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Alabama offers an abundance of opportunities for outdoor recreation. As a native Alabamian, I understand the importance of hunting and fishing to Alabama residents, visitors and our state’s economy. Outdoor related activity has an annual economic impact in Alabama of almost $3 billion. More than 1.7 million people enjoy our great outdoors, which means jobs for many Alabamians.

Our state is renowned for white-tailed deer and Eastern wild turkey hunting. Small game such as rabbits and squirrels draw young and old into the woods with a long season and large bag limits.

Anglers can hook big largemouth bass all the way from the Mobile-Tensaw Delta to the tributaries of the Tennessee River in north Alabama. Bass fishing is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg when it comes to angling opportunities for freshwater species like crappie, bream and catfish.

Conserving and nurturing our wildlife and natural resources is not easy. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) can only accomplish that task through the support of people who buy hunting and fishing licenses in Alabama. The ADCNR derives its operating budget only from license sales and federal matching funds.

Please remember that all hunters are required to report their deer and turkey harvests to the Game Check Reporting System. The data gathered through Game Check provides much-needed information so prudent, common-sense, management decisions can be made. Their goal, and mine, is to ensure Alabama continues to be a mecca for hunters for many years to come.

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MAJOR CHANGES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

- Select Wildlife Management Areas will allow a Bonus Buck to be harvested (page 18).
- Renewing your Recreational Hunting and Fishing Licenses has been simplified (page 34).
- Feral Swine nighttime dogs only season no guns (page 30).
- Turkey Season delayed on 6 Wildlife Management Areas (see the WMA Hunting Information and Schedule and page 52).
- Turkey Season boundaries for part of Geneva County were modified to allow limited hunting opportunities (page 28).
- Reduced Pintail harvest (page 32).
- Certain Nonresident Students aged 17-23 could be eligible for resident hunting and fishing licenses. See www.outdooralabama.com.

YOU WILL GET A TICKET IF YOU:

- HUNT OVER BAIT: Despite false information and rumors, no changes have been made to the state's baiting law (9-11-244). The practice of hunting game animals by the aid of bait remains illegal in this state and violations of this law will continue to be enforced. See page 25 for Area Definition Regulation.

- FAIL TO REPORT HARVEST: Many warnings were issued by the state's Conservation Enforcement Officers during the last hunting seasons for violations of the Game Check Regulation. This season any violation of this regulation will result in the issuance of citations which have monetary fines attached to them. See page 16 for further information on the Game Check System.

- IMPORT PROHIBITED DEER PARTS: Hunters cannot bring a deer carcass into Alabama taken from a CWD positive State, Territory, or Foreign Country unless it has been properly deboned and is free from any spinal cord or brain tissue. See page 12.

What is a Conservation ID#?

Conservation ID# (CID) is a permanent unique 6-digit number automatically issued to all hunting and freshwater fishing recreational licences.

What will my Conservation ID# do?

Currently, hunters can use their CID to record their deer or turkey harvests in the Game Check System. Unlike an annual hunting license or H.E.L.P. number, the CID number will never change—it is the only number hunters need to remember and use for the rest of their days afield in Alabama.

It can be used in creating a profile for the Outdoor Alabama App, allowing hunters, anglers and other wildlife enthusiasts access to information on-the-go.

In the very near future, the CID can be used when renewing recreational hunting and fishing licenses, speeding up the renewal process. We are also looking for other future potential uses of the CID such as marking fishing gear (trot lines, etc.) and trapping equipment for fur bearers.

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When conversations arise regarding major waterfowl hunting hotspots, Alabama generally is not included. Never would you associate any town in Alabama with Stuttgart, Lake Charles or any of the small towns that dot the Mississippi Delta. Location is as important with duck hunting as it is in real estate. Alabamians have the unfortunate aspect of being located between two of the major migration flyways, the Mississippi and Atlantic, and to add, we are at their terminal end. Be that as it may, many of those interested in pursuing waterfowl in Alabama would be surprised by the opportunities available. In reference to our increase in state duck stamp sales, it’s vividly apparent that many have already discovered these abundant opportunities.

If you are one of the many that participates in this challenging sport, you have likely noticed an increase in the number of duckboat trailers at boat ramps or decoy spreads in your favorite sloughs. There is certainly a reason, we simply have more duck hunters now....a lot more. Based on state duck stamp sales from the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF), Alabama’s duck hunter numbers have increased nearly every year for the past 10 years. Specifically, duck stamp sales numbers have increased from 17,800 in 2006 to 29,369 in 2016, a 65% increase. If you reference the lowest amount of sales by year in the decade (16,989 in 2007) compared to the number of stamps sold in 2016, the difference is a 73% increase. Alabama is one of only two states (Louisiana) with increasing waterfowl hunter numbers out of 14 states in the Mississippi Flyway.

So why is there an increase? Some attribute it to the popularity of the TV show Duck Dynasty, which first aired in 2012. This show certainly fueled the fire in the popularity of waterfowl hunting, but it does not explain the totality of the increase in popularity. Other factors such as social media, internet videos, hunting TV shows, increased waterfowl populations, increased and improved waterfowl hunting accessories, and an increase in advertisement for waterfowl hunting, are all factors that have led to the growth in and attractiveness of waterfowl hunting. The social factor has probably been one of the largest contributing factors to the increase in waterfowl hunters. There are not many other hunting activities where one can sit with all their friends in one location, the duck blind, and chew the fat, while waiting for shooting opportunities.

**LAND ACQUISITIONS**

The funding accrued from the sale of state duck stamps, by law, is required to be utilized for the State’s waterfowl conservation programs and the conservation of waterfowl habitat. Additionally, the Division may enter into contracts with non-profit organizations for the use of up to one-half of such funds outside of the United States. WFF has entered into multiple contracts with Ducks Unlimited and Ducks Unlimited Canada to cooperatively leverage funding for many waterfowl habitat projects in Canada to preserve and expand nesting grounds. All projects are located on the breeding grounds where nesting waterfowl eventually migrate to Alabama or adjacent States and other southerly wintering grounds. WFF has also utilized the state duck stamp funding as a stand-alone funding source to purchase waterfowl habitat tracts in the State, serving as additions to the WMA system.

Alabama’s state duck stamp funds have also served as a State matching fund source for federal programs such as the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) to further leverage our state dollars to acquire waterfowl habitat in purchasing over 12,000 acres in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta. This acquisition was part of an overall purchase in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta of over 47,000 acres involving Forever Wild, WFF, Florida Gas, The Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited and the Alabama Wildlife Federation. WFF plans to further utilize the NAWCA program in submitting additional grant requests to assist in the habitat renovations on our Waterfowl Management Areas.

**IMPROVING PUBLIC OPPORTUNITIES**

Wildlife biologists with the Division have been working diligently on planning and implementing positive changes on improving public hunting opportunities on our WMAs. These changes include purchasing and establishing contractual agreements for more waterfowl habitat to be added to the WMA system; creation of Special Opportunity Quota Hunt Areas; revamping our Dewatering Units on our WMAs to provide better water management and encourage more waterfowl use; implementing Moist-Soil Management efforts focusing on natural vegetation and invertebrate management providing high sources of protein for wintering waterfowl; implementing a Wood Duck nest box program providing greater nesting potential for hens and collecting reproductive data; increasing Wood Duck banding efforts to provide harvest, survival, and movement data; developing more
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cooperative waterfowl research efforts to assist WFF in making scientifically informed decisions on waterfowl management; and increased efforts in providing technical assistance to private landowners for waterfowl habitat enhancement opportunities. With these implementations, WFF plans to continue the positive impact on waterfowl habitats and populations across the state and positive experiences for waterfowl hunters in the field.

To ensure the interest of Alabama’s waterfowling community is represented in continent-wide waterfowl management, waterfowl biologists with the Division represent Alabama on the Mississippi Flyway Council with one serving as the State’s Flyway Council Representative and one serving as Alabama’s Technical Section Representative. The role of the Technical Section is to discuss research, analyze population data and trends, and generate recommendations based on these data to improve and enhance migratory gamebird populations and opportunities for hunting enthusiasts. The Council is typically comprised of administrative level biologists who discuss recommendations passed by the Technical Section and vote whether to forward the recommendations to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who ultimately has the final decision and regulatory recommendation. Our participation in the Council ensures Alabama has a voice in waterfowl management decisions regarding the populations in the Mississippi Flyway and are implemented with keeping Alabama’s duck hunter interests in mind.

While it is certainly a welcomed sight to experience an increased sales of state duck stamps and a sector of the hunting community utilizing public hunting opportunities, the challenge faced by WFF is how to manage increased use of a finite resource. For those hunters who have been taking advantage of public waterfowl hunting opportunities provided by WFF, you have likely noticed the recent regulation modifications to some areas. These include reduction of shells in possession, modification of hunting hours/days on the WMAs and restricted use of gasoline-powered motors in certain locations. While WFF certainly understands the limitations this places on the hunter, actions were required to reduce pressure on our waterfowl resources while encouraging their continued use. If no restrictions were implemented, we would continue the cycle of an outstanding opening weekend then substandard hunting thereafter. The effect of these regulatory subjects will be monitored and analyzed and adjusted as needed to provide optimal conditions for both the waterfowl resources utilizing these public areas and for the hunters who pursue them.

**HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES**

For those interested in pursuing waterfowl in Alabama, the public hunting opportunities are abound statewide. While the Waterfowl Management Areas such as the Jackson County WMAs (Mud Creek, Crow Creek, & Raccoon Creek WMAs), Swan Creek and Mallard-Fox WMAs located along the Tennessee River are specifically managed for waterfowl, numerous other WMAs across the State can provide quality duck hunting. Wildlife Management Areas such as David K. Nelson-Demopolis, Lowndes, Upper Delta and the W.L. Holland/Mobile –Tensaw Delta are all located along major rivers and provide ample wintering waterfowl habitats consisting of temporal swamps, tupelo gum

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Every hunter, regardless of age or license requirement **MUST** carry a harvest record. If you are exempt from needing a license or have a lifetime hunting license, you still need a Harvest Record.

**HOW DO I GET A HARVEST RECORD?** You can use the form below or print Harvest Record online at www.outdooralabama.com. Possession of a smartphone with the Outdoor Alabama app installed will be accepted in lieu of a PAPER HARVEST RECORD.

*License exempt hunters* are hunters under the age of 16, residents age 65 and older, and resident landowners who hunt their own property.

#### DURING YOUR HUNT:
You must always carry your Harvest Record and your hunting license while hunting.

You must fill out the Harvest Record with the date and type of animal taken **BEFORE** moving the animal. This includes all deer and turkey.

### PAPER VS ELECTRONIC HARVEST RECORD – WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?
- **PAPER HARVEST RECORD:** The hunter must complete the information prior to moving the animal, then record your harvest in the Game Check System and put the confirmation number on the harvest record.

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### MANDATORY GAME CHECK FOR ALL DEER AND TURKEY HUNTERS

#### AFTER THE HUNT: EVERY HUNTER MUST REPORT THEIR HARVEST OF DEER AND TURKEY WITHIN 48 HOURS OF HARVEST:
(If you have already recorded your harvest via the Outdoor Alabama app, this step has been completed)

You must report your deer or turkey harvest into the Game Check system within 48 hours of harvesting it. You will need the following information to report your harvest:

1. Date of harvest
2. Type of animal harvested
3. County of harvest
4. Public or private land
5. Hunting license number or H.E.L.P. number, or *CID.

***The Conservation Identification (CID) is a permanent 6-digit number that is unique to each hunter, and can be used to record deer or turkey harvests in the Game Check System. (See page 6 for more information.)***

### Alabama 2017-2018 Harvest Record

**Name:** _____________________________________________________________

**License No.:** _______________________________________________________

#### ANTLERED BUCK – One of the three must have 4 pts, 1" or longer on one side

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- All deer and turkey hunters are required to report their harvest using Game Check and have a deer/turkey harvest record (either paper or app form) in possession. See page 16 for more information.
- All persons hunting on private lands of another must have written permission from the landowner with few exceptions.
- Legal hunting hours for deer are 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. See page 45.
- All required hunting and fishing licenses and waterfowl stamps must be in possession when hunting or fishing (either paper or digital form).
- See hunter orange requirement and definition of open permit – public land. Consult management area map permit for special rules and regulations and seasons before hunting State Wildlife Management Areas.
- Any party controlling hunting rights may, by choice, be more restrictive on seasons and bag limits than those stipulated below.

DEER

ANTLERED BUCKS
Bare antlers visible above natural hairline – Statewide – one a day.

White-Tailed Buck Limit
Three during all combined seasons. One of the three must have at least 4 antler points 1” or longer on one antler (except for Barbour County). A point is 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.

Exceptions:
1. Barbour County Antler Restriction
   - white-tailed deer 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).
2. Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Bonus Buck
   – One buck will be allowed to be harvested from a select collection of WMA’s on specific hunt dates depicted on the WMA map permits that will not count towards the hunter’s State 3 buck limit. Must be validated by WFF personnel.

