

**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE**  
**MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that sealed per unit bids for the purchase and removal of timber will be received by the Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (DCNRWFF) at the Madison County Public Fishing Lake office, 2501 County Lake Road, Gurley, AL 35748 until 2:00 P.M. Central Standard Time (CST), on July 27, 2026.

The timber to be sold is located on the following described lands:

**Timber to be harvested consists of approximately 126 +/- acres of timber located in Sections 2 and 3, Township 3 South, Range 2 East; and approximately 8.2 +/- acres of timber located in Section 35, Township 2 South, Range 2 East, all in Madison County, Alabama, on the Madison County Public Fishing Lake.**

**Estimated volumes are:** 6,195 tons of pine pulpwood, 7,706 tons of blended pine chip-n-saw/sawtimber, and 149 tons of cedar. Estimated volumes are not guaranteed. Bidders must satisfy themselves about volumes.

**Description of Timber:** Timber to be sold consists of approximately 58.1 +/- acres of pine plantation and 76.1 +/- acres of natural pine to be thinned. This will be a second thin; of which, harvesting will require leaving 50 square feet (+/- 10 square feet) of basal area per acre overall while also leaving 60 square feet (+/- 10 square feet) of basal area per acre when within 100 feet of the lake. The goal of the operator select thinning is to target the removal of forked, diseased, and suppressed trees, while leaving the best dominant and codominant trees adequately spaced, at the specified basal area. Hardwood trees will not be cut however the residual basal area goal may include dominant and codominant hardwoods to achieve the desired basal area.

The purchaser must follow Alabama BMP Guidelines. Sale boundaries may be marked with pink or blue flagging. Fire lanes, roads, and/or a perimeter of pine stands may serve as sale boundaries when other markings are not noticeable. Property boundaries may be marked with yellow paint. Any logging slash accumulated on the loading decks will be redistributed on the skid trails to minimize erosion. No skidding or logging activities will take place in or through unauthorized cutting areas or SMZ's within the harvest area.

Purchaser shall number the loads of timber and/or trees cut from said lands with highly visible paint on both sides of the loaded trailer up front near the first bunk on the trailer. Also, Purchaser shall keep a record of all loads of timber and/or trees cut from said lands on site. **Preservation of the residual trees is of essence to this timber sale and the Timber Sale Agreement will include a heavy penalty for damage to residual trees.** Game openings, recreation areas, and fire lanes cannot be used for loading grounds and/or skid trails. Road development and maintenance serving the harvest area will be the responsibility of the successful bidder and only roads approved by DCNRWFF shall be permitted for use in logging and/or hauling activities. Water barring and re-vegetation of major skid trails and the re-vegetation of loading decks will be completed by the successful bidder if deemed necessary by DCNRWFF. No logging, processing, on-site equipment maintenance or wood hauling activities will be permitted during the months of May and June. Trailers dollyed down next to the county roads may be hauled. Leave trees are not to be damaged.

This is a "pay as you cut" sale. An advanced payment of \$12,000 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check is due with the bid. Payments due to the Department shall be credited against the advanced payment until the value of timber products cut and delivered exceeds the amount advanced. When volumes of timber cut and delivered exceed that paid in the advance payment, further payments will be made weekly for those products harvested that week.

**SUBMIT BIDS TO:** Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, Fisheries Section, Attn: Mark Bales, 2501 County Lake Road, Gurley, AL 35748. All bids must be clearly marked on the front of the envelope, "DCNR, WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES, FISHERIES SECTION, TIMBER BID – MADISON PFL, TO BE OPENED AT 11:00 A.M. CST ON July 28, 2026" to avoid being opened as ordinary mail. Sealed Bid Proposals will be read aloud publicly at: 11:00 A.M. CST, July 28, 2026, at 64 North Union St., Suite 584, Montgomery, AL 36130-1901.

NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON AFTER 2:00 P.M. CST on July 27, 2026. IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE ACTUAL RECEIPT OF THE BID BY DCNRWFF PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE.

Timber inspection may be made between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. CST weekdays. To inspect timber, request information, obtain a copy of the contract, a map, or if ADA accommodations are needed, contact Mark Bales at (256) 998-2351. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least seven days prior to the date of the bid opening.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Sealed bids must include: a letter with your company name, address, contact information, and your bid rates per ton for the "pay as cut" sale. **Submit per ton bids for the following products: 1) Pine Pulpwood, 2) Blended Pine Chip-N-Saw and Sawtimber, and 3) Cedar. The bid must be accompanied with a \$12,000 ADVANCE PAYMENT in the form of a cashier's or a certified check. Make all checks payable to: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.** Purchaser shall have twelve (12) months to cut and remove timber and may be extended at DCNRWFF's sole discretion for up to one year. The successful bidder shall be required to comply with all Alabama's Best Management Practices for Forestry.

Successful bidder will be required to submit a performance bond, irrevocable letter of credit or certified check/cashier's check in the amount of \$5,000 within twenty days of the date of receipt of contract otherwise, the award may be deemed to have been withdrawn and the deposit forfeited to the State.

DCNRWFF reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All laws of the State of Alabama concerning the sale of timber from state-owned properties shall govern this sale whether or not included in this notice.

DCNRWFF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, pregnancy, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, or disability in its hiring practices or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities.

All responses received will be subject to the Alabama Open Records Act; Ala. Code §36-12-40, (1975), as amended, and may be subject to public disclosure upon request.

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Christopher M. Blankenship, Commissioner  
Department of Conservation  
and Natural Resources