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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Public Hearing – Substantive Change to Notice of Intent
2024-2026 Hunting Regulations and Seasons
(LAC 76:XIX.Chapter 1)

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (department) and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (commission) published a Notice of Intent to amend its rules in the January 20, 2024 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The commission proposes to amend the original Notice of Intent to include a proposed change for Deer Area 2, deer dog tracking language on private lands, establishes a high water benchmark closure for Deer Area 1, clarifies firearms carry and use on wildlife management areas, modifies turkey regulations, removes language regarding the depredation order for grackles, blackbirds and crows, and modifies the proposed waterfowl dates. The department manages wildlife and their associated habitat, methods of take, sets the season dates, bag limits and harvesting reporting requirements in Louisiana. Action is being proposed for deer dog tracking rule change to allow private landowners to use an unleashed dog during daylight hours to trail mortally wounded deer. Action is being proposed as public comment has indicated that persons in the east and west waterfowl zones and persons hunting Deer Area 2 prefer alternatives to the proposed dates. Action is being proposed to address concerns with deer hunting during Mississippi River high water levels in portions of East Carroll and Madison Parishes. Proposed amendments modifies current turkey regulations as some hunters are concerned with harvesting juvenile male turkeys. Action is being proposed as depredation order language is not relevant to the hunting seasons.

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 amended Notice of Intent, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the amended Notice of Intent and compiling public comments and submissions for the commission’s review and consideration. In the absence of any further action by the commission following an opportunity to consider all public comments regarding the amended proposed rule, the secretary is authorized and directed to prepare and transmit a summary report to the legislative oversight committees and file the final Rule.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

A.-B. ...

C. Deer Hunting Schedule 2024-2025

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), amended LR 30:1494 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1254 (July 2006), LR 33:115 (January 2007), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 35:2856 (December 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2207 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39:2307 (August 2013), LR 40:1535 (August 2014), LR 41:958 (May 2015), LR 42:1108 (July 2016), LR 43:1420 (July 2017), LR 44:1273 (July 2018), LR 45:934 (July 2019), LR

46:957 (July 2020), LR 47:901 (July 2021), LR 48:1863 (July 2022), LR 49:1232 (July 2023),
LR 50:

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

A.-C.3. ...

4. Crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit.

C.5.-E.7. ...

8. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. A dog may be used to trail and retrieve mortally wounded deer. Except in Wildlife Management Areas, a licensed hunter or tracker may pursue a deer that was legally shot and mortally wounded during legal hunting hours, after legal hunting hours, and to dispatch the deer if the deer is found alive. The licensed hunter or tracker pursuing the mortally wounded deer may utilize lights and a blood-trailing or tracking dog. No more than one dog may be used per tracking party in pursuit of the wounded deer. A second dog may be utilized for the purpose of deer retrieval training. Tracking dogs shall be on a handheld leash or utilize a GPS tracking collar. Any wounded deer, discovered alive, may be dispatched by the licensed hunter or tracker using a centerfire handgun with a barrel no longer than six inches, caliber no larger than .45 or smaller than .25.

E.9.-E.16.b.iii. ...

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas, West Carroll.

i. High water benchmark closure. Deer hunting in that portion of Madison Parish, east of US-65 and north of the Port Elevator Road, and all lands east of US-65 in East Carroll Parish, will be archery hunting only once the Mississippi River water level at Vicksburg reaches 43.0 feet MSL (flood stage) and will reopen once level recedes below 41.0 feet MSL.

F.1.b.-G.3.k. ...

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber and crossbows cocked in the ready position are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, ATCs, WMA check stations, or in camping areas on WMAs.

b. Rifles, shotguns, pre-charged pneumatic devices, and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons except on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping and except as permitted pursuant to R.S. 56:109(C) and for purposes of transport pursuant to R.S. 56:1691. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs except during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing. Any person who meets the qualifications of R.S. 14:95(M) may possess handguns on WMAs provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purpose.

c. Hunting with the following firearms or ammunition on any WMA is prohibited, except during modern or primitive firearm deer seasons, or a firearm season established on any WMA for feral hogs:

- 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.

Possession of such ammunition in the presence of a shotgun during closed season shall create a rebuttable presumption of hunting activity.

d. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs except as otherwise specified.

e. Discharging of firearms on or across, or hunting from designated roads, ATV/UTV trails, nature trails, hiking trails, and their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearms and primitive firearms deer seasons.

G.5.-G.15 ...

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, except the turkey and spring squirrel seasons, take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds, with or without the use of electronic calls, is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA.

