

**CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES  
FILED WITH THE  
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41 22 5(b) and 41 22 6(c)(2)a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency amendment is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on Monday, December 23, 2024.

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

**RULE NO. AND TITLE:** 220-2-.01 2024-2025 Hunting Seasons

**EXPIRATION DATE OF RULE:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**NATURE OF EMERGENCY:** Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease that affects several species in the cervid family. This disease is infectious and communicable. These changes are needed after a deer tested positive for CWD in Colbert County, Alabama on December 20, 2024.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12, 9-11-235, 9-11-240.

**SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON A PERMANENT BASIS:** Yes

**NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT FOR COPY OF RULE:** Charlanna W. Skaggs; 64 N. Union Street, Room 474, Montgomery, Alabama 36130; (334) 242-3165.

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Signature of officer authorized  
to promulgate and adopt rules and  
regulations or his or her deputy

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DEC 23, 2024  
LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

(1) **DEER**

(a) **ANTLERED BUCKS** are defined as those male deer with one or more antlers visible above natural hairline.

(b) **UNANTLERED DEER** are defined as all deer without one or more antlers visible above the natural hairline.

(c) **WHITE-TAILED ANTLERED BUCK LIMIT** - Three per hunter during all combined seasons, one per day. One of the three must have at least 4 antler points 1" or longer on one antler (except for Barbour County). A point is defined as an antler projection of at least one inch in length from base to tip. Main beam tip shall be counted as a point regardless of length.

1. **EXCEPTIONS:**

(i) **BARBOUR COUNTY ANTLER RESTRICTION** - white-tailed deer antlered bucks must have a minimum of three points on one side, (except on the statewide special youth deer hunting dates during which any antlered buck may be taken).

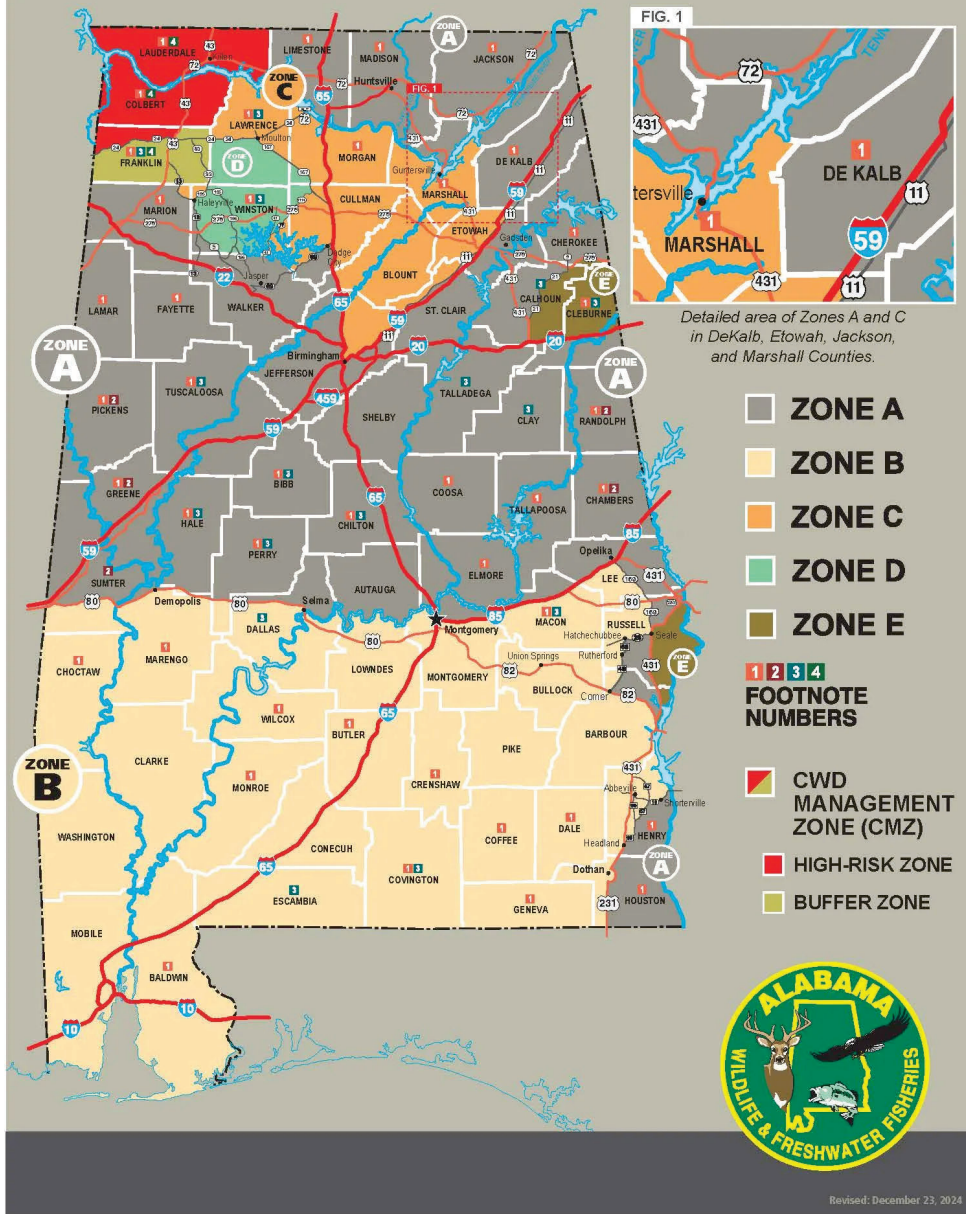
(ii) **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) BONUS BUCK** - One per hunter during all combined bonus buck hunt dates will be allowed to be harvested from a selected collection of WMAs on specific hunt dates depicted on the AREA Permits that will not count towards the hunter's State three buck limit. Must be validated at WMA check station by WFF personnel.

