

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Office of Wildlife

Resident Game Hunting Season, Resident Game Birds and Animals, Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program, General and Wildlife Management Area Rules and Regulations, General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits, and Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits.

(LAC XIX.101, 103, 107, 111, 113, 115, and 117)

Notice is hereby given that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission proposes to amend the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2017-2018 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2017-2019 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, and seasons, and bag limits for the 2018 turkey season, and the migratory bird seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the 2017-2018 hunting season.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for Seasons or Specific Regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or Specific Localities

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	OPENS: 3rd Saturday of November CLOSES: Last Day of February	10	20 <u>2030</u>
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: 1st Saturday of October CLOSES: Last Day of February	8	16 <u>24</u>
Squirrel*	OPENS: 1st Saturday of May for 23 days	3	6 <u>9</u>
Deer <u>2016-18</u> <u>2017-19</u>	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1	<u>Deer Areas</u> <u>1,2,3,5,6,7,8, and 9</u>

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
		antlerless (when legal)	6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless deer)! <u>Deer Area 4 limit</u> <u>3/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer).</u> <u>Deer Area 10 limit 3/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer).</u>

*NOTE: Spring squirrel season is closed on the Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property. Some state wildlife management areas will be open, check WMA season schedule.

C. Deer Hunting Schedule 2016-2017 2017-2018

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.

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		<p>next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p>
2	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 7 days.</p>	<p>OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years</p>	<p>OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years
3	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	
4	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY) UNLESS EITHER

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		<p>FOR 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Friday after Thanksgiving CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 4th Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 4th Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>

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			<p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>	
5	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p>

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		REMAINDER OF SEASON)	before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)
6	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.

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7	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY);	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Mon. after 3rd Sun. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri Before 1st Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY) OPENS: 2nd Sat of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov.	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: After 35 days (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)

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			<p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</p>	
8	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.</p>	<p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 37 days.</p>
9	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS</p>

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		Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)	EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)	EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)

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10	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLYEITHER SEX)	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days(BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. in Oct. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Fri. after	

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			<p>Thanksgiving.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after</p> <p>Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after</p> <p>Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after</p> <p>Christmas. (EITHER SEX)</p>	

D. Deer Hunting Schedule ~~2017-2018~~2018-2019

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p>
2	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of</p>	<p>OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</p>	<p>OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd</p>	<p>OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during</p>

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	Jan.	<p>OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 7 days.</p>	<p>numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>even numbered years</p> <p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years</p> <p>CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years</p>
3	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: After 37 days</p>	
4	OPENS: 1st day of Oct.	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd</p>	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when

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	<p>CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX FOR 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p>	<p>there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 4th Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 4th Sat. of Dec.</p>

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			<p>OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Friday after Thanksgiving CLOSSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Jan. CLOSSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Jan. CLOSSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>(EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)</p>
5	OPENS: 1st	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov.	OPENS: Sat. before	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of

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	<p>day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES:</p> <p>Feb. 15</p> <p>(1st 15 days</p> <p>are BUCKS</p> <p>ONLY)</p>	<p>CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd</p> <p>Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS</p> <p>ONLY)</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the</p> <p>next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Last day of</p> <p>Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7</p> <p>DAYS, BUCKS ONLY</p> <p>FOR REMAINDER OF</p> <p>SEASON)</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>EXCEPT when there</p> <p>are 5 Sats. in Nov., then</p> <p>it will open on the 3rd</p> <p>Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before</p> <p>2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>EXCEPT when there</p> <p>are 5 Sats. in Nov. and</p> <p>then it will close on the</p> <p>Fri. before the 1st Sat.</p> <p>of Dec. (BUCKS</p> <p>ONLY UNLESS</p> <p>EITHER SEX</p> <p>SEASON IS IN</p> <p>PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after</p> <p>Thanksgiving day.</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>Dec. EXCEPT when</p> <p>there are 5 Sats. in</p> <p>Nov., then it will open</p> <p>on the 1st Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Next to last</p> <p>Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS</p> <p>ONLY UNLESS</p> <p>EITHER SEX</p> <p>SEASON IS IN</p> <p>PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of</p> <p>Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after</p> <p>2nd Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. after</p> <p>Christmas.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after</p> <p>Christmas. (EITHER</p> <p>SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. in</p> <p>Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after</p>