SPECIAL YOUTH (under 16) DEER HUNTING
Statewide, (includes all Privately Owned and Leased Lands and Open Permit – Public Lands (except Wildlife Management Areas) on November 10–13. Dog 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 Unantlered Deer season, in accordance with Rule 220-2-.119. See the current Wildlife Management Area Schedule for youth deer hunting dates and other information.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
If notes 1, 2, or 3 appear by the county listed, see the special exceptions on pages 24 and 25. 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.
Safely Hunting The Rights Of Way

In a state dominated by hardwood hollows and pine plantations, wildlife can often be seen along Alabama Power transmission rights of way.

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In many cases, Alabama Power allows landowners to place hunting structures on the outer 5 feet of the company's rights of way as long as a minimum distance of 25 feet is maintained from existing transmission structures. In some cases, the company may also ask property owners to relocate structures when additional right of way clearing is necessary.

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• Any structure attached to a transmission tower or power poles
• Structures blocking access or located too close to facilities
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ZONE A

ZONE B

ZONE C

Footnote Numbers

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B

C

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2017–2018 Deer Season Zone Map

Hunting Activity By Zone

SPECIAL MUZZLELOADER AND AIR RIFLE
Privately Owned or Leased Land and U.S. Forest Service Land -
Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs)
Either sex: .................... November 13-17, 2017

ALL ZONES

ZONE A

BOW AND ARROW AND SPEAR-STALK HUNTING
Either sex: ........................................ October 14, 2017 - February 10, 2018

GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING:
ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY
Either sex: ................................ November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018
ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND
Antlered Bucks Only: ................ November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018
Either sex: .................................... December 15, 2017 - January 1, 2018

DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED
Either sex: ...................................... November 18, 2017 - January 15, 2018

ZONE B

BOW AND ARROW AND SPEAR-STALK HUNTING
Antlered Bucks only: .......................... October 14, 2017 - October 23, 2017
Either sex: .........................................October 24, 2017 - February 10, 2018

GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING:
ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY
Either sex: ........................................ November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018
ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND
Antlered Bucks: .......................... November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018
Either sex: .................................... December 15, 2017 - January 1, 2018

ZONE C

BOW AND ARROW AND SPEAR-STALK HUNTING
Either sex: .........................................October 14, 2017 - February 10, 2018

GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING:
ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY
Antlered Bucks Only: ................ November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018
Either sex: ........................................ November 18, 2017 - November 26, 2017
and December 22, 2017 - January 1, 2018
ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND
Antlered Bucks Only: ................ November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018
Either sex: .................................... December 22, 2017 - January 1, 2018

DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED
Antlered Bucks: .............................. November 18, 2017 - January 15, 2018
Either sex: ................................... November 18, 2017 - November 26, 2017
and December 22, 2017 - January 1, 2018

Footnote Numbers

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## Hunting Activity By Zone

### ZONE A

**BOW AND ARROW AND SPEAR-STALK HUNTING**

Either sex: .......................... October 14, 2017 - February 10, 2018

**GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING: ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY**

Either sex: .......................... November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018

**ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND**

Antlered Bucks Only: .................. November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018

Either sex: .......................... December 15, 2017 - January 1, 2018

**DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED**

Either sex: .......................... November 18, 2017 - January 15, 2018

### ZONE B

**BOW AND ARROW AND SPEAR-STALK HUNTING**

Antlered Bucks only: .................. October 14, 2017 - October 23, 2017

Either sex: .......................... October 24, 2017 - February 10, 2018

**GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING: ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY**

Either sex: .......................... November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018

**ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND**

Antlered Bucks: ......................... November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018

Either sex: .......................... December 15, 2017 - January 1, 2018

**DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED**

Either sex: .......................... November 18, 2017 - January 15, 2018

### ZONE C

**BOW AND ARROW AND SPEAR-STALK HUNTING**

Either sex: .......................... October 14, 2017 - February 10, 2018

**GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING: ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY**

Antlered Bucks Only: .................. November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018

Either sex: .......................... November 18, 2017 - November 26, 2017 and December 22, 2017 - January 1, 2018

**ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND**

Antlered Bucks Only: .................. November 18, 2017 - February 10, 2018

Either sex: .......................... December 22, 2017 - January 1, 2018

**DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED**

Antlered Bucks: ......................... November 18, 2017 - January 15, 2018

Either sex: .......................... November 18, 2017 - November 26, 2017 and December 22, 2017 - January 1, 2018

## ALL ZONES

**SPECIAL MUZZLELOADER AND AIR RIFLE**

Privately Owned or Leased Land - Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs)

Either sex: .......................... November 13-17, 2017

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**DEER SEASON ZONE A:** Those areas north or east of a line described as: Beginning at the intersection of the Mississippi state line and US Hwy. 80 in Sumter County follow US Hwy. 80 east to the US Hwy. 80 Bypass and Alabama River; upstream 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); 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 Rd. 65; south along Russell County Rd. 65 to Russell County Rd. 4; west along Russell County Rd. 4 to Russell County Rd. 49; south along Russell County Rd. 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 Rd. 57; south along Henry County Rd. 57 to Henry County Rd. 99; south along Henry County Rd. 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 to the Alabama/Florida state line. Excludes Zone C description below.

**DEER SEASON ZONE B:** Those areas south or west of a line described as: Beginning at the intersection of the Mississippi state line and US Hwy. 80 in Sumter County follow US Hwy. 80 east to the US Hwy. 80 Bypass and Alabama River; upstream 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); 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 Rd. 65; south along Russell County Rd. 65 to Russell County Rd. 4; west along Russell County Rd. 4 to Russell County Rd. 49; south along Russell County Rd. 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 Rd. 57; south along Henry County Rd. 57 to Henry County Rd. 99; south along Henry County Rd. 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 to the Alabama/Florida state line.

**UNANTLERED DEER SEASON ZONE C:** Those areas of Blount; Calhoun; Cherokee; Cleburne; Colbert; Cullman; DeKalb; Etowah; Franklin; Jackson; Jefferson; Lauderdale; Lawrence; Limestone; Madison; Marion; Marshall; Morgan; St. Clair; Walker and Winston counties inside the following boundaries: begin at AL/TN state line in Lauderdale Co, US Hwy. 43; south on US Hwy. 43; intersection with US Hwy. 435/US Hwy. 72W; south on US Hwy. 435/US Hwy. 72W; continue south on US Hwy. 435 to intersection of AL Hwy. 13; south on AL Hwy. 13 to intersection of I-22/US Hwy. 78; east on I-22/US Hwy. 78 to intersection of AL Hwy. 69; north on AL Hwy. 69 to I-65; south on I-65 to intersection of I-59; north on I-59 to intersection of US Hwy. 278; east on US Hwy. 278 to Alabama/Georgia state line; north along Alabama/Georgia state line to Alabama/Tennessee state line; west along Alabama/Tennessee state line to Tennessee River; south along Tennessee River to US Hwy. 431; north along US Hwy. 431 to Flint River; north along Flint River to Madison County Rd. 65/Winchester Rd; north along Madison County Rd. 65/Winchester Rd. to Alabama/Tennessee state line; west along Alabama/Tennessee state line to US Hwy. 43.

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Be sure to report your harvest using GAME CHECK. See page 16 for instructions.

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SPECIAL EXCEPTION:

**DOG DEER HUNTING:**

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 Rd. 18 from AL Hwy. 17 to County Rd. 14 then north of County Rd. 14 to the Mississippi state line);
- Colbert (that area inside the following boundaries: from the intersection of the Natchez Trace Parkway and US Hwy. 72 west along US Hwy. 72 to the Mississippi State line, north along the Mississippi State line to the Tennessee River, east along the Tennessee River to the intersection of the Natchez Trace Parkway, south along the Natchez Trace Parkway to the intersection of US Hwy. 72);
- 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 Rd. 24 at the Lee County line, west and south to County Rd. 26, west to County Rd. 10, southeast to County Rd. 5, south to County Rd. 47, south to County Rd. 2, east to the Russell County line);
- Marengo; Mon...
Despite what many have heard or seen on social media, the “Baiting Bill” did not pass this year. So, for the 2017-18 hunting season, the “Area Definition” is still in effect. Regulation 220-2-.157, “as it applies to the hunting of deer and feral swine, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that any bait or feed located beyond 100 yards from the hunter and not within the line of sight of the hunter, is not a lure, attraction, or enticement to, on, or over the area where the hunter is attempting to kill or take the deer or feral swine. “Not within the line of sight” means being hidden from view by natural vegetation or naturally occurring terrain features.” The area definition does not apply on public land or for any other game animal such as turkey. During turkey season, all feed must be removed or consumed at least 10 days prior to hunting.

For more information on this or any other regulation, please visit www.outdooralabama.com or call the Montgomery office at 334-242-3467.
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wetlands, flooded hardwood bottoms and beaver ponds which produce productive hunting opportunities. The open marshes of the lower Mobile-Tensaw Delta, with its expansive beds of submerged aquatic vegetation, provides an expansive assortment of food sources highly attractive to wintering waterfowl. The saline waters of Mobile Bay, coastal marshes and Mississippi Sound have long been considered a destination location for those that pursue the diver species of waterfowl. In addition, the Alabama, Tennessee-Tombigbee, Black Warrior, Coosa, Tallapoosa and Chattahoochee Rivers and their backwaters have the potential to produce limits of puddle ducks for those who conduct the necessary preliminary aerial imagery assessments and on the ground scouting efforts.

Although Alabama may not be included in discussions of waterfowl hotspots, one can find many levels of waterfowl hunting enjoyment. Ranging from a simple morning of pass shooting wood ducks in a beaver pond to a full day of hunting from a boat blind in Mobile Bay complete with an elaborate spread of hundreds of decoys. If interested in entering the waterfowl hunting arena, the best thing one could do is learn the nuances and ethics of waterfowl hunting from an experienced hunter. There are specific rules and regulations associated with waterfowl hunting, and becoming knowledgeable of them is the first step one should accomplish before going afield. From the Tennessee Valley to Mobile Bay, WFF’s wildlife management areas provide a chance for anyone to enter the realm of waterfowl hunting. Contacting the Division’s district offices can also shorten this learning curve in providing waterfowl hunting information and on your local public hunting opportunities.

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LEGAL ARMS & AMMUNITION

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS
It shall be unlawful for any person to use any method, any weapon or ammunition contrary to this regulation while hunting or attempting to hunt game birds and animals or other species provided for herein unless expressly provided for by duly enacted laws of the State of Alabama. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to submit firearms and ammunition or any device, instrument or accessory used in hunting to Conservation Officers for inspection. It shall be unlawful for any person (except for legally blind hunters) to hunt with a bow or gun that has a light source attached that is capable of casting a beam of light (including a laser sight) forward of said bow or gun or to possess such a light source adapted for attachment to said bow or gun while hunting, except as provided for in 220-2-.02. It shall be unlawful to possess any equipment that uses electronics to increase the ability to see in the dark (night vision equipment) while hunting any species of wildlife, both protected or unprotected species. Hunting with fully automatic firearms is prohibited.

DEER
- Rifles using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition.
- Air powered guns, .30 caliber or larger.
- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using buckshot, slugs, or single round ball.
- Muzzleloaders and Black Powder Handguns: .40 caliber or larger, during the special muzzleloader season.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows in conformance with regulation 220-2-.03.
- Handguns or pistols using centerfire, mushrooming ammunition.
- Hunting with fully automatic firearms is prohibited.
- Hand thrown spear in conformance with regulation 220-2-.03.

TURKEY
- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.
- Long bows or compound bows (no crossbows) in conformance with regulation 220-2-.03.

GIVING AWAY YOUR DEER AND/OR TURKEY?
Download and complete the Donation Certification. For more information, go to outdooralabama.com/hunter-resources.

Be sure to report your harvest using GAME CHECK. See page 16 for instructions.
For details on recommended planting dates for grains, see www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1467/ANR-1467-low.pdf.

MoUrning & WHiTe-WiNged Dove
NORTH ZONE
(All counties except those listed below in south zone.)
• Limit 15 a day (90 days)
• Split Season with Shooting Hours:
  – September 9 – October 29
    September 9: 12 O’clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
    September 10 – October 29: One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
  – December 8 – January 15
    One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

SOUTH ZONE
Baldwin; Barbour; Coffee; Covington; Dale; Escambia; Geneva; Henry; Houston; and Mobile.
• Limit 15 a day (90 days)
• Split Season with Shooting Hours:
  – September 16 – September 24
    September 16: 12 O’clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
    September 17 – September 24: One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
  – October 7 – October 28
    One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
  – November 18 – January 15
    One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

ATTENTION:
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For details on recommended planting dates for grains, see www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1467/ANR-1467-low.pdf.

NOTICE: At the time of printing, Federal Guidelines were not final concerning all migratory birds, including dove season dates. Check www.outdooralabama.com for updates prior to September.
**OPOSSUM**  
No Closed Season  
- May be hunted daytime or nighttime hours  
- No Bag Limit  
- No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 a.m. during and in areas of spring turkey season.  
- Check with USFS for further restrictions.

**BOBCAT & OTTER TAGGING REQUIREMENT 220-2-.30**  
All bobcat and otter, regardless of method of harvest, are required to be tagged by a representative of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division within 14 days of harvest or may be left with a taxidermist with a completed tagging form, and the taxidermist is required to have the bobcat or otter tagged within 14 days of receipt.