(d) **WHITE-TAILED UNANTLERED DEER LIMIT** - During the Unantlered Deer Gun, Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle, Archery, and Special Youth (under 16) Seasons, one unantlered deer may be taken per day in addition to one antlered buck per day. See Special 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 15 - 18 and in Zones D & E November 1-4. 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 2024 - 2025 AREA Permits for youth deer hunting dates and other information about WMA Hunting.

(f) **DEER ZONE DESCRIPTIONS:**

# 2024-2025 Deer Season Zone Map



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.

1. **ZONE A** (see map): Those areas with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of the

Alabama/Mississippi state line and US Hwy. 80 (Sumter County), east along US Hwy. 80 to the US Hwy. 80 Bypass in Selma (Dallas County); east along US Hwy 80 Bypass to the Alabama River; east along the Alabama River to I-65; south along I-65 to the intersection with I-85; north along I-85 to AL Hwy. 169 (Exit 60 - Lee County); south along AL Hwy. 169 to AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431; south along AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431 to AL Hwy. 26; west along AL Hwy. 26 to Russell County Road 65; south along Russell County Road 65 to Russell County Road 4; west along Russell County Road 4 to Russell County Road 49; south along Russell County Road 49 to US Hwy. 82; east along US Hwy. 82 to the Chattahoochee River; south along the Chattahoochee River to AL Hwy. 10; west along AL Hwy. 10 to Henry County Road 57; south along Henry County Road 57 to Henry County Road 99; south along Henry County Road 99 to US Hwy. 431; south along US Hwy. 431 to Ross Clark Circle (bypass around Dothan); east along Ross Clark Circle to US Hwy. 231; south along US Hwy. 231 to the Alabama/Florida state line; east along the Alabama/Florida state line to the Chattahoochee River; north along the Chattahoochee River to US Hwy. 82; west along US Hwy. 82 to US Hwy. 431; north along US Hwy. 431 to US Hwy. 280; east along US Hwy. 280 to Alabama/ Georgia state line; north along Alabama/Georgia state line to I-20; west along I-20 to AL Hwy. 21; north along AL Hwy. 21 to US Hwy. 278; east along US Hwy 278 to the Alabama/ Georgia state line; north along the Alabama/ Georgia state line to the Alabama/Tennessee state line; west along the Alabama/Tennessee state line to the Lauderdale County/Limestone County line; south along the Lauderdale County/Limestone County line to the Tennessee River; west along the Tennessee River to the Colbert County/Lawrence County line; south along the Colbert County/Lawrence County line to the Colbert County/ Franklin County line; west along the Colbert County/ Franklin County line to the Alabama/Mississippi state line; south along the Alabama/Mississippi state line ending at US Hwy. 80 (Sumter County). **Excludes Zones C, D, E, and CMZ descriptions below.**