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6	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.
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			1st Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY) OPENS: 2nd Sat of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)	Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)
8	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES:	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after	OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37

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	Jan. 15	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	Thanksgiving Day.	days.
9	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov.(BUCKS ONLY) OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.(EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after

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G. Spring squirrel hunting:

3. wildlife management area schedule—opens first Saturday of May for nine days on all WMAs except Fort Polk, Peason Ridge, Camp Beauregard, Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador. Dogs are allowed during this season for squirrel hunting. ~~Feral hogs may be taken on wildlife management areas during this season;~~

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§107. Experimental Dove Field Leasing Program

B. The following rules will apply to those lands which dove hunting rights have been leased by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the day(s) specified in the lease.

4. ~~Shot larger than size 7 1/2 is prohibited.~~ Shot is restricted to non-toxic shot, size 6 and smaller.

~~5. Only mourning doves may be taken.~~

~~65.~~ Loaded firearms are prohibited in vehicles or at check stations.

~~76.~~ Persons exhibiting unsafe gun handling shall be removed from the field(s).

~~87.~~ Vehicles are restricted to designated areas or roads.

~~98.~~ No Littering. Each hunter is responsible for removing his/her trash, including shell hulls, from the leased property.

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§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. Prior to hunting deer, all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain deer tags and have in possession when hunting deer. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the hunter must tag the deer with the appropriate carcass tag and document the kill on the deer tag license. Within ~~seven days~~ 72 hours of the kill, the hunter must validate the kill. Hunters harvesting deer on DMAP lands can validate deer per instructions by LDWF using the DMAP harvest data sheets. Hunters on WMAS can validate deer during mandatory deer check hunts, when deer check stations are in operation. Hunters may validate deer by calling the validation toll free number or using the validation website.

2. ~~2016-2017~~2017-2018 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer (all segments included) by all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either sex days for these parishes and areas. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

3. ~~2017-2018~~2018-2019 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer (all segments included) by all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either sex days for these parishes and areas. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

4. A legal antlered deer is a deer with at least one visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin, ~~except on Alexander State Forest WMA, Bayou Macon WMA, Big Lake WMA, Bodeau WMA, Boeuf WMA, Buckhorn WMA, Dewey Wills WMA, Jackson Bienville WMA, Loggy Bayou WMA, Ouachita WMA, Pearl River WMA, Pomme de Terre WMA, Red River WMA, Russell Sage WMA, Sicily Island Hills WMA, Spring Bayou WMA, Three Rivers WMA and Union WMA during the experimental quality deer season (See the specific WMA schedule for more information.). A legal antlered deer during the experimental quality deer season shall be defined as a deer with at least four points on one side. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.~~ Killing antlerless deer is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

11. Primitive Firearms Season: Still Hunt Only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Primitive firearms license is required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas except as otherwise specified. ~~It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a primitive firearm, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special primitive firearms segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).~~

13. Hunter Orange. Any person hunting any wildlife during the open gun deer hunting season and possessing buckshot, slugs, a primitive firearm, or a centerfire rifle shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink". Persons hunting on privately owned land may wear a hunter orange or blaze pink cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned or to archery deer hunters hunting on lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange or blaze pink cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap

or hat may be concealed. Warning: deer hunters are cautioned to watch for persons hunting other game or engaged in activities not requiring "hunter orange" or "blaze pink".