**BOBCAT(1,3), COYOTE(2), FERAL SWINE(2) AND FOX(3): (Daytime Hours Only)**  
No Bag Limit  
No Closed Season  
See page 47 for legal hunting hours. Dogs cannot be used to hunt during and in areas of spring turkey season.  
1. Bobcat - See tagging requirement (above).  
2. Coyote and Feral Swine – trapping by landowner or his agent. Feral Swine – upon capture, it shall be unlawful to release any live feral swine. See regulation 220-2-.86  
3. Bobcat and Fox – Trapping is limited to legal fur bearer season.  
4. Check with USFS for further restrictions.

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**BOBWHITE QUAIL**  
November 4 – February 28  
- 8 a day — 8 in possession

**RABBIT**  
September 16 – March 4  
- 8 a day — 8 in possession  
- No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 a.m. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

**SQUIRREL**  
September 16 – March 4  
- 8 a day – 8 in possession

**RACCOON**  
No Closed Season  
- May be hunted daytime or nighttime hours  
- Private Owned and Leased Lands: No Bag Limit  
- Open Permit-Public Land: 5 Per Party  
- No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 a.m. during and in areas of spring turkey season.  
- Check with USFS for further restrictions.
FERAL SWINE (2018): (PRIVATELY OWNED AND LEASED LANDS ONLY)

Special Nighttime Season
May 1 – August 31
• No Bag Limit – May be hunted during nighttime hours
• Dogs only – no firearms allowed.
Note: Permit may be obtained through your local district office for nighttime nuisance control hunting outside of the dates of deer season.

BEAVER, NUTRIA, AND GROUNDHOG
No Closed Season
• No Bag Limit — Daylight Hours Only

STARLINGS, CROWS & ENGLISH SPARROWS
No Closed Season
• No Bag Limit — Daylight Hours Only

BEAR, MOUNTAIN LION & RUFFED GROUSE
No Open Season

WOODCOCK
December 15 – January 28
• 3 a day
• Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT FOR HUNTING

During dates and in areas open by regulation to gun deer season, including youth deer season and muzzleloader deer season, all persons hunting any wildlife species, except foxes, raccoons, and opossums during legal nighttime hours or turkey or migratory birds (including crows), are required to wear an outer garment above the waist with a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap.

Hunters are **not** required to wear hunter orange when:
• hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more from the ground
• hunting in an enclosed box stand
• traveling in an enclosed vehicle
• traveling on foot no more than twenty (20) feet directly between an operating enclosed vehicle and a stand where the hunter is exempt from the hunter orange requirement. The hunter orange must be worn when traveling on foot between an operating enclosed vehicle and exempt stand when the distance is more than a direct distance of twenty (20) feet.

A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of hunter orange caps; otherwise, hunter orange must be of solid color and visible from any angle. Only hunter orange, commonly called blaze orange, ten-mile cloth, etc., is legal. The various shades of red as well as camo orange are not legal.

There are over 4,000 DU events held across the country each year. By attending a local event, you can have a great time while helping us fill the skies with waterfowl. To find one near you, visit ducks.org/events.
SNIPE
November 11 – February 25
- 8 a day
- Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

RAIL & GALLINULE
September 9 – September 24
November 24 – January 16
- Note: At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final. See Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide.
- 15 a day
- Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

ALLIGATOR (2017)
- By Special Permit Only
- Must register on-line at www.outdooralabama.com between June 2 (8:00 am) and July 12 (8:00 am).
- Must be Alabama Resident to register.

BULLFROG AND PIG FROG
No Closed Season
- May be hunted daytime or nighttime hours
- Limit 20 frogs in aggregate per person from 12 Noon to 12 Noon the following day.

SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS
November 18 and February 3
- Note: At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final. See Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide.
- Same shooting hours, bag limits, and legal arms and ammunition apply as in regular waterfowl season, in accordance with Rule 220-2-.119.

SPECIAL TEAL SEASON
September 9 – September 24
- Note: At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final. See Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide.
- 6 a day
- Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

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**DUCK, COOT, MERGANSER**

**November 24 – November 25**

*Note: At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final.*

- See Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide.
- Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

**DUCK**

- 6 ducks a day — may include no more than 4 Mallards (no more than 2 of which may be female), 3 Wood Ducks, 1 Mottled Duck, 2 Black Duck, 2 Redhead, 1 Pintail, 2 Canvasback, and 3 Scaup.

**COOT**

- 15 a day

**MERGANSER**

- 5 a day, only 2 may be a Hooded Merganser.

**GEESE**

- Note: At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final.
  - See Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide.
- Statewide (including Southern James Bay Population Zone)
- Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

**September 1 – September 30**

**ALL GEESE:**

- The aggregate bag limit of 5 dark geese (Canada, White-
  fronted, Brant) shall not include more than 1 Brant. Additionally, an aggregate bag limit of 5 light geese (Snow, Blue, Ross’s) may be harvested per day.

**October 7 – October 21**

**November 24 – November 25**

**December 2 – January 28**

**DARK GEESE (CANADA, WHITE-FRONTED, BRANT)**

- Limit 5 a day, the aggregate bag limit of 5 shall not include more than 3 Canada Geese and 1 Brant, all five may be White-Fronted Geese.

**LIGHT GEESE (SNOW, BLUE, ROSS’S)**

- The aggregate bag limit shall be 5 a day.

**TRAPPING:**

**BOBCAT, FOX, MINK, MUSKRAT, OTTER & STRIPED SKUNK**

**February 2 – February 28**

**BEAVER, COYOTE, NUTRIA, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON AND OPOSSUM**

No Closed Season

WFF has collaborated with the AL Trappers and Predator Control Assoc., The Safari Club and the USDA Wildlife Services to host adult and youth trapping workshops throughout the state. Go to www.outdooralabama.com for dates and locations.

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- Standing crops.

- Lands planted as wildlife food plots, provided the seed is planted in a manner consistent with Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service recommendations for the planting of wildlife food plots. In states without Cooperative Extension Service recommendations for the planting of food plots, the seed must be planted in accordance with Extension Service guidelines for producing a crop.

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- Standing or manipulated natural vegetation.

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For further clarification, see www.fws.gov/le/huntfish/whatislegal.htm.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System recommends planting dates for some top sown grains between August 1 and November 30 depending on individual circumstances. For details see www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1467/ANR-1467-low.pdf.

TREE STAND SAFETY RECOMMENDATION

Falls from tree stands are the most common hunting accidents. Serious injury or death are likely to occur from such a fall. It is strongly recommended that no one hunt from an elevated stand without using a full body safety harness and haul line. Be sure to properly attach the tether before climbing and remain attached until you return safely to the ground. Never climb with anything in your hands or on your back. If you think you are high enough, you are. Do not climb any higher than you feel comfortable.
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INTRODUCTION
This publication is provided as a popular guide to Alabama hunting and sport fishing laws and regulations. The Code of Alabama and the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book are the final authorities on laws and regulations relating to hunting and fishing and can be accessed online at outdooralabama.com/season-and-bag-limits. Contact the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division, District Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Offices or any Conservation Enforcement Officer if you have a legal question not adequately covered in this booklet.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES
To qualify for a resident hunting or fishing license, a person must be a bona fide resident of Alabama for a minimum of 90 days continuously immediately prior to purchasing any such license or be a member of U.S. military stationed in Alabama. For the purpose of buying hunting and fishing licenses, residency is determined by the Driver’s License issuance. Resident and nonresident annual hunting and fishing licenses are valid from September 1 through August 31 each year. Successfully completing an approved hunter education course is mandatory for all hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977, see page 46 for exemptions. Licenses must be in possession while hunting or fishing. A deer and turkey harvest record (either paper or app form) must be in possession every time a person is hunting deer or turkey. It is unlawful to utilize or possess more than one harvest record.

It is illegal to kill or cripple any species of game bird, game animal or game fish without making a reasonable effort to retrieve same and include it in the daily bag or creel limit, except all game fish not meeting legal length regulations, and protected species. An individual should not trail or retrieve game on property they do not have permission to enter. All game bags, hunting coats, camping equipment, live boxes, automobiles and such used in hunting and fishing will be open for inspection by officers of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

BUYING LICENSES
Alabama hunting and fishing licenses are available in all sections of the State from approximately 300 special license agents in many sporting goods stores, marinas, and at all county courthouses. Licenses may also be purchased by mailing completed applications, proper payment and copy of driver’s license to Attn: License Sales, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division, 64 N. Union St., Suite 567, Montgomery, AL 36104. For application packet call (334) 242-3465 or e-mail dcnr.wfflicense@dcnr.alabama.gov or visit our website at www.outdooralabama.com/alabama-license-information.

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sell, buy, rent or use another person’s license to hunt, fish or trap. For the purpose of buying hunting and fishing licenses, residency is determined by the Driver’s License issuance. An Alabama resident without an Alabama driver’s license must present proof of residency to a probate judge or license commissioner to purchase a license. (Excludes all persons with out-of-state driver’s license).

**MIGRATORY BIRD HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM**
All licensed hunters who hunt doves, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots, ducks, or geese in Alabama are required by Federal law to obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit prior to hunting. The HIP program provides improved data collection on these species. This will allow hunting seasons for the various species to be set in an objective and efficient manner while maintaining healthy populations. HIP permits are free and are available wherever hunting licenses are sold. It takes a very short time to provide the requested information. In exchange for completing the HIP survey, you will receive proof of certification which must be in your possession while hunting migratory birds.

**GENERAL INFORMATION LICENSE FEES**
Hunting Licenses: Required for residents 16 years of age and under 65 years of age and nonresidents 16 years of age and older. Residents on active military duty home on leave may hunt and fish without licenses. (State and federal duck stamps are still required when hunting migratory waterfowl. Management Area License and Permit are required when hunting deer or turkey on a wildlife management area.) See Hunter Education on page 46.
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<td>HUNTING LICENSE</td>
<td>State: All Game*</td>
<td>Valid for all legal game, to include deer and turkey. Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.</td>
<td>$26.60</td>
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<td></td>
<td>State: Small Game*</td>
<td>Valid for all legal game, except deer and turkey. Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.</td>
<td>$17.70</td>
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<tr>
<td>PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTING LICENSE</td>
<td>Annual All Game (totally disabled)</td>
<td>Present certification of permanent disability benefit to local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance. Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.</td>
<td>$6.05</td>
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<tr>
<td>50% PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION HUNTING LICENSE</td>
<td>State: All Game</td>
<td>Present certification by U.S. Veterans Administration to be 50% or more disabled to local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance.</td>
<td>$13.85</td>
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<td>100% PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION HUNTING LICENSE</td>
<td>State: All Game</td>
<td>Present certification by U.S. Veterans Administration to be 100% disabled to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance.</td>
<td>$3.10</td>
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<tr>
<td>PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION 3-DAY HUNTING EVENT LICENSE</td>
<td>State: All Game</td>
<td>Event must be sanctioned by DCNR Commissioner. Allows up to 10 US military veterans, 50% or more disabled, to hunt on one event license. Must present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration.</td>
<td>$131.65</td>
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<tr>
<td>GAME CHECK H.E.L.P. NUMBER</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>H.E.L.P. License number to be used by resident and nonresident license exempt hunter to record deer and turkey harvest. NOTE: NOT NEEDED IF PURCHASING ANY OTHER ANNUAL RECREATIONAL PRIVILEGE.</td>
<td>N/C</td>
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<tr>
<td>WILDLIFE HERITAGE LICENSE</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>Allows residents to fish in freshwater statewide with hook and line from the bank, fish in WFF operated Public Fishing Lakes (daily lake permits required), hunt small game, except waterfowl, on WFF WMA (WMA permit required), shoot on WFF managed shooting ranges, and support wildlife. These privileges are also included in all resident hunting and freshwater fishing licenses, including lifetime licenses.</td>
<td>$11.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DUCK STAMPS</td>
<td>Federal</td>
<td>Valid: 7/1/17 – 6/30/18. Available online at: <a href="https://store.usps.com/store/browse/subcategory.jsp?categoryId=duck-stamps">https://store.usps.com/store/browse/subcategory.jsp?categoryId=duck-stamps</a></td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LICENSE</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>Required for hunting big game (deer or turkey) and waterfowl on Management Areas, in addition to the appropriate hunting license and a Management Area Permit (free). Shooting range users on Wildlife Management Areas are required to have a valid hunting license, the Management Area License, or Wildlife Heritage License.</td>
<td>$17.70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FUR CATCHERS LICENSE</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>90 day resident proof required. Valid: 10/1/17 – 9/30/18</td>
<td>$21.70</td>
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<tr>
<td>COMMERCIAL FOWL HUNTING PRESERVE LICENSE</td>
<td>7-Day</td>
<td>In lieu of a regular hunting license, a resident may purchase for $8.00, plus a $2.00 issuance fee, a 7-day commercial fowl hunting preserve license that allows that person the privilege of hunting only artificially propagated or pen-raised fowl on a licensed commercial fowl hunting preserve. Check with the hunting preserve for information.</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
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For more information on resident licenses, see the notes on page 36.
## NONRESIDENT HUNTING LICENSES
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<td><strong>HUNTING LICENSE</strong></td>
<td>All Game: Annual</td>
<td>Valid for all legal game, to include deer and turkey.</td>
<td>$306.25</td>
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<td>All Game: 10-Day Trip</td>
<td>Valid for all legal game, to include deer and turkey. Valid for 240 consecutive hours.</td>
<td>$189.20</td>
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<td>All Game: 3-Day Trip</td>
<td>Valid for all legal game, to include deer and turkey. Valid for 72 consecutive hours.</td>
<td>$133.55</td>
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<td>Small Game: Annual</td>
<td>Valid for all legal game, except deer and turkey.</td>
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<td>Small Game: 10-Day Trip</td>
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<td>Small Game: 3-Day Trip</td>
<td>Valid for all legal game, except deer and turkey. Valid for 72 consecutive hours.</td>
<td>$44.35</td>
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### PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION 3-DAY HUNTING EVENT LICENSE
State: All Game
Event must be sanctioned by DCNR Commissioner. Allows up to 10 US military veterans, 50% or more disabled, to hunt on one event license. Must present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration. $131.65

### GAME CHECK H.E.L.P. NUMBER
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### DUCK STAMPS
**State**
Valid: 7/1/17 – 6/30/18. Available online at: https://store.usps.com/store/browse/subcategory.jsp?categoryId=duck-stamps

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### WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LICENSE
**Annual**
Required for hunting on Management Areas, in addition to the appropriate hunting license and a Management Area Permit (free). Shooting range users on Wildlife Management Areas are required to have a valid hunting license or the Management Area License.