**2. ZONE B (see map):** Those areas south or west of a line described as: beginning at the intersection of the Mississippi state line and US Hwy. 80 (Sumter County), east along US Hwy. 80 to the US Hwy. 80 Bypass in Selma (Dallas County); east along US Hwy. 80 Bypass to the Alabama River; east along the Alabama River to I-65; south along I-65 to the intersection with I-85; north along I-85 to AL Hwy. 169 (Exit 60-Lee County); south along AL Hwy. 169 to AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431; south along

AL Hwy. 1/US Hwy. 431 to AL Hwy. 26; west along AL Hwy. 26 to Russell County Road 65; south along Russell County Road 65 to Russell County Road 4; west along Russell County Road 4 to Russell County Road 49; south along Russell County Road 49 to US Hwy. 82; east along US Hwy. 82 to US Hwy. 431; south along US Hwy. 431 to US Hwy. 82; east along US Hwy. 82 to the Chattahoochee River; south along the Chattahoochee River to AL Hwy. 10; west along AL Hwy. 10 to Henry County Road 57; south along Henry County Road 57 to Henry County Road 99; south along Henry County Road 99 to US Hwy. 431; south along US Hwy. 431 to Ross Clark Circle (bypass around Dothan); east along Ross Clark Circle to US Hwy. 231; south along US Hwy. 231 to the Alabama/Florida state line; west along the Alabama/Florida state line to the Alabama/Mississippi state line, north along the Alabama/Mississippi state line ending at US Hwy. 80 (Sumter County). **Excludes Zone E description below.**

**3. ZONE C (see map):** Those areas of Blount, Cullman, Etowah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Marion, Morgan, Marshall, St. Clair, Walker, and Winston Counties with the following boundaries: beginning at the Colbert County/Franklin County line on US Hwy. 43/13, south along US Hwy. 43/13 to Spruce Pine (Franklin County); south along AL Hwy. 13 to AL Hwy. 195 in Haleyville (Winston County); north along AL Hwy. 195 to Winston County Road 93; north along Winston County Road 93 to Franklin County Road 93; north along Franklin County Road 93 to Franklin County Road 81; north along Franklin County Road 81 to Franklin County Road 83; north along Franklin County Road 83 to AL Hwy. 24; east along Alabama Hwy. 24 to intersection with AL Hwy. 157 in Moulton (Lawrence County); south along AL Hwy. 157 to Cullman County Road 1114; south along Cullman County Road 1114 to US Hwy. 278 in Jones Chapel (Cullman County); west along US Hwy. 278 to Helicon Road (Winston County Road 77); south along Helicon Road (Winston County Road 77) to Winston County Road 41 in Arley (Winston County); south along Winston County Road 41 to the Sipsey Fork; south along the Sipsey Fork to US Hwy. 69; north along US Hwy. 69 to I-65; south along I-65 to I-59; north along I-59 to US Hwy. 11; north along US Hwy. 11 to Etowah County/Dekalb County line; west along Etowah County/Dekalb County line to Dekalb County/Marshall County line; north along Dekalb County/Marshall County line to Marshall County/Jackson County line, north along Marshall County/Jackson County line to Tennessee River; west along Tennessee River to the Colbert County/Lawrence County line; south along the

Colbert County/Lawrence County line to the Colbert County/Franklin County line; west along the Colbert County/Franklin County line ending at US Hwy. 43/13.

**Excludes Zone D description below .**

4. **ZONE D (see map)**: Those areas of Cullman, Franklin, Lawrence, Morgan and Winston Counties with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of AL Hwy. 157 and AL Hwy. 24 in Moulton (Lawrence County); south along AL Hwy. 157 to Cullman County Road 1114; south along Cullman County Road 1114 to US Hwy. 278 in Jones Chapel (Cullman County); west along US Hwy. 278 to Helicon Road (Winston County Road 77); west along Helicon Road (Winston County Road 77) to Winston County Road 41 in Arley (Winston County); south along Winston County Road 41 to the Sipsey Fork; south along the Sipsey Fork to the Winston County/Walker County line; west along the Winston County/Walker County line to AL Hwy. 5; north along AL Hwy. 5 to AL Hwy. 13 at Natural Bridge (Winston County); north along AL Hwy. 13 to AL Hwy. 195 in Haleyville (Winston County); north along AL Hwy. 195 to Winston County Road 93; north along Winston County Road 93 to Franklin County Road 93; north along Franklin County Road 93 to Franklin County Road 81; north along Franklin County Road 81 to Franklin County Road 83; north along Franklin County Road 83 to AL Hwy. 24; east along AL Hwy. 24 ending at intersection with AL Hwy. 157 in Moulton (Lawrence County).