F. Description of Areas, ~~2015-2017~~2017-2019

4. Area 4

a. All of St. Helena and Washington Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. East Baton Rouge—all except that portion west of I-110 and west of US 61;

ii. East Feliciana—east of US 61;

iii. West Feliciana—east of US 61;

iv. Livingston—north of I-12;

v. Tangipahoa—north of I-12;

vi. St. Tammany—all except that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to

Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

5. Area 5

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. St. Martin Parish south of I-10 and east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

ii. Iberville Parish—south of I-10 and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

iii. Iberia Parish—east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

iv. St. Mary Parish—east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

v. high water benchmark closure. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville and St. Martin parishes south of I-10, west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, and north of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet mssl at Butte LaRose, and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 17 feet msl at Butte LaRose. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville, St. Martin, St. Mary and Iberia parishes west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet msl at Butte LaRose, and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 14 feet msl at Butte LaRose.

6. Area 6

- a. All of Point Coupee Parish is open.
- b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:
 - i. Avoyelles—all except that portion west of I-49;
 - ii. Evangeline—that portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;
 - iii. Iberville—all north of I-10, and that portion south of I-10 at the Atchafalaya Basin protection levee south to Upper Grand River, then north of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then west of the Intracoastal Canal northward to Bayou Plaquemine, then north of Bayou Plaquemine to the Mississippi River;
 - iv. Lafayette—north of I-10 and east of I-49;
 - v. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;
 - vi. St. Landry—east of US 167;

- vii. St. Martin—north of I-10;
- viii. East Baton Rouge—northwest of I-110 and west of US 61;
- ix. West Feliciana—west of US 61;
- x. East Feliciana—west of US 61;
- xi. West Baton Rouge—north I-10.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles—north of LA 1 from Simmesport westward to LA 115 at Marksville, east of LA 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to LA 1 at Simmesport;

ii. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

iii. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

G. WMA Regulations

3. Special Seasons

k. Small Game Emphasis Areas. Specially designated areas on certain WMAs will allow small game hunting with dogs, confined to that specific area when the remainder of the WMA is restricted to still hunt only. Additionally, off season training of rabbit and bird dogs may be allowed on some of the small game emphasis areas. Small game emphasis areas are offered on Big Colewa Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bayou Pierre, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Marsh Bayou, Ouachita, Pomme de Terre, Richard K. Yancey, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, and Walnut Hill WMAs.

4. Firearms

e. The following cannot be carried onto any WMA except during modern and primitive firearm deer seasons and during special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs (consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations):

- i. centerfire rifles;
- ii. centerfire break-action and centerfire bolt-action handguns;
- iii. centerfire scoped handguns;
- iv. shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel.

5. Methods of Taking Game

b. On WMAs the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer per season the Deer Area limit for the Deer Area that a WMA is contained within (all segments included) by all methods of take.

g. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Areas: special deer and waterfowl hunting areas, blinds and stands identified with LDWF logos, have been established for physically challenged hunter permit (PCHP) wheelchair confined hunters on WMAs. Hunters must obtain a PCHP permit and are required to make reservations to use blinds and stands. PCHP wheelchair hunting areas are available on Alexander State Forest, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Elbow Slough, Floy McElroy, Fort Polk-Vernon, Jackson-Bienville, Ouachita, Sandy Hollow, and Sherburne WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call the LDWF field offices in Pineville, Lake Charles, Opelousas, Minden, Monroe or Hammond for information.

n. All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) except waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters and

hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit, squirrel and feral hogs are required to wear a minimum of a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) except waterfowl hunters also must wear a minimum of a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel and feral hogs. Also all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "hunter orange" or “blaze pink”. Hunters participating in special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs must display 400 square inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” and wear a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap.

o. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons on certain WMAs (see WMA schedule) and except non-toxic shot, size 6 or smaller must be used for dove, rail, snipe, and gallinule. Consult regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited. Spring squirrel season with or without dogs: first Saturday of May for nine days. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMAs.

15. Hogs. Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, Clear Creek, Jackson-Bienville, Little River, Pass a Loutre, Pearl River, Sabine, Sabine Island, and West Bay and that portion of Dewey W. Wills north of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions, except as allowed by permit from either the Minden, Lake Charles, Monroe, Pineville, Hammond or Opelousas offices. During the February dog season hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. Additionally, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and

Salvador/Timken WMAs from February 16 through March 31 with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs, see regulation pamphlet.