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### FUR CATCHERS LICENSE
**Annual**
Same as nonresident license in applicant’s resident state, please call 334-242-3465. Valid: 10/1/17 – 9/30/18

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**NOTE:** Please see ‘General Information for Hunting and Fishing Licenses’ on page 36.

For more information on all available licenses, how and where to purchase your license and application packets, visit www.outdooralabama.com/alabama-license-information.

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#### RESIDENT FISHING LICENSES: Valid: 9/1/17 – 8/31/18 (unless otherwise indicated)

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<td>SPORT FISHING LICENSE</td>
<td>Freshwater: Annual*</td>
<td>Required for residents 16 years of age and under 65 years of age who fish with rod and reel, hook and line, or from a boat in public waters. This license is not required to fish with ordinary hook and line, only from bank in county of legal residence. Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.</td>
<td>$13.30</td>
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<td>Saltwater: Annual*</td>
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<td>$23.35</td>
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<td>Saltwater: 7-Day Trip</td>
<td>Trip licenses are valid for 168 consecutive hours.</td>
<td>$9.80</td>
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<tr>
<td>STATE LAKES DAILY FISHING LICENSE (SEE PAGE 62)</td>
<td>State Lakes Daily</td>
<td>In lieu of a regular fishing license, a resident may purchase to fish for 1 day at any WFF Division owned State Lake. (<em>Not valid in other public reservoirs, lakes and rivers.</em>) Trip is valid for 1 day.</td>
<td>$6.20</td>
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<tr>
<td>PHYSICALLY DISABLED FRESHWATER FISHING 3-DAY EVENT LICENSE</td>
<td>Freshwater Trip</td>
<td>Event must be sanctioned by DCNR. Allows up to 20 physically disabled persons and their assistant to fish on one event license. ($5.00 for each additional participant.)</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>DISABLED FISHING LICENSE</td>
<td>Freshwater Annual (totally disabled)</td>
<td>Present certification of permanent disability benefit to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance. Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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<td>Veterans Appreciation (20% disabled)</td>
<td>Present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration to be 20% or more disabled to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance. Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.</td>
<td>$3.10</td>
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<td>Saltwater Annual (totally disabled)</td>
<td>Present certification of permanent disability benefit to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance.</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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<td>FRESHWATER COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>12 month residency proof required. Required for use of any commercial gear. Valid: 10/1/17 – 9/30/18</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
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<td>Retail Freshwater Fish Dealer</td>
<td>Required to sell commercial or nongame fish direct to the consumer. Valid: 10/1/17 – 9/30/18</td>
<td>$11.00</td>
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<td>Wholesale Freshwater Fish Dealer</td>
<td>Required to sell commercial or nongame fish for resale. Valid: 10/1/17 – 9/30/18</td>
<td>$26.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>FRESHWATER MUSSEL LICENSE</td>
<td>Catcher</td>
<td>12 month residency proof required. Valid: 10/1/17 – 9/30/18</td>
<td>$251.00</td>
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<td>Dealer or Buyer</td>
<td>12 month residency proof required. Valid: 10/1/17 – 9/30/18</td>
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<td>SPEAR FISHING LICENSE</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>Valid for fresh and saltwater. Must also have appropriate sportfishing license.</td>
<td>$6.00</td>
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*Residents 64 years of age purchasing a hunting or fishing license are issued the license on a lifetime basis. Saltwater fishing license also required when saltwater fishing by use of any artificial bait, fly, lure, gig, cast net, bow, crab trap (five or less) or spear. Game fish may not be caught by any method other than ordinary hook and line, fly, troll, or spinner. The sale or purchase of game fish taken from public water is prohibited by law in Alabama.

**NOTE:** Residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from buying freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses, hunting licenses, wildlife management area license or state duck stamp (federal stamp required), provided said resident has on his person, while hunting or fishing, a driver's license or proof of permanent Alabama residence and age. If fishing in saltwater, residents 65 and over are required to register in the Saltwater Angler Registry each year.

### RESIDENT LIFETIME LICENSES

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<td>Freshwater Fishing License*</td>
<td>$168.05</td>
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<td>Hunting License*</td>
<td>$335.25</td>
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<td>Hunting &amp; Freshwater Fishing License*</td>
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<td>Hunting &amp; Saltwater Fishing License*</td>
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<td>Wildlife Heritage License</td>
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<td>Required for nonresidents 16 years of age and older. Required in any public water regardless of tackle used.</td>
<td>$51.00</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Freshwater: 7-Day Trip</td>
<td>Trip licenses are valid for 168 consecutive hours.</td>
<td>$28.75</td>
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<td>Special fishing license fees may apply to residents of Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, &amp; Tennessee.</td>
<td>$49.95</td>
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**NOTE:** Please see ‘General Information for Hunting and Fishing Licenses’ on page 36.
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Learn more about the mentor hunting program by visiting OutdoorAlabama.com or contact Justin Grider at justin.grider@dcnr.alabama.gov or 205-339-5716.
Sunrise & Sunset Times

**CENTRAL STANDARD TIME**
- Times in table are for Birmingham (downtown)
  Location: WO86049',N33032'
- Add one hour when on Daylight Savings Time
- PLEASE BE AWARE that sunrise/sunset times for other locations in the state—both north to south and east to west—may vary by as much as ten minutes or more from the times given in the table for downtown Birmingham. Times are specific to a given location’s coordinates of longitude and latitude, as well as day-of-the-year.
- Legal hunting hours for deer are 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset

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DATA from the Astronomical Applications Dept. of the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C.
50 YARD RESTRICTION FROM A PUBLIC ROAD
You may not hunt or discharge a firearm within 50 yards of the right-of-way of any public road, highway, or railroad with a centerfire rifle, a shotgun using slugs or shot larger than number four (4) shot or a muzzle loading rifle .40 caliber or larger. This law significantly impacts deer hunters. It is illegal to take any action to harvest a deer within the 50 yard restricted area with a weapon or shot listed above. The law was passed by the State Legislature to address safety issues.

WHO NEEDS HUNTER EDUCATION?
All license buyers (16 or older) born after August 1, 1977 must successfully complete an approved hunter education course. Exceptions include, APOST certified law enforcement officers employed in the state, active duty U.S. Military personnel and Alabama residents who are active members of the AL National Guard.

There are two ways to obtain your hunter education class; an in person class, also called a traditional class, or an all online option. The in person hunter education course is free; whereas, the internet course providers charge a fee. 100% of the fee goes to the course provider to pay for the cost of providing and maintaining the online course. Students taking hunter education must be ten years of age or older.

For those born after August 1, 1977 and have yet to complete an approved hunter education course but would still like to hunt, there is the option of purchasing a “Supervision Required” hunting license. This license requires the hunter to be under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult hunter while in the field. Hunters under supervision MUST be under normal voice control, not to exceed 30 feet away from a properly licensed hunter 21 years of age or older. Under no circumstance shall the supervising person be the holder of a “supervision required” license.

A list of classes along with more information about hunter education can be found on our website www.outdooralabama.com/hunter-education-alabama

HUNTING DEFINED
Hunting includes pursuing, shooting, killing, capturing and trapping wild animals, wild birds, and all lesser acts, such as disturbing, harrying or worrying, or placing, setting, drawing or using any device used to take wild animals, wild birds, whether they result in taking or not, and includes every act of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take wild animals or wild birds.

HUNTING PERMISSION REQUIREMENT
It is illegal to hunt, trap, capture, injure, kill or destroy any wild game on another person’s land without having in possession the written permission of the landowner or person in control of such land, unless accompanied by the landowner or unless a guest of the landowner.

HUNTING LANDS
Land is divided into two categories:
- **Private owned and leased land** is defined as that which is not open to the general public.
- **Open permit-public land** is defined as governmentally owned land open for public hunting and/or lands made available to the public on an individual basis whether for a fee or not. Examples of such lands would be U.S. Forest Service Lands and lands owned by lumber or utility companies available for use by hunters either through free permits, fee permits or no permit requirement.

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LEGAL HUNTING HOURS
Legal hunting hours for resident game birds and game animals including deer during open season are daylight hours (defined as beginning 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset) only. Migratory game birds and waterfowl are as specified for each species. Game animals may be hunted in open season during daylight hours only, except as specified for fox, raccoon, opossum, feral swine, bullfrog, pig frog and alligator under seasons. Certain restrictions apply for running dogs during spring turkey season (see individual species).

HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT FOR HUNTING
During dates and in areas open by regulation to gun deer season, including youth deer season and muzzeloader deer season, all persons hunting any wildlife species, except foxes, raccoons, and opossums during legal nighttime hours or turkey or migratory birds (including crows), are required to wear an outer garment above the waist with a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or either a full-size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more from the ground, when hunting in an enclosed box stand, when traveling in an enclosed vehicle, or when traveling on foot no more than twenty (20) feet directly between an operating enclosed vehicle and a stand where the hunter is exempt from the hunter orange requirement. The hunter orange must be worn when traveling on foot between an operating enclosed vehicle and exempt stand when the distance is more than a direct distance of twenty (20) feet. A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of hunter orange caps; otherwise, hunter orange must be of solid color and visible from any angle. Only hunter orange, commonly called blaze orange or ten-mile cloth, etc., is legal. The various shades of red, as well as camo-orange, are not legal.

WATERFOWL HUNTING
Refer to the Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide and the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book, as well as federal regulations, for details on waterfowl hunting requirements and seasons. A September teal and goose season has been scheduled. See seasons and bag limits section for information.

GAME ANIMALS
The following are designated as game animals in Alabama: bear, beaver, coyote, deer, fox, opossum, eastern cottontail rabbit, swamp rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, nutria, mountain lion (cougar), red wolf, groundhog, bobcat, feral swine (wild hog) and alligator. See Protected Species below.

GAME BIRDS
The following are designated as game birds in Alabama:
- Resident species: bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, wild turkey.
- Migratory species: wild duck, wild goose, brant, rail, sora, coot, common snipe, woodcock, mourning dove, purple gallinule, common moorhen and merganser.

PROTECTED SPECIES
All birds except English sparrows, crows, collared doves, starlings and blackbirds (except rusty) are protected by state law. Game birds and game animals may only be taken during open season for hunting. There is no open season in Alabama for bear, mountain lion (cougar) and ruffed grouse. Other wildlife species are protected by the nongame species regulation.

FURBEARING ANIMALS
The following are designated as furbearing animals in Alabama: beaver, bobcat, fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, striped skunk, coyote and feral swine.

ARCHERY AND SPEAR SPECIFICATIONS FOR HUNTING
Legal bows for hunting is defined as either a longbow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow. Longbows, recurve bows and compound bows must have a minimum peak tension of 30 lbs. Crossbows must have a minimum peak tension of 85 lbs at normal draw length. Arrows or bolts shall be equipped with broadhead having two sharpened edges and minimum cutting diameter of 7/8 inches. Attachments to the bow which project visible light are prohibited.

RUNNING DOGS
Deer may be run with dogs during the closed season only from October 1 to the opening of gun deer season in those counties/regions having an open dog deer season. Squirrel and rabbit may be run during closed season by licensed hunters (no guns). No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 am in areas open to turkey hunting.

SALE OF GAME BIRDS & GAME ANIMALS
It is illegal in Alabama to sell any game bird or game animal or any part of the animal, except lawfully taken deer hides, deer hooves and squirrel skins, hides and tails. Finished product items such as gloves, shoes,
ALL BAND REPORTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. CALL ALABAMA’S DEER HERD.