5. **ZONE E (see map)**: Those areas of Barbour and Russell Counties with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of US Hwy. 82 and US Hwy. 431 in Eufaula (Barbour County), north along US Hwy. 431 to US Hwy. 280; east along US Hwy. 280 to the Chattahoochee River; south along the Chattahoochee River to US Hwy. 82; west along US Hwy. 82 ending at intersection with US Hwy. 431 (Barbour County); and those areas of Calhoun, Cherokee, and Cleburne Counties with the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of I-20 and AL Hwy. 21 (Calhoun County); north along AL Hwy. 21 to AL Hwy. 9 in Piedmont (Calhoun County); north along AL Hwy. 9 to US Hwy. 278; east along US Hwy. 278 to the Alabama/Georgia state line; south along the Alabama/Georgia state line to I-20; west along I-20 ending at intersection with AL Hwy. 21 (Calhoun County).

6. **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Zone (see map)**: The CWD Management Zone (CMZ) includes all of Lauderdale, 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 County line; east along the Franklin County/Winston County 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, 2024 - February 10, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		November 15-18, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>			
	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 18-22, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 23, 2024 - February 10, 2025	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 23 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 5, 2025	Either Sex

		January 6 - February 10, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 23, 2024 - January 15, 2025	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 23 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 5, 2025	Either Sex
		January 6-15, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only



<b>Zone B</b>			
<b>Archery-Stalk Hunting</b>		October 15-24, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		October 25, 2024 - February 10, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		November 15-18, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>			
	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 18-22, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 23, 2024 - February 10, 2025	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 23 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 5, 2025	Either Sex
		January 6 - February 10, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 23, 2024 - January 15, 2025	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 23 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 5, 2025	Either Sex

		January 6 - 15, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
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<b>Zone C</b>			
<b>Archery-Stalk Hunting</b>		October 15, 2024- February 10, 2025	Either Sex
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		November 15-18, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>			
	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 18-22, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 23 - December 1, 2024	Either Sex
		December 2-13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Either Sex
		January 2 - February 10, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 23 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Either Sex
		January 2 - February 10, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 23 - December 1, 2024	Either Sex
		December 2-13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only

		December 14, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Either Sex
		January 2 - 15, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 23 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Either Sex
		January 2 - 15, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only

<b>Zone D</b>			
<b>Archery-Stalk Hunting</b>		October 1, 2024 - January 15, 2025	Either Sex
		January 16 - 27, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		November 1-4, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>			
	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 4-8, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 9-22, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		November 23 - December 1, 2024	Either Sex
		December 2-13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Either Sex
		January 2 - 27, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 9 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Either Sex
		January 2 - 27, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 9-22, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only

		November 23 - December 1, 2024	Either Sex
		December 2-13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 -January 1, 2025	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 9 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Either Sex

<b>Zone E</b>			
<b>Archery-Stalk Hunting</b>		October 1, 2024 - January 15, 2025	Either Sex
		January 16 - 27, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		November 1-4, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>			
	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 4-8, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 9, 2024 - January 15, 2025	Either Sex
		January 16 - 27, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 9 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Either Sex
		January 2 - 27, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only
<b>Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 9, 2024- January 1, 2025	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 9 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Either Sex

<b>Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone (CMZ)</b>			
			Either Sex

<b>Archery-Stalk Hunting</b>		October 15, 2024- February 10, 2025	
<b>Special Youth Gun</b>		November 15-18, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Special Muzzleloader and Air Rifle</b>			
	Privately Owned or Leased Land and Open Permit Public Lands (Stalk Hunting Only)	November 18-22, 2024	Either Sex
<b>Gun Deer-Stalk Hunting</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 23, 2024 - February 10, 2025	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Land	November 23 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 5, 2025	Either Sex
		January 6 - February 10, 2025	Either Sex (effective: 12-23-2024)
<b>Gun Deer-Dog Deer Hunting: Where Allowed</b>			
	On Privately Owned or Leased Land Only	November 23, 2024 - January 15, 2025	Either Sex
	On Open Permit Public Lands Where Allowed	November 23 - December 13, 2024	Antlered Bucks Only
		December 14, 2024 - January 5, 2025	Either Sex
		January 6 - 15, 2025	Antlered Bucks Only