17. WMAs Hunting Schedule and Regulations

f. Biloxi. ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft “long tail” air-cooled mud motors that are 4625 total horsepower or less on the WMA. All other types of mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels (including “surface drive” boats) are prohibited. All ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles are prohibited.

i. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Limited access area, no motorized vessels or vehicles allowed from November through January. Road Closures: Hunt Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gage (available at <http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=CE7F3AA4&fid=&dt=S>) reach 45.0 ft msl, and will reopen when water levels recede to 43.0 ft. msl; Muddy Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gage (available at <http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=CE7F3AA4&fid=&dt=S>) reach 42.0 ft. msl and will reopen when water levels recede to 40.0 msl; and Sandy Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gage (available at <http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=CE7F3AA4&fid=&dt=S>) reach 42.0 ft. msl and will reopen when water levels recede to 40.0 msl.

n. Joyce. Swamp walk: closed between 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise, no loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

r. Maurepas Swamp. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of nature trail. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day. Benchmark closure: area closed to all deer hunting when USGS water level gauge CRMS 5373, available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/la/nwis/rt> is at or above 3.0 ft. msl and

reopened to deer hunting when water levels recede to 2.5 ft. msl following a closure. Motorized vehicles prohibited on Crusel Tract (see WMA map for Crusel Tract).

t. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of nature trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a fee. Crawfish: Commercial crawfishing prohibited. 100 pounds per person per day.

v. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Parking of motorized vehicles on levees prohibited. Hunting until 12 noon on all game, except for mourning dove hunting and youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: gate will be open all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational fishing: shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All boats powered by engines having total horsepower above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue, Grand Bayou Blue, St. Louis Canal and Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes unless authorized by the LDWF. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the LDWF. Limited access area, no internal

combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited.

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§113. General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

B. Tags

1. Prior to hunting turkeys, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags and have them in their possession while turkey hunting. Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must attach a carcass tag to the turkey before it is moved from the site of the kill and must document the kill on the turkey harvest report card. The date of kill and parish of kill must be recorded on the carcass tag. The tag must remain attached to the turkey while kept at camp or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at a camp must also comply with game possession tag regulations. Within ~~seven days~~ **72 hours** of the kill, the hunter must report the kill. Hunters may report turkeys by calling the validation phone number or using the validation website.

G. WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

1. WMAs with youth turkey hunts are closed to all activities except turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants, shooting range use, and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt.

2. ~~Self Clearing Permits. All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.~~

3. ~~Lottery Hunts. All or portions of some WMA seasons are designated as lottery hunts and are restricted to hunters selected by pre-application lottery. To apply for these lottery hunts, a hunter must submit a completed official application form to the Baton Rouge office by the deadline printed on the application. A non-refundable fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants for WMA youth hunts must be 17 years of age or younger and at least 8 years old on the day of the hunt. Applicants may submit only one application and may be selected for only one spring WMA turkey lottery hunt annually, except, youths may also apply for the regular WMA turkey lottery. Submitting more than one application per lottery type will result in disqualification. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters chosen for WMA lottery hunts may be accompanied by one person. The person accompanying a lottery hunter shall not possess a firearm/bow or take a turkey, and must remain within a distance that allows normal voice contact with the lottery hunter at all times. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts may be assigned a guide on the day of the hunt provided that guides are available. One person may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt.~~

4. ~~WMA Physically Challenged Hunt (wheelchair confined) — open only to hunters with a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification. During this hunt, ATVs may be used by hunters on all designated ATV trails in accordance with the physically challenged hunter permit. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.~~

52. Rules Specific to Certain WMAs

a. Sandy Hollow. No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

b. Sherburne. All turkeys taken must be checked at the WMA headquarters.

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§115. Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits

A. Daily limit is one gobbler. Season limit is two gobblers. Turkeys taken on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey may be taken during spring WMA lottery hunts.

B. Turkey season will open on the ~~fourth~~first Saturday in ~~March~~April. The area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife management areas, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. ~~Deviation from this framework may occur in those years when the fourth Saturday in March falls the day before Easter.~~ On those years when the first Saturday in April falls the day before Easter, then the season will open the Friday before the first Saturday in April.