Recognizing the serious threat that the illegal transportation of live Cervidae into Alabama poses, the Alabama legislature increased the maximum fine for each violation to $5000. Should you become aware of any live deer being transported within Alabama, it is important to notify the Division at (800) 272-4263 immediately. It is also prohibited to import deer carcasses from CWD states and territories unless all meat and antlers have been cleaned of spinal cord and brain tissue.

Alabama’s deer herd is an extremely important segment of our wildlife resources. The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal from both a recreational and economic viewpoint. This herd, through proper management, has the potential to produce high quality deer. It is extremely important that this herd receives protection from sources that could cause harm. This is one reason it is illegal to import deer from outside Alabama. Any time a deer is moved, all its bacteria, viruses, diseases and parasites such as worms and ticks go along. Provisions such as “health certificates” do not ensure that animals are disease free. Diseases of concern to our deer populations are unlikely to move into Alabama unless they come here with infected deer. This risk of disease transmission to our native herd is too great. Recent outbreaks of both chronic wasting disease, commonly referred to as CWD, and bovine tuberculosis in other parts of the country demonstrate the wisdom of that ban. Many other states have recently banned or are in the process of banning the importation of deer.

LIVE DEER AND ELK MAY NOT BE IMPORTED INTO ALABAMA

It is illegal to import any live member of the deer family (Cervidae) including deer, elk, caribou, moose, etc. This is our best defense against diseases that could devastate Alabama’s deer herd. Recognizing the serious threat that the illegal transportation of live Cervidae into Alabama poses, the Alabama legislature increased the maximum fine for each violation to $5000. Should you become aware of any live deer being transported within Alabama, it is important to notify the Division at (800) 272-4263 immediately. It is also prohibited to import deer carcasses from CWD states and territories unless all meat and antlers have been cleaned of spinal cord and brain tissue.

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REPORT BANDS

To properly manage migratory birds, biologists must know migration patterns, harvest and survival rates, and ecological processes. Reporting banded bird recoveries will help provide the needed information. All band reports are very important. Call (800)327-BAND (2263) or email bandreports@patuxent.usgs.gov. Your help will greatly benefit migratory birds.

ALABAMA’S HUNTING & FISHING TRAIL FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Alabama has a statewide network of hunting, fishing, and shooting sites for people with physical disabilities. There are no requirements to preregister to use the fishing and shooting facilities but those using the hunting sites (see below) must be approved in advance including certification that they meet disability guidelines. Users must be properly licensed and abide by all laws and regulations. Call (334) 242-3469 for additional information.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

The Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division manages 33 WMAs to provide public hunting opportunities. Consult the Management Area Season Leaflet and the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book or www.outdooralabama.com for hunting dates and regulations governing hunting on these areas. Before hunting, hunters are required to have proper hunting licenses and management area permits.

In addition, WMA hunters must also possess the management area license. Shooting range users on WMAs are required to have a valid hunting license, management area license or wildlife heritage license (residents only). For locations, see map on page 62.

DESIGNATED AREAS FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTERS

Specific areas are reserved primarily for use by physically disabled hunters. These areas are open to deer hunting on designated days during gun deer season. To hunt these areas, hunters must possess proper hunting license, certificate of qualification and reserve hunting dates in advance. Application forms and information on these designated areas are available from the Wildlife Section, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 64 N. Union St., Suite 584, Montgomery, AL 36104, (334) 242-3469.

SPECIAL YOUTH HUNTS

Youth who have not yet reached their sixteenth birthday have the opportunity to participate in special hunts. The special deer hunt is scheduled for the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday before the opening of gun season. Each youth or youth hunting party (maximum of 2 youth) must be accompanied by a non-hunting, properly-licensed adult 21 years of age or older, or the parent of the youth, and wear hunter orange (adult must also).

The opportunity for youth to hunt turkey is offered the Saturday and Sunday prior to the regular spring season opening days. The same regulations apply as for the youth deer hunt, except hunter orange does not have to be worn while hunting turkey.

A special youth waterfowl hunt is offered statewide. The Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide should be referred to for rules and regulations.

Those interested in any of these special youth hunts should contact the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division’s Wildlife Section at (334) 242-3469 for more details.

YOUTH DOVE HUNTS

Fields located throughout Alabama will offer exclusive youth dove hunts on selected Saturday afternoons beginning on the opening date. To participate, an adult (21 years of age or older or the youth’s parent) must be accompanied by youth(s) less than 16 years old. These hunts are designed to maximize youth participation and foster mentoring by the adults. Information advertising the various hunts can be attained by calling the nearest district office (see page 2) or at www.outdooralabama.com.

SHOOTING RANGES

The Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division recognizes the increased need for public facilities where individuals can safely discharge firearms. The Division operates and maintains shooting ranges open to the public on Barbour, Black Warrior, William R. Ireland, Sr.-Cahaba River, Choccolocco, Conecuh National Forest, Coosa, Freedom Hills, Sam R. Murphy, Oakmulgee, Swan Creek, James D. Martin-Skyline, and Upper Delta Wildlife Management Areas, Etowah Public Shooting Range (Gadsden) and Marengo Public Shooting Range (Linden). Most ranges offer shooting opportunities from 25 to 100 yards. Ranges are constructed with revenue from the sale of hunting licenses, ammunition and matching Federal Aid Funds and are utilized by recreational shooters, competitive shooters, hunters and other shooting enthusiasts.

Follow all firearms safety and handling rules while utilizing public shooting ranges. For more information on shooting ranges, please call the area wildlife biologist or the Hunter Education Office at (334) 242-3620.

A WMA License, hunting license, or wildlife heritage license is required to use the shooting ranges.

ALWAYS WEAR A FULL BODY HARNESS

Falling from treestands is the leading cause of injuries to hunters in Alabama. Injuries from treestand accidents could be minimized or prevented by wearing a full body harness. Alabama regulations now require
all hunters utilizing a treestand on wildlife management areas to wear a full body harness.

Always use a pull-up rope to pull equipment from the ground to your tree-stand. Never carry a gun, bow, or other equipment while climbing up or down a tree. Always pull guns up to your treestand unloaded. The use of portable treestands is highly recommended. Never erect permanent stands without landowner permission.

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
The Alabama Cooperative Deer Management Assistance Program (DMP) was developed in 1984 to assist those who wish to intensify deer management on their lands. Over 100 landownerships and hunting clubs covering more than 200,000 acres are enrolled as DMP cooperators. Wildlife biologists are assigned to help cooperators develop deer management plans and harvest strategies. Conservation Enforcement Officers assist with legal aspects of the program. Cooperators collect biological information from deer taken on their lands each year. Analysis of the data results in a status report and deer management recommendations which are provided to each cooperator before the following hunting season. For more information, contact the nearest Wildlife Section district office (page 2).

FOREVER WILD PROGRAM
The Forever Wild Program was adopted by Alabama voters in November 1992 to set aside land for permanent state ownership using a portion of the interest earned on profits from the sale of offshore natural gas. The land, to be used for hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor recreation, natural resource protection and research and preservation of unique sites, will be acquired from willing sellers at no taxpayer cost and will belong to you, the public.

The 15-member Forever Wild Board reviews all nominated tracts for purchase and establishes a priority purchase authorization. The Forever Wild Program will allow a steady acquisition effort to build a public land base to meet the needs of Alabama citizens and provide natural resource protection and management to accommodate hunters, hikers, campers and other outdoor recreationists. For further information, contact the Lands Division at (334) 242-3484 (see page 36).

NONGAME WILDLIFE PROGRAM
Since 1984, the Nongame Wildlife Program has been charged with the conservation of the nongame animals of this state—animals that are neither caught, hunted nor trapped. With over 900 nongame vertebrate species of animals native to this state, as well as thousands more invertebrates such as butterflies, crayfish, mussels and snails, this is a formidable task indeed. Funding for the Nongame Wildlife Program does not include any state general funds—not a penny of taxpayer dollars. Conservationists support the program through the nongame checkoff on state tax returns, direct donations, and from hunting license and wildlife heritage license fees.

HUNTER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION
Many hunters travel to and from their hunting area, tree stand, or blind just before dawn and after dusk. It is recommended that hunters use a small pen light while traveling to and from their stands or hunting area. A small red flashing light can be purchased that pins to a hat or other visible area. Use of a small light will help with the problem of identification of hunters during low light condition. This recommendation does not legalize the use of lights to hunt game animals.

Legal hunting hours for deer are 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset.

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The following are prohibited methods of hunting in the State of Alabama as condensed from the laws and regulations. Consult the Alabama Game, Fish and Wildlife Law Book and the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book for the entire law or regulation.

**It is ILLEGAL to:**

1. Fail to report all deer and turkey harvested on your harvest record (either paper or app form) and in Game Check.
2. Hunt any game animal which does not exhibit wild characteristics or under conditions where animals do not have opportunity for escape.
3. Hunt any exotic game such as wild goat, wild sheep, deer other than whitetail or fallow or elk except those certified prior to 2006.
4. Hunt deer or turkey without a deer or turkey harvest record (either paper or app form) and in his/her possession or move any deer or turkey before recording kill on harvest record. See page 16.
5. Hunt any area where baiting/feeding has occurred until 10 days after all bait/feed has been removed or consumed. See page 25 for Area Definition.
6. Hunt any game animal or bird with a gun or bow and arrow except during daylight hours, with the exception of those species with legal night time seasons.
7. Shoot or hunt a turkey from an elevated treestand with a firearm. All other legal game animals and birds may be taken with a bow and arrow or firearm from an elevated treestand.
8. Take a deer, whether dead or alive, from the waters of this State.
9. Use live decoys for migratory birds and turkey.
10. Use electronic dove, turkey or waterfowl calls. Electronic calls may be used to call predators during daylight hours only during open hunting season for that species.
11. Hunt by the aid of fire or smoke, whether man-made or natural.
12. Hunt resident birds or animals on any floodwaters or backwaters, or islands less than 40 acres created by such.
13. Hunt or discharge a firearm from, upon or across any public road or railroad, or the right-of-way of any public road or railroad. You may not hunt or discharge a firearm within 50 yards of the right-of-way of any public road, highway, or railroad with a centerfire rifle, a shotgun using slugs or shot larger than number four (4) shot or a muzzle loading rifle .40 or larger.
14. Willfully throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight or artificial light from any motor vehicle while the vehicle is on any highway or public road and casting said light on any real property, between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
15. Concentrate, drive, rally, molest, hunt, take, capture or kill any bird or animal from or by the aid of any automobile, ATV, airplane, train, motor boat, sailboat or any other type mechanically propelled device. Persons may hunt from a floating craft or motor vehicle once the motor is shut off and all forward motion has ceased. It is not legal to hunt from a vehicle on a public road.
16. Use gasoline or other noxious chemical to drive wildlife from their burrows, dens or retreats.
17. Kill unantlered deer except during unantlered deer seasons as set by the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division.
18. Hunt with dogs during day time or after 3:00 a.m. during spring turkey season.
19. Take or attempt to take or have in possession more than the daily bag limit of any game bird or animal.
20. Import, possess, sell or offer to sell live: any species of mongoose, any species of wild rabbit or hare and any deer, raccoon, fox, skunk, coyote, wild turkey, wild rodents and any wild goat, sheep, antelope or other exotic game from any area outside of Alabama. (Also, see Sale of Game Birds and Game Animals, page 47) or any fish from the genus Clarias, Serrasalmus or Mylopharyngodon.
21. Release any tame or wild turkey into any of the wild areas of the state.
22. Utilize firearms for hunting deer during the preliminary archery only season, except handguns may be possessed for personal protection.
23. Hunt using laser sights, attachments and light sources to project a beam forward of a gun or bow, except for legally blind hunters.
24. Hunt or take wildlife using poison, explosives or chemicals to include deer blocks, molasses blocks, mineral blocks, chemical licks, and similar products. Deer may be hunted over plain salt licks containing no other minerals or chemicals.
25. Have in possession or keep in captivity any protected live wild bird or wild animal.
26. Trail wounded game onto property where the hunter does not have permission to enter.
27. Possess live feral pig or release any live feral or domestic pig or hog captured by trap or dog.
28. Hunt within 100 yards of any dwelling without the permission of the owner or lessee or discharge a firearm while hunting so that any projectile strikes any dwelling or building used for human occupation, or any commercial vessel, without the permission of the owner or lessee. This does not apply to a landowner or member of his/her immediate family hunting on his/her own property provided that no projectile strikes the above property of another without the permission of the owner or lessee.
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Over the past ten years, perceived declines in turkey populations across the southeast have caused concerns among both hunters and agencies tasked with managing the species. However, little or no scientific data exists to substantiate the decline in populations. In response, the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) partnered with the Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (ALCU) at Auburn University to begin the largest, most comprehensive Wild Turkey (Meleagris gallopavo; hereafter turkey) research project conducted in Alabama in over 30 years.

The overall goal of the turkey research project is to develop decision tools to inform science-based management of turkey populations in Alabama. In 2014, with aid from ALCU, the newly formed WFF Turkey Committee completed a prototype decision tool. The developed tool is used to evaluate impacts of different bag limits and season frameworks on turkey populations. The tool focuses on bag limits and season framework because outside of management on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and advice provided to landowners, the only means a state agency has to manage turkey populations statewide is through season and harvest regulations.