(h) **SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:**

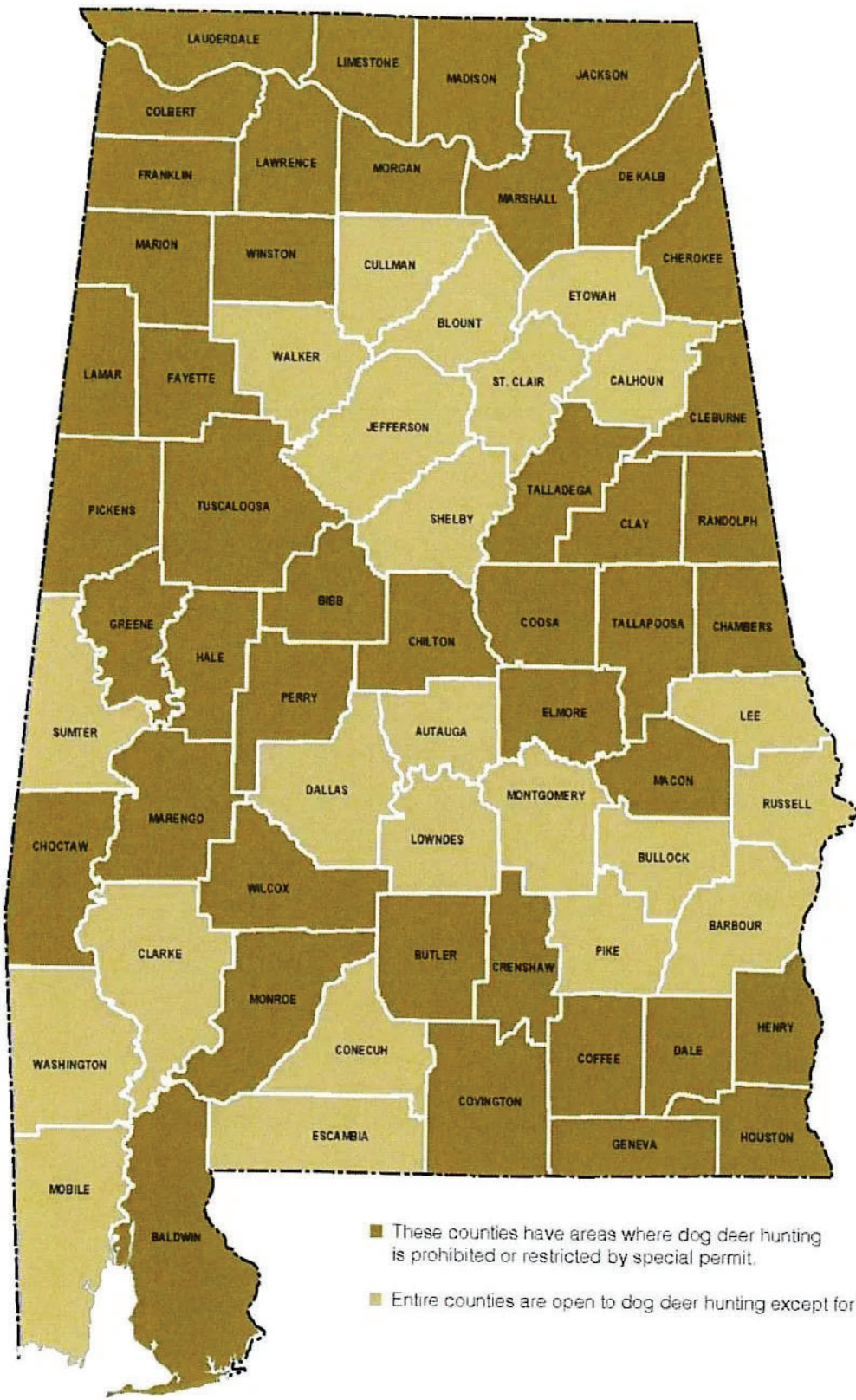
1. **DOG DEER HUNTING RESTRICTIONS:**

(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); **MARENGO; MONROE; PICKENS** (north of US Hwy. 82); **TALLAPOOSA;** and **WILCOX** counties. Individual property owners in **CHAMBERS** and **COOSA** counties may hunt with dogs on their own property without special permit. No dog deer hunting allowed on Open Permit-Public Land (see 220-2-.85).

