods.**

(a) The period during which deer may be hunted by gun deer stalk hunting methods, as those are defined by rules adopted by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for registered enclosures shall be established by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources pursuant to Section 9-2-7, and shall be equal to the minimum number of consecutive calendar days set by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources for any gun deer stalk hunting on privately owned or leased lands.

(b) The hunting period may begin on the earliest date set by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources for any deer season and shall not extend past the last date set for any gun deer stalk hunting on privately owned or leased lands. (*Act 2022-423, §2.*)

**Section 9-11-522 Enforcement of game and fish laws and rules on registered deer enclosures.**

Duly authorized agents of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, game wardens, and other law enforcement officers authorized to enforce game and fish laws may enforce all game and fish laws and rules on all registered deer enclosures and may enter and inspect registered enclosures. (*Act 2022-423, §3.*)

### **Section 9-11-523 Violations.**

(a) Any person, firm, corporation, or association violating this article shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided by law.

(b) In addition to the penalties in subsection (a), any person, firm, corporation, or association who violates this article, or any rules adopted pursuant to this article, shall not be eligible for registration pursuant to this article or eligible to service as an officer of any firm, corporation, or association registered pursuant to this article (*Act 2022-423, §4.*)

### **Section 9-11-524 Rulemaking authority.**

The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may adopt rules to implement and enforce this article. (*Act 2022-423, §5.*)

## **Chapter 12 MARINE RESOURCES.**

### **Article 2 Seafoods. (Division 3 Additional Regulations.)**

#### **Section 9-12-113.1 Selling, buying, trading, or bartering certain saltwater game fish prohibited.**

No person shall do, or attempt to do, any of the following: sell, trade, or barter, or buy, trade for, or barter for, any saltwater game fish specified in Section 9-12-113 or by regulation of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The first offense of this section shall be a Class B misdemeanor with a mandatory minimum fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Any subsequent offenses shall be a Class A misdemeanor with a mandatory minimum fine of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), plus forfeiture of vehicle used in transporting the game fish. Any person violating this section or any regulation promulgated pursuant to this section shall be strictly liable and it shall not be necessary to prove any criminal intent for conviction. (*Acts 1995, No. 95-287, p. 535, §3.*)

#### **Section 9-12-125 Licenses for selling, brokering, processing, etc., fresh or frozen seafood.**

Any person, firm, or corporation who engages in the selling, brokering, trading, bartering, or processing of any fresh or frozen seafood, whether on a consignment basis or other- wise, is a seafood dealer and shall purchase a seafood dealer's license for a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) for Alabama residents domiciled for a period of more than one continuous year immediately preceding date of issuance and four hundred dollars (\$400) for nonresidents except for residents of states which charge Alabama residents in excess of four hundred dollars (\$400) for the activity, in which case it shall be the amount the other state charges. To obtain the license, all entities other than brokers shall have and present proof of a business license from the location of the business, a tax identification number, and the appropriate seafood processing health permit. This license is not required by nonresident seafood dealers buying from or selling to a licensed Alabama seafood dealer or licensed commercial fishermen when selling their catch to a licensed Alabama seafood dealer nor by restaurants where the seafood is cooked and sold for consumption on or off its premises. Restaurants shall not purchase seafoods from any person, firm, or corporation that is not licensed to sell seafoods in Alabama. If the licensee owns or operates more than one place of business, then additional dealer's licenses must be purchased for each separate place of business, providing the location of each. A vehicle used solely for transporting seafoods to or from an Alabama seafood dealer is not considered a place of business. Each vehicle from which seafood is sold to or purchased from any person, firm, or corporation other than an Alabama seafood dealer, is a place of business and shall be licensed under this section. The seafood dealer shall purchase a license for each vehicle for a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) per license and the operator of the vehicle shall have the original license in his or her possession when selling or buying seafood from that vehicle. Seafood dealers may purchase seafoods only from commercial fisher- men validly licensed in Alabama, Alabama seafood dealers, and any nonresident seller who is validly licensed to sell seafoods under the laws of that state. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to sell, broker, trade, barter, or process seafoods as provided for in this section without first purchasing a seafood dealer's license. Any per- son, firm, or corporation violating this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, with a minimum mandatory fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000)

for first offenses, two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for second offenses within three years of the date of the first conviction, and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and a mandatory jail sentence of 10 to 30 days for conviction of any subsequent offenses within three years of the date of the first conviction. (*Acts 1988, No. 88-577, p. 897, §9; Acts 1995, No. 95-287, p. 535, §6.*)