The foundation of the decision tool is a population model that predicts impacts of different management regulations on turkey populations using the density of gobblers in spring (males > 1 yr old) and productivity in fall (poultr:hen ratio) as inputs. The model’s predicted outputs of population size (i.e. density), age structure, and sex ratio are used to determine the harvest regulation that would balance the highest regional gobbler densities and largest bag limits that can be sustained perpetually. However, the population predictive model is only as good as the information it is based on and recent productivity and survival rates for Alabama turkey populations are unavailable. At current, the prototype’s population model is based on vital rates (productivity and survival rates) estimated from research projects in Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, and Alabama. The most recent relevant research in Alabama was conducted prior to the mid-1990s and based on relatively small sample sizes. The WFF Turkey Committee agreed that new research to determine survival and productivity rates that dictate abundance, sex ratios, and age ratios of turkey populations in Alabama was needed for the prototype decision tool.

In January 2015, a long-term field research project was initiated to collect data on population structure (age and sex ratios), density, and vital rates (productivity, survival and harvest rates) of turkey in Alabama. The field research duration spans for a five year period and is being conducted across three separate study areas that represent dominate turkey habitats across the state. The study areas are the hardwood forests in and around J.D. Martin Skyline WMA in Jackson County, the longleaf pines and hardwood drainages in and around Oakmulgee WMA in Hale and Bibb Counties, and the short-rotation pines and hardwood bottoms in and around Barbour WMA. The primary objectives of the field research component are to examine regional age-specific survival and recruitment rates of turkey; determine effects of ecoregion, land use, and population density on turkey productivity; investigate regional age- and sex- specific variation in harvest and other mortality rates of turkey; investigate annual and season variation in regional vital rates; develop and validate operational monitoring procedures; examine movements and habitat use of adult females during nesting and brood rearing.

Since January of 2015, over 210 turkeys have been captured, banded, and tagged with a VHF/GPS transmitter. These tagged birds are monitored for survival and productivity. Every two weeks attempts are made to locate each tagged turkey to determine whether it is still alive. In August, tagged hens are tracked and number of poults produced by each hen is counted. In spring, band returns are assessed to determine harvest rates of males. On each study area, camera surveys have been conducted prior to and following the spring turkey hunting season. To date, approximately 500,000 images have been analyzed to determine population densities and sex and age ratios. By fall 2017, data from the field research will be analyzed and resulting vital rates will be used to update the population model within the prototype decision tool.

The next phase of the turkey research project will focus on small scale experimental tests using the prototype to make season and bag limit decisions. Turkey hunters that utilize the Division’s WMAs will begin to see delayed opening dates on several WMAs including, J.D. Martin Skyline, Oakmulgee, Barbour, Lowndes, Choccolocco, and Perdido. Although change is not often welcomed, these experimental tests provide an opportunity to use the tool on a small operational scale and then monitor the response of turkey populations from implementing those regulations. Experimental test results can then be used to evaluate any unexpected outcomes with model predicted outputs.

You can get more information about the turkey research project, on the project website at www.turkeyres.org and www.outdooralabama.com/wild-turkey. This project is funded by WFF with Federal Aid funds from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson), Auburn University, Alabama Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, and U.S. Geological Survey. •
The Alabama Nongame Wildlife Program is looking for sightings of the Eastern Hellbender.

**Facts:**
- The largest salamander in Alabama. Up to 30 inches.
- Not aggressive or poisonous.
- Has a lifespan up to 30 years.
- Protected by state regulation.

**Ways to report:**
- Email photographs with GPS latitude/longitude coordinates (smartphone photos are automatically tagged with this information) to Ericha.Shelton-Nix@dcnr.alabama.gov

Learn more about the hellbender here: outdooralabama.com/hellbender
The Hunters Helping the Hungry program provides a way for Alabama hunters to give ground venison to needy families and individuals.

Since the program’s beginning in 1999 hundreds of thousands of pounds of ground venison have been donated to Alabama Food Banks across the state.

Alabama’s abundant deer population, generous bag limits, and long hunting season combine to allow Alabama hunters to stock their freezers and share their game with the needy.

Donated deer meat is processed into ground venison, packaged and frozen, ready to be distributed to the food bank. There is no charge to the hunter for processing the deer. Many processors throughout the state are participating in the program and more are being added to the list each season. Ask your local deer processor if they are participating in the program.

Donating food to the needy is just one of the many ways hunters help this state. We encourage all Alabama deer hunters to participate. Hunters who know of local processors not participating in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program are asked to encourage their processors to become involved.

It’s not too late to be included in the program. Call (334) 242-3467 for more information or to sign on as a participating processor.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to help fund this program may send a check or money order to the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation, P.O. Box 140, Montgomery, AL 36101-0140. Hunters Helping the Hungry should be noted on the check.

CAREERS:

Since 1907, the officers of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources have provided "off the pavement" law enforcement to the people of our state. If you are interested in a career as a Conservation Enforcement Officer with the oldest state law enforcement agency in Alabama, the requirements and steps listed below will be your starting point.

REQUIREMENTS:

• High School diploma or GED Certificate
• Possession of a valid Alabama driver license
• Applicants must be 21 years of age at the time of application
• Applicants must qualify to be certified as a law enforcement officer by the Alabama Peace Officer’s Standards and Training Commission

STEPS:

• Complete the Application for Examination Form available at www.personnel.alabama.gov, or any Alabama Career Center Office.
• The job title for the Application for Examination Form is Conservation Enforcement Officer, Trainee – 70798.

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Alabama reservoir and an annual report is published. The report includes information on the Alabama bass which was formerly known as spotted bass in the Mobile drainage; those individuals who catch large sportfish from Alabama waters and to provide biologists with useful statistics on the number of large fish caught from our reservoirs. The program includes four categories: Master Angler, Trophy Angler, Lake Record and State Record. Anglers can submit applications for Master Angler and Trophy Angler status based upon their fish’s total length or total weight, but not both, and may submit an unlimited number of applications. Applications, specific requirements, and instructions can be obtained from any District Fisheries office or from www.outdooralabama.com/state-record-angler-recognition-0. Qualified anglers will receive a certificate commemorating their catch and a window decal.

SEASONS
All public streams, lakes and ponds are open to fishing throughout the year except some state-owned and managed public fishing lakes.

PRIVATE LANDS AND WATERS
It is illegal to fish in public waters on or from posted private land without the owner’s permission. It is illegal to fish in private waters without permission from the owners.

MEANS OF CATCHING GAME FISH
It is illegal to take, catch or kill, or to attempt to take, catch or kill any game fish by any means other than ordinary hook and line, artificial lure, live bait, troll or spinner in any of the public waters of this State. It is unlawful to use electrical devices, explosives, poisons or firearms to take fish of any species from these waters.

GAME FISH
The following shall be named and designated as game fish in Alabama: rainbow trout, all members of the sunfish family to include: largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, shoul, and those species formerly known as “redeye” bass, which are now known separately as Coosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Tallapoosa, and Chattahoochee bass, based on their respective drainages and the Alabama bass which was formerly known as spotted bass in the Mobile drainage; those fish commonly referred to as bream which include rock bass, flier, shadow bass, warmouth, redbreast, bluegill, longear, and redear (shellcracker); black and white crappie; all members of the temperate bass family to include: saltwater striped, white, and yellow bass and any hybrids thereof; all members of the pike family to include chain, redbin, and grass pickerel; the following members of the perch family: sauger (jack), walleye, and yellow perch.

THE BASS ANGLERS INFORMATION TEAM (BAIT) PROGRAM
BAIT is a voluntary partnership between bass clubs and the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (ADWFF). The program summarizes information on bass fishing and is used by ADWFF fisheries biologists, in combination with their reservoir surveys, as the basis for fisheries management decisions. BAIT data allows biologists to identify trends in bass populations and helps them better understand the mechanisms that influence them. This data may also be used by participating bass clubs to select tournament locations.

Following a tournament, a club member fills out a data form that provides details regarding the tournament format, the number of participants, and the numbers and weight of bass weighed-in. The results are then compiled and analyzed for each Alabama reservoir and an annual report is published. The report ranks each reservoir based on five fishing quality indicators and determines an overall ranking.

In order to assist in the BAIT process, tell your fellow club members and tournament directors their participation is needed. If your club is already participating in this program, we thank you for your continued support. If your club is not participating, but would like to, simply complete and submit a BAIT card following the tournament. All participating clubs receive a printed copy of the annual report.

For more info, contact the Fisheries Section at (334) 242-3471, email Kyle.Bolton@dcnr.alabama.gov or visit www.outdooralabama.com/bass-fishing-quality-bait-reports.

ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Alabama’s Angler Recognition Program is intended to honor individuals who catch large sportfish from Alabama waters and to provide biologists with useful statistics on the number of large fish caught from our reservoirs. The program includes four categories: Master Angler, Trophy Angler, Lake Record and State Record. Anglers can submit applications for Master Angler and Trophy Angler status based upon their fish’s total length or total weight, but not both, and may submit an unlimited number of applications. Applications, specific requirements, and instructions can be obtained from any District Fisheries office or from www.outdooralabama.com/state-record-angler-recognition-0. Qualified anglers will receive a certificate commemorating their catch and a window decal.

CREEL AND POSSESSION LIMITS AND SIZE LIMITS
Detailed information on creel and possession limits and size limits is provided on page 64. Please familiarize yourself thoroughly with this information. You should also notice that size limits for the various fish species are not the same on all public waters. Be sure and check this information for each body of water you plan to fish. Should you have questions, you may contact any Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division Fisheries Biologist or Conservation Enforcement Officer or call (334) 242-3471 for assistance.

USE OF BREAM FOR BAIT
All species of bream may be used as bait as long as a person does not have in his possession total bream numbers in excess of the daily creel limit, regardless of size, and they are harvested legally. Other native game fish may not be used for bait.

SALE OF GAME FISH
It is unlawful to sell or purchase any game fish from Alabama or in Alabama from another state except (1) game fish raised in hatcheries and sold for stocking ponds and lakes; (2) non-native game fish (trout, salmon, etc.) raised for human consumption or (3) largemouth bass, shellcracker, yellow perch and bluegill bream raised in farm ponds, which may be sold under permit from the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division. For more information, contact your local District Office (page 2).

TROTLINES
It is illegal to fish trotline or snag line, set line, commercial fishing net, slat boxes or wire baskets within one-half mile below any lock, dam or powerhouse. All recreational licensed fisherman utilizing trotlines are limited to 100 hooks total. All trotlines must have a plastic or metal tag attached containing the owners name and either their address, fishing license number or phone number. Trotlines operated under commercial fishing licenses are not limited in number of hooks.

WIRE BASKETS
Wire baskets may be used only in certain counties to harvest nongame fish for personal consumption only. Persons holding a commercial fishing license may not fish with wire baskets. No fish taken in wire baskets may be sold or offered for sale. All game fish taken in the baskets must be immediately returned to the water. All baskets must be clearly marked with the valid wire basket license number and name of person using and owning the basket. It is illegal for any one person to fish with more than four wire baskets. Consult the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book or local Conservation Enforcement Officer (see District Offices, page 2) to determine number of baskets and locations where wire baskets are legal.
GIGS OR GRABBLING
Commercial or nongame fish may be legally taken by gigs or by grabbling by hand by persons possessing a valid sport fishing license.

FILLETING FISH
It is unlawful to fillet a fish or remove heads while fishing or to possess fillets of fish while on public waters, except when fish are being prepared for immediate cooking and consumption; provided, however, that the fish may be drawn or gutted with heads left attached.

SPEARFISHING
The spearing of nongame or commercial fish solely for the purpose of sport in all waters of this state, both fresh and salt, is legal provided that the person engaged in the act of spearing is completely submerged and possesses the appropriate sport fishing and spearfishing licenses. This license is issued by the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division, Marine Resources Division and online. For more information and application packet, call (334) 242-3465 or visit our website at www.outdooralabama.com.

SNAGGING
It is unlawful to take fish by snagging on the Chattahoochee River or its impoundments, the Tennessee River or its impoundments, and State-owned public fishing lakes. Further, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take fish by snagging within 800 feet of any dam on the Coosa River or its impoundments.
**BOWFISHING EQUIPMENT**

Bow fishing with any longbow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow using barbed arrows attached by line to the bow, float, vessel or shooter is legal for the taking of commercial or non-game fish.

**TAKING MINNOWS AND SHAD FOR BAIT**

It is legal for licensed anglers to take minnows, shad, and certain suckers from certain public waters by the use of a cast net, minnow jug, minnow basket, not to exceed 24 inches in length, 12 inches in diameter, with funnel entrance not more than one inch in diameter, dip net or minnow seine, the length of which shall not exceed 25 feet and the width or depth of which shall not exceed 4 feet for the purpose of taking shad or minnows for the exclusive use as fish bait. No seines may be used in un-impounded tributary streams and creeks. All game fish and all commercial or nongame fish taken by nets or seines must be immediately returned to the water from whence they came with the least possible injury. Dip nets may be used to land legally caught fish.