(ii) **By Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs):** **BIBB; PERRY;** (that area inside the following boundaries: east of AL Hwy. 219, south of US Hwy. 82 and north of AL Hwy. 183); **BUTLER** (that area south of AL Hwy. 106 and east of I-65); **CHEROKEE; CHILTON; CLEBURNE;** **COFFEE** (that area inside the following boundaries: AL Hwy. 134 from the Covington County Line, east to County Road 460, south to the Geneva County line, east to the Dale County line, north to AL Hwy. 134, west to AL Hwy. 87, north to US Hwy. 84, west to AL Hwy. 189, south to AL Hwy. 141, north to US Hwy. 84, west to the Covington County line); **CRENSHAW** (north of AL Hwy. 10 and that area inside the following boundaries: from the east city limit of Luverne, US Hwy. 29 east to the junction of County Road 57, County Road 57 south to the junction of Davis Road, Davis Road west to County Road 41, County Road 41 south to US Hwy. 331, US Hwy. 331 north to County Road 41, County Road 41 north to County Road 39, County Road 39 north to the Luverne city limit);

**DALE** (that area inside the following boundaries: Judy Creek south to Dale County Road 36, east to AL Hwy. 27, north to the Henry County line, north to the Barbour County line, west to Judy Creek); **DEKALB; ELMORE** (that area inside the following boundaries: east of US Hwy. 231, south of AL Hwy. 14, west of Tumkeehatchee Creek and north of the Tallapoosa River); **FAYETTE** (that area inside the following boundaries: west of US Hwy 43 and north of AL Hwy. 18); **FRANKLIN; HALE** and **PERRY**: (that area inside the following boundaries: from Hale County Road 32 at the Hale County Line, west to the intersection of AL Hwy. 25, AL Hwy. 25 north until it intersects with the Talladega National Forest boundary, following the boundary south until it intersects the Perry County line, following the National Forest boundary east to Perry County Road 23, south to the intersection of Perry County Road 29, south to the Spring Hill Church Road, Spring Hill Church Road west to the junction of Perry County Road 23 and AL Hwy. 14, west to the Hale County line); **GREENE; PICKENS** and **TUSCALOOSA**: (that area inside the following boundaries: in Pickens County from the intersection of US Hwy. 82 and County Road 63, south on County Road 63 to Benevola, County Road 2 (commonly known as the Romulus Road) east through Greene County to US Hwy. 82 in Tuscaloosa County); **HOUSTON; JACKSON; LAMAR; LAUDERDALE; LAWRENCE; LIMESTONE; MADISON; MARION; MARSHALL; MORGAN; RANDOLPH; TUSCALOOSA** (that area north of US Hwy. 82); and **WINSTON** (that area east of AL Hwy. 5 from the Walker County line to Natural Bridge and all that area north of US Hwy. 278).

## **DOG DEER HUNTING RESTRICTIONS AT A GLANCE**



- These counties have areas where dog deer hunting is prohibited or restricted by special permit.
- Entire counties are open to dog deer hunting except for WMAs

2. **U.S. CORP OF ENGINEERS LANDS:** On U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Lands in Alabama, the special muzzleloader, air rifle, and unantlered deer seasons are allowed the same as privately owned or leased lands in those counties, if USACE does not further restrict. Be aware to consult USACE regulations regarding hunting activities and boat ramp use prior to hunting USACE regulated areas. Special Permits from the USACE may be required and some USACE areas are closed to hunting.

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

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

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

(i) **STALK HUNTING:** Same season dates as open permit for county except Wildlife Management Areas - one deer per day.

(ii) **DOG DEER HUNTING:** No Dogs, except for USFS Lands within Calhoun, Clay, and Talladega counties during the Dog Deer Season on open permit-public lands-on Thursdays and Fridays until 2:00 p.m.; on weekends during legal shooting hours. No dog deer hunting on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of each week unless Christmas Day or New Year's Day falls on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. No other state or federal holidays are included in this exception. One deer per day.