## Article 6 Commercial Alligator Operations

### **Section 9-12-200 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the meanings described herein, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) **ALLIGATOR FARM.** An enclosed area not located on public lands or waters, constructed so as to prevent the ingress and egress of alligators from surrounding public or private lands or waters and meeting other specifications prescribed by the department, where alligators are bred and raised under controlled conditions.
- (2) **ALLIGATOR FARMER.** A person who raises alligators under controlled conditions which prohibit free movement of the animals onto and off of the farm or controlled area, and who may harvest alligators under the supervision of the department.
- (3) **ALLIGATOR PART.** Any part of the carcass of an alligator, except its skin.
- (4) **ALLIGATOR PARTS DEALER.** Any person who deals in alligator parts and who buys from an alligator farmer for the purpose of resale; or manufactures within the state alligator parts into a finished product; or purchases, cans, processes, or distributes alligator meat for wholesale or retail; provided, that a retailer selling canned alligator parts or a retailer purchasing alligator parts from an alligator parts dealer or a restaurant selling pre- pared alligator meat for human consumption shall not be classified as an alligator parts dealer.
- (5) **COMMISSIONER.** The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (6) **DEPARTMENT.** The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (7) **TRANSPORT.** In its different tenses, the act of shipping, attempting to ship, receiving or delivering for shipment, transporting, conveying, carrying, or exporting by air, land, or water, or by any means whatsoever. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §1.*)

### **Section 9-12-201 Who may engage in business of propagating alligators.**

Any person, firm, or corporation may engage in the business of propagating alligators on an alligator farm for restocking, propagation, and other commercial purposes by complying with the provisions of this article, and may thereafter sell either live alligators to other licensed alligator farmers only, or the parts or skins of such farm-raised alligators to any person, for any purpose, including sale for food, either within or without this state. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §2.*)

### **Section 9-12-202 License; fee.**

Whoever desires to engage in the business of raising, exhibiting, and selling alligators on alligator farms shall apply to the department for a license to do so. If it appears that the application is made in good faith, upon payment of \$1,000.00, an alligator farmer license may be issued permitting the applicant to breed, propagate, exhibit and sell to other licensed alligator farmers only, such alligators alive, or sell their skins and parts and to kill and transport them and sell their skins and parts as herein provided. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §3.*)

### **Section 9-12-203 Expiration and renewal of license; fee.**

Alligator farmer licenses shall expire on the thirtieth day of September of each year. On or before the first day of October of the following year, every licensee shall apply for a renewal of his license. In conjunction with this application, the licensee shall provide a report including all information as specified by the department. Upon payment of \$1,000.00, the department shall renew his license. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §4.*)

### **Section 9-12-204 Marketing or taking of alligators; rules and regulations; tagging; affidavit; transportation of carcass.**

Alligators raised on such licensed breeding farms may be sold alive to other licensed alligator farmers only, or taken for their skins or for food, according to such rules and regulations as the department may

promulgate. All skins shall be tagged according to rules and regulations of the department. The severance tax, as provided in Section 9-12-210, shall be paid before the raw alligator skins are sold or shipped within or without the state, and a written affidavit as to the number and kinds of skins sold or shipped shall be furnished to the department as specified. No alligator carcass or parts intended for sale shall be shipped, transported, sold, or offered for sale unless tagged according to department regulations. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §5.*)

#### **Section 9-12-205 Property rights.**

Whoever under the authority of this article has in his lawful possession any such alligators or parts thereof on such posted or fenced alligator farm shall have a property right therein and shall be the owner thereof. Whoever enters the alligator farm and catches, takes, or attempts to catch or take such alligators when the area has been posted or fenced according to law shall be punished as though the alligators were ordinary domestic animals and subject to the property rights of the State of Alabama. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §6.*)