G.17-G.21.c.vi. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000),

LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003), amended LR 30:1495 (July 2004), LR 31:1611 (July 2005), LR 32:1251 (July 2006), LR 33:1382 (July 2007), LR 34:1429 (July 2008), LR 35:1264 (July 2009), LR 36:1566 (July 2010), LR 37:2190 (July 2011), LR 38:1732 (July 2012), LR 39:2292 (August 2013), LR 40:1540 (August 2014), LR 41:963 (May 2015), LR 42:1112 (July 2016), LR 43:1423 (July 2017), LR 44:1277 (July 2018), LR 45:938 (July 2019), LR 46:961 (July 2020), LR 47:904 (July 2021), LR 48:511 (March 2022), LR 48:1867 (July 2022), LR 49:1235 (July 2023), LR .

§113. General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. General Regulations. Only adult gobblers (male turkeys) may be taken. An adult gobbler is defined by having one of the following: wing feathers that have white barring all the way to the tip, tail feathers that are the same length, beard that is longer than 6 inches, or a spur that is at least ½-inch long. Properly licensed youth under 18 years of age may take one juvenile male turkey (jake) with a beard less than six inches per season. Any turkey harvested during the youth season are part of the season bag limit of two. Taking of hen (female) turkeys, including bearded hens, is prohibited; still hunting only. Use of dogs, electronic calling devices, motorized decoys and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead, #2 non-toxic, or BB steel shot, and approved archery equipment but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The running of coyote with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or

enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures. No person hunting turkeys more than 200 yards from a baited area will be in violation of the turkey baiting regulation.

B.-G.2.a. ...

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

A. Daily limit is one adult gobbler (male turkey). An adult gobbler is defined by having one of the following: wing feathers that have white barring all the way to the tip, tail

feathers that are the same length, beard that is longer than 6 inches, or a spur that is at least 1/2 – inch long. Properly licensed youth under 18 years of age may take one juvenile male turkey (jake) with a beard less than 6 inches per season. Season limit is two gobblers (male turkey). Any turkey harvested during the youth season are part of the season bag limit. Turkeys taken on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey may be taken during spring WMA lottery hunts.

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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 and Collared Doves	South Zone: Sept. 7-Sept. 21 Oct. 19-Nov. 30 Dec. 14-Jan. 14 North Zone: Sept. 7-Sept. 28 Oct. 5-Nov. 9 Dec. 21-Jan. 21	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Woodcock	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green- winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 14-Sept. 29	6	18
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 14-Sept. 29 Nov. 9-Jan. 1	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 14-Sept. 29 Nov. 9-Jan. 1	25 (in aggregate)	75 (in aggregate)

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Gallinules	Sept. 14 – Sept. 29 Nov. 9 – Jan. 1	15	45
Snipe	West Zone: Nov. 2 – Dec. 8 Dec. 21 – Feb. 28 East Zone: Nov. 2 – Dec. 8 Dec. 21 – Feb. 28	8	24
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	West Zone: Nov. 2 – 3 (youth only) Nov. 9 – Dec. 8 Dec. 21 – Jan. 5 Jan. 18 – Jan. 31 Feb. 1 – 2 (Veteran’s only) East Zone:	Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 females), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 1	Three times the daily bag limit.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	Nov. 9 (youth and Veteran's only) Nov. 16 – Dec.1 Dec. 14 – Jan. 26 Feb. 1 (youth and Veteran's only)	black duck and 1 pintail. Only 1 scaup may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 2 per day allowed for the remainder. No mottled ducks may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 1 per day allowed for the remainder. Daily bag limit on coots is 15. Mergansers- The daily bag	

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
		limit for mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers, in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.	
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White-Fronted Geese	East Zone: Nov. 2 – Dec. 1 Dec. 14 – Jan. 26 West Zone: Nov. 2 – Dec. 8 Dec. 21 – Jan. 5 Jan. 18 – Feb. 7	Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20. Daily bag limit on White-Fronted Geese is 3.	No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') Possession limit on White-Fronted Geese is 9.
Canada Geese	East Zone:	1	3

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	Nov. 2 – Dec. 1 Dec. 14 – Jan. 26 West Zone: Nov. 2 – Dec. 8 Dec. 21 – Jan. 5 Jan. 18 – Feb. 7		

B. Conservation Order for Light Geese Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross')	East Zone: Dec. 2 – Dec. 13 Jan. 27 – Mar. 2 West Zone: Dec. 9 – Dec. 20 Jan. 6 – Jan. 17 Feb. 1 – Mar. 2	No daily bag limit.	No possession limit.

C. Extended Falconry Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	Sept. 14-Sept. 30	Falconry daily bag and possession limit for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 and 9 birds, respectively, singly or in aggregate, during the extended falconry seasons and regular hunting seasons.
Woodcock	Nov. 4-Jan. 31	
Rails and Gallinule	Nov. 2-Jan. 26	

Ducks	Nov. 2 – Jan. 29	
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Public Hearing

In accordance with R.S. 49:966(H)(2), a public hearing on the proposed substantive changes will be held by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on April 22, 2024 at 10 a.m. in the Joe L. Herring Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 70808.

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