C. Statewide youth turkey and physically challenged season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the start of the regular turkey season. On those years when the weekend prior to the start of regular turkey seasons falls on Easter weekend, then the youth and physically challenged season will open on Good Friday.

D. Only those wildlife management areas listed herein are open to turkey hunting. All other wildlife management areas are closed.

E. 2017 Turkey Hunting Schedule

Area	Season Dates
A	March 25 - April 23
B	March 25 - April 16
C	March 25 - April 9
Private Lands Youth and Physically Challenged Hunter (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt	March 18 - 19

F. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Attakapas	March 25 - April 2	None
Bayou Macon	None	April 15 - 16
Big Lake	March 25 - April 9	None

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Bodeau	March 25 - April 9	None
Boeuf	March 25 - April 9	None
Camp Beauregard	March 25 - April 2	None
Clear Creek	April 3 - 23	March 25 - 26 April 1 - 3
Dewey Wills	None	March 25 - 26 April 1 - 2
Fort Polk - Vernon	March 25 - April 23	None
Grassy Lake	March 25 - April 2	None
Hutchinson Creek	March 25 - April 23	None
Jackson - Bienville	March 25 - April 9	None
Lake Ramsey	March 25 - April 9	None
Little River	March 25 - April 9	None

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Pearl River	None	March 25-26
Peason Ridge	March 25-April 23	None
Pomme de Terre	April 19-April 23	None
Richard K. Yancey	March 25-April 9	None
Sabine	None	March 31-April 2 April 14-16
Sandy Hollow	March 25-April 9	None
Sherburne	April 17-19	April 15-16
Sicily Island	None	March 25-26 March 28-30 March 31-April 2 April 3-5 April 6-9

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Tangipahoa Parish School Board	March 25-April 23	None
Tunica Hills	April 10-16	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9
Walnut Hills	March 25-April 23	None
West Bay	None	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9

G. Wildlife Management Area Lottery Youth Hunts

WMA/Ranger District	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Clear Creek	March 18
Fort Polk Vernon/Peason Ridge	March 18
Grassy Lake	March 18
Pearl River	March 18
Pomme de Terre	April 8-9

WMA/Ranger District	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Richard K. Yancey	March 18-19
Sherburne	April 8
Sicily Island	March 18
Spring Bayou	April 8-9
Tunica Hills	March 18
West Bay	March 18

H. Non-Lottery WMA Youth Hunts

1. Big Lake will be open March 18-19 (only youths may hunt).
2. Bodeau WMA will be open March 18-19 and April 15-16 (only youths may hunt).
3. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open March 18-19 and April 15-16 (only youths may hunt).

I. Wildlife Management Area Physically Challenged (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt

1. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April 17-23 to holders of valid physically challenged hunter (wheelchair classification) permits.

J. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: (youth only) March 18-19 on all Ranger Districts (except Vernon Unit lands within Ft. Polk-Vernon WMA) Caney Ranger District, March 25-April 9; all remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 16 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves, except self-clearing permit required to hunt turkey on Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

~~2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers turkey hunting schedule: Indian Bayou area, March 18-19 youth and physically challenged lottery only hunt, and lottery hunt only on March 25-26 and April 1-2, and open April 8-9. Old River Control and Lock Areas, March 25-April 9.~~

~~3. National wildlife refuges: Bayou Cocodrie NWR, March 18-19 (youth only); Bogue Chitto NWR, March 25-April 16, March 18-19 (youth only); Lake Ophelia NWR, March 18 (youth lottery only), March 25-April 9 hunt ends at 12 p.m. each day; Tensas NWR, March 18-19 (youth only), March 25-April 9; Upper Ouachita NWR, March 18 (youth lottery only).~~

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§117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits

A. Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian	South Zone: Sept. 3-11 <u>2-10</u> Oct. 8 <u>7</u> -Nov. 27 <u>26</u> Dec. 17-Jan. 15	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
and Collared Doves	North Zone: Sept. 3-25 <u>2-24</u> Oct. 8-7 <u>7</u> -Nov. 13-12 Dec. 17-Jan. 15		
Woodcock	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 10-25 <u>15-30</u>	6	18
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 10-25 <u>15-30</u> Nov. 12-11 <u>11</u> -Jan. 4-3 <u>3</u>	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 10-25 <u>15-30</u> Nov. 12-11 <u>11</u> -Jan. 4-3 <u>3</u>	25 (in aggregate)	75 (in aggregate)
Gallinules	Sep. 10-25 <u>15-30</u> Nov. 12-11 <u>11</u> -Jan. 4-3 <u>3</u>	15	45
Snipe	Coastal Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 4-3 <u>3</u> Dec. 17-16 <u>16</u> -Feb. 28 West Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 4-3 <u>3</u> Dec. 17-16 <u>16</u> -Feb. 28 East Zone: Nov. 2-Dec. 4-3 <u>3</u> Dec. 17-16 <u>16</u> -Feb. 28	8	24
Ducks, Coots	Coastal Zone:	Daily bag limit on ducks is 6	Three times the daily

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
and Mergansers	<p>Nov. <u>5-64-5</u> (youth only)</p> <p>Nov. <u>1211</u>-Dec. <u>43</u></p> <p>Dec. <u>1716</u>-Jan. <u>2221</u></p> <p>West Zone:</p> <p>Nov. <u>54</u> (youth only)</p> <p>Nov. <u>1211</u>-Dec. <u>43</u></p> <p>Dec. <u>1716</u>-Jan. <u>2221</u></p> <p>Jan. <u>2827</u> (youth only)</p> <p>East Zone:</p> <p>Nov. <u>1211</u> (youth only)</p> <p>Nov. <u>1918</u>-Dec. <u>43</u></p> <p>Dec. <u>1716</u>-Jan. <u>2928</u></p> <p>Feb. <u>43</u> (youth only)</p>	<p>and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 2 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 2 redheads, and <u>21</u> pintails.</p> <p>Daily bag limit on coots is 15.</p> <p>Daily bag limit on mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.</p>	<p>bag limit.</p>
<p>Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White-Fronted Geese</p>	<p>North Zone:</p> <p>Nov. <u>54</u>-Dec. <u>43</u></p> <p>Dec. <u>1716</u>-Feb. <u>1211</u></p> <p>South Zone:</p> <p>Nov. <u>54</u>-Dec. <u>43</u></p> <p>Dec. <u>1716</u>-Feb. <u>1211</u></p>	<p>Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20.</p> <p>Daily bag limit on White-Fronted Geese is 2.</p>	<p>No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross')</p> <p>Possession limit on White-Fronted Geese is 6.</p>
Canada Geese	<p>North Zone:</p> <p>Nov. <u>54</u>-Dec. <u>43</u></p> <p>Dec. <u>1216</u>-Jan. 31</p>	1	3

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	South Zone: Nov. 5 ⁴ -Dec. 4 ³ Dec. 17 ¹⁶ -Jan. 31		

B. Conservation Order for Light Geese Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross')	North Zone: Dec. 5 ⁴ - 16 ¹⁵ Feb. 13 ¹² -Mar. 12 ¹¹ South Zone: Dec. 5 ⁴ - 16 ¹⁵ Feb. 13 ¹² -Mar. 12 ¹¹	No daily bag limit.	No possession limit.

D. Dove Hunting Regulations

1. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on opening day of the first split on Wildlife Management Areas and on fields leased through the LDWF experimental dove field leasing program, where hunting will be from 12 p.m. to sunset, except for ~~eElbow sSlough and Point Aux Chenes~~ ~~wWildlife mManagement aAreas~~ which will be open one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

H. Statewide Youth Waterfowl Season Regulations. Only youths 17 years of age or younger may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youth younger than 16 years of age. Adults accompanying

youth may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

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The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S.49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

This Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 2017 to Steve Smith, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898-9000, or via email to ssmith@wlf.la.gov.

_____, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Date Signed