#### **Section 9-12-206 Alligator parts dealer license; retail and restaurant license; fees.**

- (a) Each alligator parts dealer shall secure an alligator parts dealer license from the department before commencing business. The license shall be secured annually and shall be furnished upon the payment of \$100.00.
- (b) Each retailer selling canned alligator parts or purchasing alligator parts, and each restaurant selling prepared alligator meat for human consumption shall secure a license from the department before commencing business. The license shall be secured annually and shall be furnished upon payment of \$5.00. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §7.*)

#### **Section 9-12-207 Alligator parts transaction forms; bills of sale; inspection;records.**

- (a) Any licensed alligator farmer may sell alligator carcasses or parts, provided he completes an official alligator parts transaction form, furnished by the department, for every alligator parts transaction. These forms shall be submitted to the department at 30-day intervals until all parts are sold.
- (b) Any alligator parts dealer purchasing alligator parts, other than skins, shall complete an official alligator parts transaction form for each purchase. Any alligator parts dealer selling alligator parts, other than skins, shall complete an official alligator parts sale form for each sale. These forms shall be furnished by the department and shall be submitted to the department at 30-day intervals until final disposition of all parts. Each alligator farmer and parts dealer shall furnish a bill of sale to each retailer or restaurant purchasing alligator parts.
- (c) Any retailer or restaurant purchasing alligator parts shall maintain a bill of sale for each purchase for a period of six months after such purchase. These records shall be available for inspection at any and all reasonable hours by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, his law enforcement officers or any other persons appointed and designated by him for such purpose.
- (d) The records of transaction involving alligator parts of alligator farmers and parts dealers shall be available for inspection at any and all reasonable hours by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, his law enforcement officers or any other persons appointed and designated by him for such purpose. Each parts dealer shall maintain complete records for a period of one year following any transaction. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §8.*)

#### **Section 9-12-208 Alligator parts tag.**

Each alligator farmer shall tag with an official alligator parts tag, furnished by the department, all carcasses, meat, or nonedible alligator parts prior to sale and upon dissection from the carcass. This tag shall be completed in full and remain attached to the carcass or part until final disposition by the alligator farmer, parts dealer, or consumer if purchased directly from an alligator farmer. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §9.*)

#### **Section 9-12-209 Shipment of alligator skins; tags.**

All raw alligator skins shipped within this state shall be tagged so as to show the number and kinds of skins in the shipment, the consignor, shipping point, consignee, and destination. The department shall

supply suitable tags to all shippers requiring them for actual shipments. No alligator skin intended for shipment within this state shall be accepted by any post office, express company, or agent, or the agent of any common carrier, unless there is attached to one of the packages composing the shipment to each consignee one of the tags specified herein. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §10.*)

**Section 9-12-210 Severance tax on alligator skins; penalty.**

There is hereby levied a severance tax on each alligator skin taken from any alligator within this state, payable to the state through the department by the alligator farmer selling or shipping his skins within or without the state or taking his own catch out of state, at the rate of \$1.00 on each skin. Failure to pay such severance tax subjects all alligator skins held by such alligator farmers to confiscation by order of the department. Failure to maintain complete records and to pay the severance tax as provided herein subjects any alligator farmer to the full penalties provided in this article and the immediate revocation of his license by the department. No license shall be issued to any alligator farmer who has not paid such severance tax for the preceding year. Violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §11.*)

**Section 9-12-211 Taking or possession of alligators, eggs, parts or skins prohibited except as provided; applicability of section; penalty.**

No person shall take or possess the eggs of alligators, alligators, or their parts or skins in any county of this state except as provided for in this article, and the provisions of this section shall not apply to legal finished products, alligators or parts thereof legally acquired prior to May 17, 1989, or alligators harvested or collected under a permit from the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Violation of this section is a Class C felony. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §12.*)

**Section 9-12-212 Disbursement of license fees and taxes.**

All license fees and taxes resulting from the provisions of this article shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §13.*)