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

(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 MANAGMENT ZONE (CMZ) :**

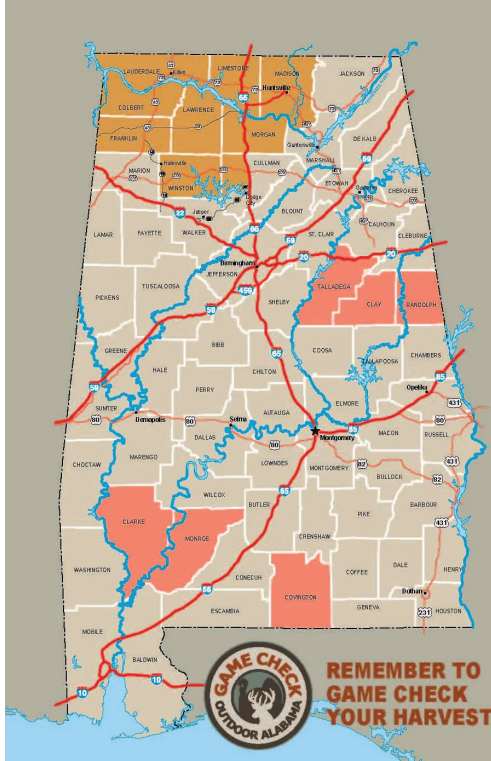
During Deer Gun Season on privately owned or leased land only, two unantlered deer may be taken per day.

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(2) **TURKEY:**

# TURKEY SEASON ZONES

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



- ZONE 1**  
SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT MARCH 22 – 23 (DECOYS ALLOWED)  
SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT MARCH 24 (DECOYS ALLOWED)  
SPRING SEASON MARCH 25 – MAY 8 (DECOYS ALLOWED APRIL 4 - MAY 8)
- ZONE 2**  
SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT MARCH 29 – 30 (DECOYS ALLOWED)  
SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT MARCH 31 (DECOYS ALLOWED)  
SPRING SEASON APRIL 1 – MAY 8 (DECOYS ALLOWED APRIL 11 - MAY 8)
- ZONE 3**  
FALL SEASON NOVEMBER 16 – 24 (NO DECOYS ALLOWED)  
FALL SEASON DECEMBER 14 – 29 (NO DECOYS ALLOWED)  
SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT MARCH 22 – 23 (DECOYS ALLOWED)  
SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT MARCH 24 (DECOYS ALLOWED)  
SPRING SEASON MARCH 25 – MAY 8 (DECOYS ALLOWED APRIL 4 - MAY 8)

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

**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 5 (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, Oakmulgee Ranger District, Tuskegee Ranger District and Conecuh Ranger District) and REMAINDER OF WMAs THAT ALLOW TURKEY HUNTING:  
Special Youth Hunt - March 29 (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.



(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) **SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT** **March 22 – 23**  
Decoys allowed.
    - (ii) **SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT** **March 24**  
Decoys allowed.
    - (iii) **SPRING SEASON** **March 25-May 8**  
**April 4-May 8**  
Decoys allowed.

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) **SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT** **March 29 - 30**  
Decoys allowed.
- (ii) **SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT** **March 31**  
Decoys allowed.
- (iii) **SPRING SEASON** **April 1-May 8**  
Decoys allowed. **April 11-May**

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

- (i) **FALL SEASON (decoys prohibited):**  
**November 16 - November 24**  
**December 14 - December 29**
- (ii) **SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT** **March 22 - 23**  
Decoys allowed.
- (iii) **SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT** **March 24**  
Decoys allowed.
- (iv) **SPRING SEASON** **March 25-May 8**  
Decoys allowed. **April 4-May 8**

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

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

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

Limit 15 a Day - (90 Days)

<b>Split Season with Shooting Hours:</b>	
12 o'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)	<b>September 7</b>
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)	<b>September 8 -October 20</b>
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)	<b>November 23 - December 1</b>
One half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)	<b>December 14 - January 19</b>

- (b) **SOUTH ZONE: Baldwin; Coffee; Covington; Dale; Escambia; Geneva; Henry; Houston; and Mobile.** Limit 15 a Day - (90 days)