**MUSSEL HARVEST FOR BAIT**

Licensed anglers may use their hands, a rake or dip net not wider than 24 inches to collect the Asiatic Clam Corbicula for fish bait.

**ZEBRA MUSSEL ALERT**

The zebra mussel is an exotic species of freshwater mussel that has colonized many southern bodies of water, including the Tennessee River system. These mussels can disrupt freshwater food chains and may cause major changes in some fish populations. Boaters are one of the major contributors to the spread of zebra mussels from infested to uninfested waters. To report zebra mussel sightings or for more information, contact: Alabama Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division at (334) 242-3471.

**PUBLIC WATER STOCKING**

It shall be unlawful to intentionally stock or release any fish, mussel, snail, crayfish or their embryos, including bait fish, into the public waters of Alabama under the jurisdiction of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries as provided in Rule 220-2-.42 except those waters from which it came without the written permission of a designated employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources authorized by the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries to issue such permit. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to the incidental release of bait into the water during the normal process of fishing.

**LIFE JACKET REQUIREMENTS BELOW DAMS**

It is unlawful for any person to operate any vessel on the waters of Alabama within 800 feet below a hydroelectric dam and/or navigation lock and dam unless each person aboard, including the operator, is wearing a securely fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device Type I, II, III or V.

**PUBLIC BOATING ACCESS AREAS**

Public access areas include state-owned and/or operated boat launching ramps, associated parking lots, piers and any real or personal property within the boundaries of such areas. Such public access areas are for the uses of pleasure boating, hunting and fishing. Picnicking is allowed only where tables are provided. The following is a synopsis of regulations for use of such areas, and is intended as a general guide for the boating public. Please refer to the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Regulation Book for specific interpretation.

**AT PUBLIC BOATING ACCESS AREAS, IT IS ILLEGAL TO:**

- Litter
- Camp or build fires
- Loiter
- Discharge firearms, except as otherwise provided by law
- Consume alcoholic beverages
- Swim, dive, jump or sunbathe within 50 yards of any ramp or pier
- Block ramp, pier or the approach with vehicles or trailers
- Operate any unlicensed vehicle such as ATVs, except those driven by mobility impaired persons in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Solicit, sell, advertise or install signs
- Destroy, damage, cut or remove any tree, bush, shrub, plant or flower
- Operate commercial, industrial or construction equipment such as barges without written approval obtained from the Fisheries Section, 64 N. Union St., Suite 551, Montgomery, AL 36104.

All other state laws apply and are enforced on public access areas. Boating access information is available online at: www.outdooralabama.com.

**COMMERCIAL FISHING**

This pamphlet covers only freshwater sport fishing laws and regulations. For information on freshwater commercial fishing or musseling, visit our website at www.outdooralabama.com, call (334) 242-3465 or visit the nearest District Office (page 2).

**COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM**

In 1995, a major initiative to bring fishing opportunities to urban dwellers became a reality when the Division launched the Community Fishing Program in cooperation with Alabama municipalities. Recognizing the shift in population from rural to urban areas, the program promotes fishing as wholesome fun for youth in Alabama cities and towns. From small communities to sprawling metropolitan areas, towns and cities throughout the State are all eligible to participate.
The Division partners with local communities or civic groups. The Division provides expertise, block off nets and loaner tackle. Communities and/or civic groups provide a location, volunteers and fish. The result is a lot of fun for everyone. Community events attracting participants are proof of the success of this program. To learn how to have a community fishing event in your community, contact your local district fisheries supervisor or Doug Darr, Fisheries Section, 64 N. Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, (334) 242-3884. Our web address is www.outdooralabama.com.

BOATING OPERATOR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS
The Roberson-Archer Act and The Boating Safety Enhancement Act of 2001 mandates that no one under the age of 12 may operate a motorized vessel, and that every vessel operator be licensed and have the license in possession at the time of operation.

For information on obtaining a vessel operator’s license, contact the ALEA Marine Trooper Division at (334) 517-2930, or visit www.outdooralabama.com and click on Boating.

BOATING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALABAMA RESIDENTS
Must be 12 years old or older, but cannot operate alone until the age of 14. Operators 12 or 13 years old, after obtaining the vessel operator’s license, can only operate if an adult 21 years old or older with a vessel operator’s license in possession, is onboard and seated in a position to take immediate control of the vessel if necessary. A licensed operator, 14 years old or older, may legally operate without supervision. Possession of a certificate of completion for a boating course is not a vessel license.

BOATING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONRESIDENTS
Nonresidents 12 years old and older, may operate on Alabama waters up to 45 days per calendar year without obtaining a vessel operator’s license. However, operators 12 or 13 years old, can only operate if an adult 21 years old or older who either has a vessel operator’s license in possession or who falls under the 45 day exemption period, is onboard and seated in a position to take immediate control of the vessel if necessary. If operating a vessel for more than 45 days, the nonresident must get an Alabama Nonresident Vessel Operator’s License. Nonresidents who have obtained a vessel certification or license from their home state, may use that in lieu of the Alabama Nonresident Vessel Operator’s License.

SALTWATER FISHING
For information on saltwater fishing license requirements, size and possession limits, contact the Marine Resources Division, PO Drawer 458, Gulf Shores, AL 36547, (251) 968-7576.

POND MANAGEMENT
Ponds provide more fishing opportunities than most types of waters in Alabama. Alabamians utilizing ponds for fishing provide needed funding for sport fish restoration. There are more than 275,000 fish ponds in Alabama. Manmade fish ponds greatly alleviate the fishing pressure on our public streams and lakes. Therefore,
the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division is vitally interested in this popular resource. Proper stocking and management will provide years of excellent fishing for bass, bluegill and shellcracker. Sustaining good fishing in ponds requires proper design, stocking with appropriate fish species and ongoing fish management. Ponds should be thought of as gardens because all the basic gardening principles also apply to pond management. Technical assistance is also provided to pond owners at no cost regarding proper management practices such as fertilization, liming, weed control and fish harvest. These management practices are essential to maintaining good fishing in ponds. In particular, proper fertilization results in an abundant food supply for bass and bream, ensuring that they will be abundant and in good condition. Contact a Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division Office for assistance (page 2).

**NON-NATIVE AQUATIC PLANTS**

It is prohibited to introduce, place or cause the introduction or placement of any non-native aquatic plant into any public waters of the State. For further information, contact the local District Fisheries Biologist (see page 2).

**FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES**

Fish from most waters in Alabama are safe for human consumption. For those locations of concern, fish consumption advisories are provided by the Alabama Department of Public Health. For a current list of advisories call: (800) 201-8208 or visit www.adph.org.

Licenses are available by calling the toll-free number 1-888-848-6887 and online at www.outdooralabama.com.

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State-owned public fishing lakes include all land and waters under the direct supervision of the Fisheries Section of the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division. The lakes are as follows:

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State-owned public fishing lakes are typically open six days a week from February 1 through June 30 each year. From July 1 until November 30, some lakes are only open five days a week. During the months of December and January, many lakes are closed or operate on a limited basis. Information and schedules may change without notice, so please call the Lake Manager or the appropriate Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries District Office for the current operating schedule.

**NOTE**

All anglers 12 years old and older must have a valid permit in possession to legally fish. No child younger than 12 years old can legally be left unaccompanied by an adult at a public fishing lake. All daily creel, possession and size limits are posted at each lake. Fishing time is limited to daylight hours or as specified by lake manager. No method other than hook and line with natural or artificial bait may be used at public fishing lakes. All anglers must exhibit their catch, fishing permit and fishing license to Conservation Officer or Lake Manager upon demand. All fish must be carried to the Lake Manager who must count and weigh them.

All state lakes are designated as wildlife sanctuaries. Following is a synopsis of regulations for state-owned public fishing lakes and is intended as a general guide. Please refer to the *Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division Regulation Book* for complete regulations.

**AT ALL STATE OWNED PUBLIC FISHING LAKES, IT IS ILLEGAL TO:**

- Stock fish, including minnows used as legal bait
- Sell any fish that was caught from public fishing lakes
- Use any minnow as bait except for goldfish, shiners or toughies (fatheads)
- Operate gasoline outboard motors except where permitted
- Camp (except where permitted), swim, wade or use sailboats
- Launch any boat without a permit
- Be unruly or disorderly
- Solicit, sell or advertise
- Remove shrubs, wildflowers, trees or plants
- Deface or destroy state property
- Exceed posted speed limits
- Operate unlicensed vehicles such as ATVs
- Hunt, trap, pursue, catch or sell any wild bird or wild animal
- Fish without a permit if age 12 or older
ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE RECIPROCAL FISHING LICENSE AREAS

**AREA WHERE ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE FISHING LICENSE ARE HONORED.**
FISHING REGULATIONS OF EACH STATE MUST BE ADHERED TO WHILE FISHING IN THE STATES' WATERS.

**AREA WHERE EITHER ALABAMA OR MISSISSIPPI FISHING LICENSE ARE HONORED.**

**ALABAMA FISHING LICENSE ONLY**
RECIPIROCAL LICENSE NOT HONORED.
1. The following seasons for taking fish in accordance with the below stated times, places, manners and restrictions are hereby established. Unless noted below, the seasons for all designated game and commercial fish are open continuously.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to take or have in possession more than the daily limit for any fish as established herein. This shall not apply to fish held live for release by the sponsor or its designated agent after a bonafide fishing tournament provided they are released unharmed to the public waters from which they were taken as soon as reasonably possible on the same day they were taken. This does not obligate the sponsor or its designated agent to release dead or dying fish.

3. Except as otherwise noted, it shall be unlawful to possess any fish less than or greater than size restrictions as established herein. Size restrictions on all fish determined by measuring from the front of the mouth to the tip of the tail with both mouth and tail closed. Except as otherwise provided for State and Federally owned and/or managed fishing lakes and ponds, the daily creel, possession limits and size restrictions for fish in all public waters of this State shall be as follows:

The creel and possession limits for fish in all public waters of this state, except as otherwise provided for certain State and Federally owned and/or managed fishing lakes and ponds, shall be as follows:

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<td>Black Bass Includes combinations of largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, Alabama, shool and those species formerly known as “redeye” bass, which are now known separately as Coosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Tallapoosa and Chattahoochee bass, based on their respective drainages. The Alabama bass was formerly known as spotted bass in the Mobile drainage. See exceptions for shool bass in specific tributaries of the Chattahoochee River. 10</td>
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<td>Walleye It shall be illegal to take or attempt to take walleye by any method from Sweetwater Lake located in the Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, from White Plains Lake (also known as Whitesides Mill Lake), Calhoun County and from Shoal Creek upstream of White Plains Lake, Calhoun and Cleburne Counties. It shall also be illegal to take or attempt to take walleye by any method from Lake Mitchell on the Coosa River between Mitchell Dam and Lay Dam or from its tributary streams; Walnut Creek in Chilton County, Hatchet Creek in Coosa and Clay Counties and Weogufka Creeks in Coosa County. Any walleye taken in these lakes or streams shall immediately be released back into the waters from which they were taken with least possible harm. 2</td>
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<td>Sauger It is illegal to possess any Sauger less than 15 inches in total length. 5</td>
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<td>Saltwater Striped Bass and Hybrids or Combinations No more than five of the 15 may exceed 22 inches in total length. See exceptions for Lewis Smith, Inland, Yates, and Thurlow reservoirs and Lake Martin. 15</td>
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<td>Crappie It is illegal to possess any Crappie less than nine inches in total length taken from Alabama public waters, including Aliceville Reservoir and Pickwick Reservoir. Waters exempt from the nine-inch Crappie limit include impoundments less than 500 surface acres, and the reciprocal waters of the Chattahoochee River and Impoundments and their tributaries, Bear Creek Reservoir (Big Bear Lake of the B.C.D.A. Lakes), Lake Jackson at Florala and Weiss Reservoir. See exception for Weiss Reservoir. 30</td>
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<td>Catfish (over 34 inches) This size limit shall not apply to catfish harvested from the Perdido, Conecuh, Blackwater, Yellow, Choctawhatchee, Chipola, and Chattahoochee rivers basins. It shall be unlawful to transport live catfish 34 inches in length or greater beyond the boundaries of this State. 1</td>
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<td>Rainbow Trout It shall be unlawful to cull from the creel any trout caught from the Sipsey Fork from Lewis Smith Dam downstream to the confluence with the Mulberry Fork. Culling is defined as removing and releasing a trout from the creel (live well, stringer, basket, bucket, cooler or other container) whether or not it is replaced with another trout. 5</td>
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<td>Sturgeon All sturgeon must be immediately returned to water with least possible harm. Closed Season</td>
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<td>Paddlefish or Spoonbill Except for those holders of special commercial harvest permits, all paddlefish must be immediately returned to water with least possible harm. Closed Season</td>
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**IMPORTANT NOTES**

- It is a violation of Alabama law for any person to transport more than one day’s creel limit of any species of fish beyond the boundaries of this state. It is a violation of Alabama law for any person to fillet freshwater fish while on public waters except when fish are being prepared for immediate cooking and consumption, provided however, that fish may be drawn or gutted with heads left attached.
- There is no closed season on any freshwater game fish.
- It shall be unlawful to fish any trotline, snag or snare line without plastic or metal tag attached containing the owner’s name and either their address, fishing license number or phone number.
- It shall be unlawful for any fisherman other than a licensed commercial fisherman to fish one or more trotline, snag or snare line or combination thereof containing more than 100 hooks total.
SIZE LIMITS

As provided for above, as posted in State and Federally owned and/or managed public fishing lakes and ponds, and as follows:

**Chattahoochee River Tributaries** - It is illegal to possess shoal bass in Little Uchee, Uchee, Osanippa, Halawakee and Wacoochee creeks.