**Section 9-12-213 Effect of federal endangered species status.**

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event the federal government places the alligator in an endangered species status, all licenses issued pursuant to this article shall be null and void upon the earlier of the following dates: (1) the expiration date of said licenses or (2) one year from the date that the federal government placed the alligator in an endangered species status. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §14.*)

**Section 9-12-214 Violations; forfeiture of property and license; eligibility for new license.**

Any person licensed as an alligator farmer under Section 9-12-202 convicted of violating any of the provisions of this article shall have his license cancelled and all alligators, alligator parts, and alligator skins in his possession shall be forfeited to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. These shall be disposed of by the department through public auction and the proceeds thereof deposited in the Game and Fish Fund. Any alligator farmer having his license so cancelled will be ineligible to purchase such a license for a period of five years. After five years, said person may purchase an alligator farmer license only on written recommendation of the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries of the department. (*Acts 1989, No. 89-874, p. 1749, §15.*)

**Chapter 13 Forests and Forest Products**

**Article 10 Ginseng Regulation.**

**Section 9-13-240 Findings and purpose.**

The Legislature has found that ginseng *Panax quinquefolius* L., is listed as endangered by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and as such, must be protected from extinction. The purpose of this article is to provide a mechanism for collection and exportation of ginseng while at the same time preventing the depletion of wild ginseng populations throughout the state. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §1.*)

### **Section 9-13-241 Definitions.**

As used in this article, the following words shall have the meaning stated below, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- (1) BOARD. The State Board of Agriculture and Industries.
- (2) COMMISSIONER. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries or his designated representative.
- (3) CULTIVATED GINSENG. Ginseng that has been planted and cultivated by standard horticultural practices.
- (4) DEPARTMENT. The Department of Agriculture and Industries.
- (5) EXPORT. To transport, deliver or cause to be transported or delivered to any person or place for the purpose of transportation from any place in this state to any place outside this state.
- (6) GINSENG. The plant *Panax quinquefolius L.*, including cuttings, roots, fruits, seed, propagules or any other portion thereof.
- (7) GINSENG COLLECTOR. Any person who intentionally removes wild ginseng from the location in which the plant grew for the purpose of sale, resale or export.
- (8) GINSENG DEALER. Any person who collects or purchases ginseng for the purpose of reselling, selling, manufacturing or exporting same.
- (9) COLLECT. To dig, cut or otherwise remove any ginseng from the location where it grew for the specific purpose of export.
- (10) GINSENG GROWER. Any person who grows cultivated ginseng as a commercial crop.
- (11) PERSON. Any individual, corporation, company, society, association or other business entity.
- (12) PURCHASE. To acquire, obtain or receive or to attempt to acquire, obtain or receive by exchange of money or other valuable consideration and specifically includes barter or exchange.
- (13) SELL. Dispose of, transfer or convey or attempt to dispose of, transfer or convey by exchange of money or other valuable consideration and specifically includes barter or exchange.
- (14) WILD GINSENG. Ginseng in, or collected from its native habitat, notwithstanding whether the ginseng occurs naturally from that habitat or was introduced or increased in abundance by the actions of humans, including, but not limited to, sowing ginseng seed or by transplanting ginseng plants from other areas.
- (15) GREEN GINSENG. Ginseng roots retaining moisture, not dried.
- (16) DRIED GINSENG. Ginseng roots that have been dried to remove moisture. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §2*)

### **Section 9-13-242 Collection of ginseng.**

- (a) The season for the legal collection of ginseng shall be from September 1 through December 13 inclusive. Collection of ginseng outside of this period is unlawful, unless the plants are collected from land owned or managed by the ginseng collector for the personal use of such collector and/or members of the collector's immediate family.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to collect ginseng that has less than three five-leaf prongs.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to collect ginseng with immature green, unripe fruit (seeds).
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person collecting ginseng to fail to plant immediately after collection the ripe berries or seeds of collected ginseng in the same location at which such ginseng was collected, provided such berries are present.
- (e) It shall be unlawful for any person to collect ginseng from private or public property without first obtaining written permission from the landowner or his agent, except on property where general public permission is granted to trespass and to collect such items.
- (f) All ginseng not exported from state must be weighed and receipted by March 31 following harvest. Future export certification against this receipt shall be completed by the department.
- (g) Ginseng selling season shall be September 15 through March 31, or year round if root was state weighed and receipted by March 31 after harvest.