<b>Split Season with Shooting Hours:</b>
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12 o'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)	<b>September 14</b>
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)	<b>September 15 - October 27</b>
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)	<b>November 23 - December 1</b>
One half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)	<b>December 14 - January 19</b>

(4) **BOBWHITE QUAIL:** **November 2 - February 28**  
 Limit 8 a Day - 8 in Possession  
 Closed on the Bankhead National Forest

(5) **RABBIT:** **September 14 - March 2**  
 Limit 8 a Day - 8 in Possession

(6) **SQUIRREL:** **September 14 - March 2**  
 Limit 8 a Day - 8 in Possession  
 Fox squirrel closed on the Bankhead National Forest

(7) **RACCOON:** **No Closed Season**  
 No Bag Limit - Private Owned and Leased Lands  
 Limit 5 per Party -

**No Closed Season**

Open Permit-Public Land

May be hunted daytime and nighttime hours.

**\*No running of dogs on open-permit lands during daytime or after 3:00 am during spring turkey season.**

(8) **OPOSSUM:** No Bag Limit **No Closed Season**  
 May be hunted daytime and nighttime hours.

**\*No running of dogs on open-permit lands during daytime or after 3:00 am during spring turkey.**

(9) **ALLIGATOR:** **By Special Limited Quota Permit Only**  
 Must apply on-line at [www.outdooralabama.com](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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in August - Sunrise on the Sunday immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in August*

*Sunset on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in August - Sunrise on the Sunday immediately following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in August*

*Sunset on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in September - Sunrise on the Sunday immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**\*No running of dogs on open-permit lands during daytime or after 3:00 am during spring turkey season.**

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

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(11) **COYOTE:** No Bag Limit - Daylight Hours Only

**No Closed Season**

See 220-2-.07 for legal hunting hours.

Trapping by landowner or his/her agent.

**\*No running of dogs on open-permit lands during daytime or after 3:00 am during spring turkey season.**

(a) **PRIVATELY OWNED AND LEASED LANDS:**

**Special Nighttime Season**

No Bag Limit - May be hunted during nighttime hours only.

**\*Begins 12:00 am on the day after the last day of Gun Deer Season in that Zone and ends 30 minutes prior to**



sunrise on the opening day of Archery Deer Season in that Zone.

Must have a valid annual resident or nonresident nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license.

Additional license may be required.

**Note: Landowner(s) or his/her official agent may obtain a permit through the local district office for nuisance control hunting outside of the dates of deer gun season.**

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(12) **FERAL SWINE:** No Bag Limit - Daylight Hours Only  
No Closed Season

See 220-2-.07 for legal hunting hours.

Upon capture, it shall be unlawful to release any live feral swine.

See regulation 220-2-.86.

Trapping by landowner or his/her agent.

(a) **PRIVATELY OWNED AND LEASED LANDS - DOGS ONLY:**  
Special Nighttime Season  
May 10 - August 31

No Bag Limit - May be hunted nighttime hours only

Dogs only - no firearms allowed.

(b) **PRIVATELY OWNED AND LEASED LANDS:**  
Special Nighttime Season

No Bag Limit - May be hunted during nighttime hours only.

\*Begins 12:00 am on the day after the last day of Gun Deer Season in that Zone and ends 30 minutes prior to sunrise on the opening day of Archery Deer Season in that Zone.

Must have a valid annual resident or nonresident nighttime feral swine and coyote hunting license.

Additional license may be required.

**Note: Landowner(s) or his/her official agent may obtain a permit through the local district office for nuisance control hunting outside of the dates of deer gun season.**

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(13) **FOX:** No Bag Limit  
No Closed Season

May be hunted daytime and nighttime hours.

Nighttime hours with dogs only. See Trapping for more information.

\*No running of dogs on open-permit lands during daytime or after 3:00 am during spring turkey season.

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

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(14) **BEAVER, NUTRIA, AND GROUNDHOG:** No Closed Season  
No Bag Limit - Daylight Hours Only

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(15) **STARLINGS, CROWS, AND HOUSE SPARROWS:** No Closed Season  
No Bag Limit - Daylight Hours Only

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(16) **BEAR, MOUNTAIN LION, AND RUFFED GROUSE:** No Open Season

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