**Chattahoochee River and Impoundments and Tributaries** - Special creel limits apply in reciprocal waters as specified under regulation 220-2-.122.

**Demopolis Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any black bass less than 14 inches in total length.

**Guntersville Reservoir and its Tributary of Town Creek** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth or smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

**Harris Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any largemouth bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.

**Lake Jackson at Florala** - Creel limit of five black bass greater than 12 inches in total length. Only one of the five can be over 22 inches in total length.

**Inland Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.

**Lewis Smith Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit. It shall be unlawful to intentionally cull from the creel any saltwater striped bass from June 15th to October 15th. Culling is defined as removing and releasing a saltwater striped bass from the creel (live well, stringer, basket, bucket, cooler or other container) whether or not it is replaced with another striped bass.

**Lewis Smith Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess any black bass between 13 inches and 15 inches in total length unless permitted in writing by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

**Little Bear Creek Reservoir of the B.C.D.A Lakes** - It is illegal to possess largemouth bass between 13 inches and 16 inches in total length.

**Lake Martin** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit. It shall be unlawful to intentionally cull from the creel any saltwater striped bass from June 15th to October 15th. Culling is defined as removing and releasing a saltwater striped bass from the creel (live well, stringer, basket, bucket, cooler or other container) whether or not it is replaced with another striped bass.

**Thurlow Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.

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

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

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

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

**Wilson Reservoir and its Tributaries of Big Nance and Town Creeks** - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

**Yates Reservoir** - It is illegal to possess more than two saltwater striped bass that exceed 22 inches in total length in the daily creel limit and only one of those may exceed 30 inches in total length.

“Culling” shall be defined as removing and releasing a fish from the creel (live well, stringer, basket, bucket, cooler or other container) whether it is replaced or not.

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- Hybrid Striped Bass
- Yellow Bass
- Bluegill Sunfish
- Redear Sunfish
- Redbreast Sunfish
- Rainbow Trout

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**Alabama Game Fish**

- Black Crappie
- White Crappie
- Sauger
- Walleye
- Yellow Perch
- Chain Pickerel

**Alabama Non-Game Fish**

- Channel Catfish
- Blue Catfish
- Flathead Catfish
- Bowfin
- Freshwater Drum
# LIFETIME LICENSE APPLICATION

Name: ______________________________________________________________________________

(1) Social Security #: ______ - ____ - ______ Driver's License #: _________________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________ Email: ________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________

City: _____ _____________________ County: _________________________ State: _______ Zip: ______

Phone: Home (_____) _____ - _______  Work (_____) _____ - _______  Cell (_____) _____ - _______

Hunter Education ID Number: ___________________________________________________________

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If enrolled in day care or school without driver's license, provide proof of enrollment and attach copy of parent's driver's license.

If not enrolled in day care or school, provide 2 proofs of residency (see residency flyer) and attach copy of parent's driver's license.

This is to certify under penalty of law, that applicant named above is a bona fide Alabama resident having resided continuously in Alabama a minimum of 90 days immediately preceding this date as required by State Law. NOTE: It is a violation of Alabama law for any nonresident to attempt to purchase an Alabama lifetime hunting / fishing license.

Submit: (1) completed application, (2) check or money order, and (3) copy of driver's license to:

Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Div., Attn: License Sales, PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456, or by walk-in or express mail requests: 64 N Union Street, Ste 567, 36104.

Questions: (334) 242-3465 or DCNR.WFFLicense@dcnr.alabama.gov

License can also be issued by selected WFF District Offices (Tanner & Jacksonville), County Probate Office/License Commissioner, local agents (which includes most sporting good and bait & tackle shops in Alabama), our website www.outdooralabama.com or by calling 1-888-848-6887.

Applicant’s Signature: __________________________________________________________ Date: ___________________________

Check to be o excluded from DCNR email updates and o excluded from list sold by DCNR. **If blank, you will be included.**

10 DCNR is now required by Section 30-3-194(a) Code of Alabama 1975 to collect social security numbers on all recreational licenses being issued/renewed.
### Alabama Freshwater Fish Records

**SPECIES** | **WEIGHT** | **DATE** | **LOCATION** | **ANGLER/HOMETOWN**
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Bass, Largemouth &emsp;&emsp; 16 lbs., 8 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 11/3/87 &emsp;&emsp; Mountain View Lake, Shelby Co. &emsp;&emsp; Thomas “T.M.” Burgin / Birmingham
Bass, Redeye (b) &emsp;&emsp; 3 lbs., 2 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 3/8/00 &emsp;&emsp; Choccolocco Creek &emsp;&emsp; William Terry Johnson / Oxford
Bass, Rock &emsp;&emsp; 1 lb., 6 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 5/6/95 &emsp;&emsp; Paint Rock River &emsp;&emsp; James R. Stewart / Scottsboro
Bass, Shool &emsp;&emsp; 6 lbs., 11 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 2/25/96 &emsp;&emsp; Lake Tuscaloosa &emsp;&emsp; Darrell Trawick / Dora
Bass, Smallmouth (c) &emsp;&emsp; 10 lbs., 8 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 10/8/50 &emsp;&emsp; Wheeler Dam Tailwater &emsp;&emsp; Owen F. Smith / Fairfield
Bass, Spotted (b) &emsp;&emsp; 8 lbs., 15 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 3/18/78 &emsp;&emsp; Lewis Smith Reservoir &emsp;&emsp; Phillip C. Terry / Decatur
Bass, Striped (a) &emsp;&emsp; 69 lbs., 9 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 2/14/87 &emsp;&emsp; Warrior River &emsp;&emsp; Ben DeMott / Bessemer
Bass, Striped Hybrid &emsp;&emsp; 25 lbs., 15 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 9/13/96 &emsp;&emsp; Guntersville Reservoir &emsp;&emsp; E. H. Hodges / Chelsea
Bass, White &emsp;&emsp; 4 lbs., 9 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 4/12/00 &emsp;&emsp; Guntersville Reservoir, Jackson Co. &emsp;&emsp; Dennis M. Woebbeking / Pisgah
Bass, Yellow (a) &emsp;&emsp; 2 lbs., 8 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 7/31/05 &emsp;&emsp; Lake Tuscaloosa &emsp;&emsp; Nelson Ray Sansing / Sawyerville
Buffalo &emsp;&emsp; 57 lbs. &emsp;&emsp; 7/31/00 &emsp;&emsp; Guntersville Reservoir &emsp;&emsp; Ralph B. Lowery / Albertville
Bullhead &emsp;&emsp; 3 lbs., 13 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 4/8/84 &emsp;&emsp; Private Pond, Montgomery Co. &emsp;&emsp; Charles A. Lane / Montgomery
Carp &emsp;&emsp; 35 lbs. &emsp;&emsp; 4/19/80 &emsp;&emsp; Bear Creek, Colbert Co. &emsp;&emsp; Darrin Jackson / Double Springs
Carp, Grass (White Amur) &emsp;&emsp; 73 lbs. &emsp;&emsp; 4/10/12 &emsp;&emsp; Guntersville Reservoir &emsp;&emsp; Bradley D. Bridges, Sr. / Bryant
Catfish, Blue &emsp;&emsp; 120 lbs., 4 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 3/9/12 &emsp;&emsp; Holt Reservoir &emsp;&emsp; John Paul Nichols / Northport
Catfish, Channel &emsp;&emsp; 40 lbs. &emsp;&emsp; 6/17/67 &emsp;&emsp; Inland Lake &emsp;&emsp; Donald R. Cox / Oneonta
Catfish, Flathead &emsp;&emsp; 80 lbs. &emsp;&emsp; 6/22/86 &emsp;&emsp; Alabama River, Selma &emsp;&emsp; Rick Conner / Selma
Catfish, White &emsp;&emsp; 10 lbs., 5 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 4/3/81 &emsp;&emsp; Chambers Co. Public Fishing Lake &emsp;&emsp; Roy T. Britton / Opelika
Crappie, Black (tie) &emsp;&emsp; 4 lbs., 5 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 3/27/07 &emsp;&emsp; Ft. Payne Reservoir &emsp;&emsp; Shelly Meadows / Mentone
Crappie, White (tie) &emsp;&emsp; 4 lbs., 4 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 3/18/84 &emsp;&emsp; Paint Creek &emsp;&emsp; Sherril Harris / Sylacauga
Drum, Freshwater (b) &emsp;&emsp; 41 lbs., 8 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 7/24/49 &emsp;&emsp; Wilson Reservoir &emsp;&emsp; Jack Grant / Altona
Eel, American &emsp;&emsp; 5 lbs., 8 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 5/11/89 &emsp;&emsp; Lake Shechi, Chilton Co. &emsp;&emsp; Todd A. Groover / Montevallo
Gar, Allegheny &emsp;&emsp; 151 lbs., 9 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 8/13/09 &emsp;&emsp; Lake Tuscaloosa &emsp;&emsp; Roy T. Britton / Opelika
Gar, Longnose (tie) &emsp;&emsp; 32 lbs., 14 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 4/18/85 &emsp;&emsp; Jordan Reservoir &emsp;&emsp; Gary Smyth / Pelham
Gar, Redfin &emsp;&emsp; 5 lbs., 2 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 3/5/72 &emsp;&emsp; Wilson Dam Tailwater &emsp;&emsp; Michael Housekenich / Mobile
Herring, Skipjack &emsp;&emsp; 3 lbs., 4 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 5/12/23 &emsp;&emsp; Mulberry Fork &emsp;&emsp; Bobbie Lee Davis / Bessemer
Musclebone &emsp;&emsp; 19 lbs., 8 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 12/23/22 &emsp;&emsp; Wilson Dam Tailwater &emsp;&emsp; Steve Leatherwood / Haleyville
Paddlefish &emsp;&emsp; 52 lbs., 12 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 3/18/82 &emsp;&emsp; Wilson Dam Tailwater &emsp;&emsp; Susan Holland / Muscle Shoals
Perc, Yellow &emsp;&emsp; 2 lbs., 2 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 3/7/15 &emsp;&emsp; Yates Reservoir &emsp;&emsp; Gary Lee Grove, Jr. / Opelika
Pickerel, Chain &emsp;&emsp; 6 lbs., 6 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 6/24/76 &emsp;&emsp; Dugas Creek, Baldwin Co. &emsp;&emsp; Michael P. Ryan / Bay Minette
Pickerel, Redfin &emsp;&emsp; 13 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 7/7/14 &emsp;&emsp; Armstrong Creek / Washington Co. &emsp;&emsp; Frank Lambert Dickey / Chatom
Redhorse, Silver (a) &emsp;&emsp; 14 lbs., 14 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 4/24/95 &emsp;&emsp; Wilson Dam Tailwater &emsp;&emsp; Chris Stephenson / Birmingham
Sauger &emsp;&emsp; 5 lbs., 2 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 3/5/72 &emsp;&emsp; Wilson Dam Tailwater &emsp;&emsp; William F. Huntley / Athens
Sunfish, Bluegill (a) &emsp;&emsp; 4 lbs., 12 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 4/9/50 &emsp;&emsp; Kotona Lake, Birmingham &emsp;&emsp; T. S. Hudson / Birmingham
Sunfish, Green &emsp;&emsp; 1 lb., 9 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 8/10/05 &emsp;&emsp; McLamore Pond, Walker County &emsp;&emsp; Caleb Miller / Parrish
Sunfish, Longear &emsp;&emsp; 8 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 5/12/90 &emsp;&emsp; Yellow River &emsp;&emsp; Jerry Jones / Ozark
Sunfish, Redbreast &emsp;&emsp; 1 lb., 4 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 6/12/10 &emsp;&emsp; Choctawhatchee River &emsp;&emsp; Archie Russ / Brantley
Sunfish, Redear (b) &emsp;&emsp; 4 lbs., 4 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 5/5/62 &emsp;&emsp; Chattahoochee State Park &emsp;&emsp; Jeff Lashley / Gordon
Trout, Rainbow &emsp;&emsp; 9 lbs., 1 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 4/22/06 &emsp;&emsp; Mud Creek, Tannehill State Park &emsp;&emsp; Otha G. Hamm / Alexandria
Walleye &emsp;&emsp; 10 lbs., 14 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 6/24/80 &emsp;&emsp; Weiss Reservoir &emsp;&emsp; Julia Hurley / Cedar Bluff
Warmouth &emsp;&emsp; 1 lb., 12 oz. &emsp;&emsp; 4/25/86 &emsp;&emsp; Farm Pond &emsp;&emsp; Jimmy A. Barfield / Dothan

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**a** World Record  
**b** Previous World Record — Rod and Reel  
**c** Previous World Record — Any Method  

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