- (h) Ginseng dealers shall not purchase ginseng during the closed season unless they have evidence that the collector dug the roots between September 1 and December 31 of the collecting season and had the roots weighed and receipted by the state no later than March 31 following harvest.
- (i) Should the commissioner determine through site observation and investigation that wild ginseng populations are being depleted, he may elect to establish collection quotas or temporarily suspend ginseng collection until such time that the wild ginseng population is restored. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §3.*)

#### **Section 9-13-243 Registration of ginseng dealers, growers and collectors.**

Ginseng dealers, collectors and growers shall register annually with the department on forms provided by the department on or before August 1 of each year. Such registration shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount determined by the board but in no event shall the board prescribe fees in excess of \$200.00. Delinquent fees shall be handled as provided under Section 2-9-2. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §4.*)

#### **Section 9-13-244 Record keeping requirements.**

- (a) Ginseng dealers shall keep records on forms provided by the department of all ginseng purchases and sales. These records will include date of transaction, month collected, county where collected, weight of ginseng bought or sold, seller's permit number and signature of the seller. The report shall also show whether the root was wild or cultivated and if green or dry. These records shall be kept for a period of three years and shall be made available to the department upon request. A clear and legible copy of such records shall be submitted to the commissioner at such times as he deems necessary.
- (b) Ginseng growers shall keep accurate records on forms provided by the department of sales of ginseng. Such records shall include date of transaction, county where grown, weight of ginseng sold, purchaser's permit number and name of purchaser. These records shall be kept for a period of three years and shall be made available to the department upon request. A clear and legible copy of such records shall be submitted to the commissioner at such times as he deems necessary.
- (c) Ginseng collectors shall, upon request by the commissioner, provide any and all information concerning the precise site from which he has collected ginseng.
- (d) Any and all records required to be kept by any ginseng dealer, grower or collector shall be open for inspection by the commissioner at any time during normal business hours. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §5.*)

#### **Section 9-13-245 Exportation of ginseng from Alabama.**

- (a) Any person who has ginseng in any quantity and wishes to export any amount out of the state may obtain an export permit from the commissioner. To obtain an export permit, the person must maintain accurately kept records of his purchases and sales, be currently registered with the department as a ginseng dealer, and be in compliance with all requirements of this article and regulations promulgated hereto. He shall also present for the purpose of weighing and examination the ginseng to be exposed to the department if requested.
- (b) The exportation of ginseng without an export permit is a violation of this article. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §6.*)

#### **Section 9-13-246 Promulgation of rules and regulations**

The commissioner is empowered with the approval of the board to promulgate such rules and regulations as are reasonable and necessary to accomplish the evident purpose and intent of the law and also for the purpose of complying with guidelines imposed by the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, concerning the certification and export of ginseng. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §7.*)

#### **Section 9-13-247 Monitoring program conducted.**

The commissioner shall conduct or cause to be conducted a monitoring program of sufficient depth and scope so as to insure that wild ginseng populations are not depleted. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §8.*)

#### **Section 9-13-248 Right of entry.**

The commissioner shall have power to enter into or upon any place and to open any bundle, package

or other container containing or thought to contain ginseng held or maintained in violation of this article or regulations promulgated thereto. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §9.*)

**Section 9-13-249 Refusal or recall of permits, etc.**

- (a) The commissioner shall have the power to refuse to issue a permit or certificate or to recall any permit or certificate already issued when he shall have reasonable cause to believe that the applicant for or holder of said permit or certificate may have or has violated this article or regulations promulgated hereto.
- (b) Appeals from the action of the commissioner in refusal to issue or recall any certification or permit shall be heard by the board. Notice of an appeal to the board must be received by the commissioner in writing within 10 days of receiving notice of the commissioner's action. The board shall hear the appeal at its next scheduled meeting, but in no circumstances more than 30 days from the date the commissioner receives the notice of the appeal. The action of the commissioner shall not be stayed pending an appeal before the board.
- (c) Appeals from action by the board shall be conducted as provided under the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, Section 41-22-1, et seq. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §10.*)

**Section 9-13-250 Violations.**

- (a) Any person who shall violate any provision or requirement of this article or of regulations promulgated hereto or of any notice or order given pursuant thereto or who shall forge, counterfeit, destroy or wrongfully or improperly use any permit or certificate provided for in this article or in the regulations promulgated hereto or who shall interfere with or obstruct any inspector or other employee of the commissioner in the performance of his duties under this article shall be deemed guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.
- (b) There is conferred upon the commissioner and his specifically authorized representatives assigned by him to enforce the provisions of this statute the same powers as are possessed by sheriffs of this state for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this article. In the exercise of their duty they shall exhibit their official identification to any person questioning their authority upon demand. They are authorized and empowered to make lawful arrests of any person violating any provisions of this article. (*Acts 1987, No. 87-582, §11.*)

## **LIFETIME LICENSE:**

Prices below are valid from September 1, 2025 until August 31, 2026.

License Privilege (by age)	Under 2	2–11	12–49	50 +
Hunting *	\$437.35	\$582.95	\$728.30	\$437.35
Freshwater Fishing *	\$219.00	\$291.80	\$364.65	\$219.00
Saltwater Fishing	\$364.65	\$437.35	\$510.15	\$364.65
Hunting & Freshwater Fishing *	\$655.60	\$728.30	\$1,019.35	\$655.60
Hunting & Saltwater Fishing *	\$801.05	\$1,019.35	\$1,237.65	\$801.05
Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing *	\$582.92	\$728.30	\$873.85	\$582.95
Hunting, Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing *	\$1,019.35	\$1,164.90	\$1,528.60	\$1,019.35
Add Additional Privileges	Under 2	2–11	12–49	50 +
State Duck Stamp	\$192.95	\$244.05	\$295.35	\$192.95
Wildlife Heritage	\$291.80	\$291.80	\$291.80	\$291.80
Saltwater Reef Fish Endorsement (Res&Non-Res) **	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00
<b>Resident Military Veteran's Appreciation</b>	<b>49 &amp; under</b>	<b>50 &amp; over</b>		
Freshwater Fishing (20% or more disabled) *	\$54.50	\$30.25		Add a 1-time issuance fee of \$1.20 to the total of your Military Veteran's lifetime privileges
Saltwater Fishing (20% or more disabled)	\$54.50	\$30.25		
Hunting (40% or more disabled) *	\$72.60	\$36.30		
Hunting (100% or more disabled) *	\$54.50	\$30.25		
<b>Replacement Lifetime License</b>		<b>\$5.00</b>		

\*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](http://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](http://www.outdooralabama.com/license-information), Outdoor Alabama phone app, 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. (bait privilege, nighttime feral swine and coyote, 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.

<b>Resident All Game</b> , includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage .....	\$ 34.35
<b>Resident Small Game</b> , includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage .....	\$ 22.75
<b>Resident Bait Privilege</b> , required of all ages <sup>(1)</sup> .....	\$ 18.45
<b>Resident Nighttime Feral Swine &amp; Coyote</b> , required of all ages <sup>(2)</sup> .....	\$ 18.00
<b>Resident Wildlife Heritage</b> <sup>(3)</sup> .....	\$ 13.95
<b>Resident 100% Disabled</b> <sup>(4)</sup> .....	\$ 7.50
<b>Resident Veterans 50% or more Disabled</b> <sup>(5)</sup> .....	\$ 17.70
<b>Resident Veterans 100% Disabled</b> <sup>(5)</sup> .....	\$ 3.60
<b>Nonresident Annual All Game</b> .....	\$399.50
<b>Nonresident 10-Day Trip All Game</b> , valid 240 consecutive hours .....	\$246.60
<b>Nonresident 3-Day Trip All Game</b> , valid 72 consecutive hours .....	\$173.90
<b>Nonresident Annual Small Game</b> .....	\$130.25
<b>Nonresident 10-Day Trip Small Game</b> , valid 240 consecutive hours .....	\$ 79.35
<b>Nonresident 3-Day Trip Small Game</b> , valid 72 consecutive hours .....	\$ 57.40
<b>Nonresident Bait Privilege</b> required of all ages <sup>(1)</sup> .....	\$ 63.40
<b>Nonresident Nighttime Feral Swine &amp; Coyote</b> <sup>(2)</sup> .....	\$ 61.65
<b>Disabled Military Veteran's Appreciation Hunting Event</b> <sup>(7)</sup> .....	\$179.30
<b>State Duck Stamp</b> <sup>(8)</sup> .....	\$ 12.35
<b>Federal Duck Stamp</b> <sup>(8)</sup> .....	\$ 30.00
<b>Wildlife Management Area License</b> <sup>(9)</sup> .....	\$ 22.75
<b>Commercial Fowl Hunting Preserve License</b> <sup>(10)</sup> .....	\$ 10.00

**FUR CATCHERS LICENSE (Resident and Nonresident):**

<b>Resident</b> <sup>(11)</sup> .....	\$ 27.90
<b>Nonresident</b> <sup>(12)</sup> .....	Varies by State with Reciprocal Agreement

- (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.

<b>Freshwater</b> , includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage .....	<b>\$17.00</b>
<b>Saltwater</b> .....	<b>\$30.05</b>
<b>7-Day Trip Saltwater</b> , valid 168 consecutive hours .....	<b>\$12.35</b>
<b>Gulf Saltwater Reef Fish Endorsement</b> (required of all ages).....	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Freshwater 100% Disabled</b> <sup>(1)</sup> .....	<b>\$ 3.50</b>
<b>Freshwater Veteran's Appreciation 20% or more Disabled</b> <sup>(2)</sup> .....	<b>\$ 3.60</b>
<b>Freshwater 3-day Disabled Event</b> <sup>(3)</sup> .....	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Saltwater 100% Disabled</b> <sup>(1)</sup> .....	<b>\$ 3.50</b>
<b>Saltwater Veterans Appreciation 20% or more Disabled</b> <sup>(2)</sup> .....	<b>\$ 3.60</b>
<b>Saltwater 3-day Disabled Event</b> <sup>(3)</sup> .....	<b>\$100.00</b>

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

<b>Annual Freshwater</b> <sup>(4)</sup> .....	<b>\$66.25</b>
<b>7-Day Trip Freshwater</b> <sup>(4)</sup> , valid 168 consecutive hours .....	<b>\$37.00</b>
<b>Annual Saltwater</b> <sup>(4)</sup> .....	<b>\$67.90</b>
<b>7-Day Trip Saltwater</b> <sup>(4)</sup> , valid 168 consecutive hours .....	<b>\$35.65</b>
<b>Gulf Saltwater Reef Fish Endorsement</b> (required of all ages).....	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Freshwater Family Trip 3-Day</b> .....	<b>\$37.00</b>

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 total combined service rating of 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):**

<b>Resident Daily Freshwater Fishing</b> .....	<b>\$ 7.65</b>
<b>Nonresident Daily Freshwater Fishing</b> .....	<b>\$ 9.00</b>
<b>Nonresident Annual Freshwater Fishing</b> .....	<b>\$15.80</b>

\*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](http://www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/freshwater-fishing)

**FRESHWATER MUSSEL LICENSE (Resident and Nonresident):**

<b>Resident Catcher</b> <sup>(2)</sup> .....	<b>\$301.00</b>
<b>Nonresident Catcher</b> <sup>(2)</sup> .....	<b>\$901.00</b>
<b>Resident Dealer or Buyer</b> <sup>(2)</sup> .....	<b>\$121.00</b>
<b>Nonresident Dealer or Buyer</b> <sup>(2)</sup> .....	<b>\$361.00</b>

**FRESHWATER COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE:**

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

(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.

<b>Resident Annual</b> .....	<b>\$ 6.00</b>
<b>Nonresident Annual</b> .....	<b>\$ 8.50</b>
<b>Nonresident 7-Day Trip</b> .....	<b>\$ 3.50</b>

Spear fishing licenses available online at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://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