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For Additional Information
If you have questions or comments regarding hunting or freshwater fishing laws, regulations, freshwater fisheries or wildlife programs, or to report violations, please contact your local District Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Office listed to the right.

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.

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However, our great abundance of game and fish does not happen by chance. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) is tasked with promoting, enhancing and protecting our natural resources, wildlife and fisheries. To fund that significant task, WFF depends on the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. Those license sales determine the matching federal funds available through the Sportfish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration acts.

If you enjoy bird watching or watching other wildlife species, the enhancements aimed at the popular species like white-tailed deer and wild turkey also benefit songbirds and a variety of non-game animals. If you love Alabama's great outdoors, consider buying a hunting or fishing license to ensure future generations continue to enjoy that natural wealth.

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- Import prohibited deer parts: It is unlawful for persons hunting outside of Alabama to bring deer, elk, moose, caribou or any other cervidae carcasses, hides or antlers back to Alabama from any other location unless all meat has been deboned and skull plates and hides have been thoroughly cleaned of all brain and spinal cord tissue. The importation of velvet-covered antlers is also prohibited unless part of a finished taxidermy product. (See regulation 220-2-.25 for further clarification.)

Major changes & important information for the 2019-2020 seasons and bag limits

- Allow, with the purchase of the new Bait Privilege License, hunting of white-tailed deer and feral swine on private lands over bait (see pages 6 & 39).

- Added Bullfrog and Pig Frog legal arms (see page 27).

- Clarified Raccoon and Opossum may be hunted daytime and nighttime hours (see page 29).

- Extended Waterfowl Youth Hunting to include Active Military and Military Veterans (see page 31).

- Added Sandhill Crane season (see page 32).

- Removed black bass length limit on Demopolis Reservoir (see page 69).

- Discontinued exemptions of the 13 – 15-inch black bass length limit on Lewis Smith Reservoir (see page 69).

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

Use it to:
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- Create a profile for the Outdoor Alabama app, allowing hunters, anglers and other wildlife enthusiasts access to information on-the-go.
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Hunting with the aid of bait

The Alabama legislature has legalized hunting white-tailed deer and feral swine with the aid of bait.

- All hunters who wish to hunt white-tailed deer and feral swine with the aid of bait must purchase a required bait privilege license, including license-exempt hunters. A license-exempt hunter is anyone under the age of 16, residents 65 years or older, resident landowner and each resident family member that will hunt only on their own property. No exemptions.

- Hunting with the aid of bait is prohibited on public lands.

- The area definition is still in effect on private property for those who wish to supplemental feed and not hunt with the aid of bait.

- No other game animals may be hunted with the aid of bait in Alabama.

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Over the last few years, perhaps nothing has grabbed more headlines in the white-tailed deer world than the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD) across North America. Fortunately, CWD has not been detected in Alabama’s deer herd yet, but recent discoveries of the disease in two of our neighboring states, Mississippi and Tennessee, have caught the attention of many of our residents. Unfortunately, there has been a lot of misinformation about CWD and its potential impacts on Alabama’s deer population, deer hunters, and deer hunting being distributed through various media outlets. Understanding basics of the disease and what Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) is doing to prevent it from reaching our borders is important not only to help keep CWD out of Alabama, but also help with its management if it ever infects our deer populations.

CWD affects the central nervous system of members of the deer family, including white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, and caribou. The disease is infectious, communicable, and always fatal to these species. It is included in the group of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). Other TSEs include Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) or Mad Cow Disease in cattle, scrapie in sheep and goats, and Cruetzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) in humans.

CWD is believed to be the result of the transformation of a normal type of protein (prion) found in all deer into infectious, self-replicating, abnormal prions. Once prions become infectious, they concentrate in the brain, other tissues of the nervous system, and some lymph tissues. Eventually, the concentration of prions in the brain creates microscopic holes in the brain, leading to serious neurological problems for infected deer.

CWD has a prolonged incubation period of 12 months or more, meaning deer that appear healthy, may actually be infected with CWD. The only way CWD can be confirmed is through examination of specific tissues (e.g., medial retropharyngeal lymph nodes, obex portion of brain stem, tonsils, etc.) in a laboratory setting. Infectious prions are found in saliva, blood, feces, and urine, with saliva having the highest concentration. Direct contact between infect-
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ed deer and healthy deer is the primary route of transmission. Shedding of infectious prions from infected deer over time increases the number of CWD prions present in the environment (e.g., soil, plants, etc.). Infection from environmental contamination becomes a greater risk the longer CWD infected deer remain in an area. This makes eradication of CWD very difficult, if not impossible, in areas where CWD has been established for a long period before initial detection.

No case of human disease has been linked with CWD. However, as a precaution, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend people eat no part of a deer diagnosed with CWD. To read more about recommendations from CDC regarding hunters and CWD, check out the following links to their website: www.cdc.gov/prions/cwd/prevention.html

CWD was first recognized as a disease syndrome in 1967 in captive mule deer at a wildlife research facility in Fort Collins, Colorado and was recognized as a TSE in 1978. CWD was diagnosed in free-ranging deer and elk in the 1980s. Since then, CWD has been diagnosed in free-ranging or captive cervids in 26 states and 3 Canadian provinces.

In areas where CWD has not been detected, such as Alabama, movement of infected, naturally dispersing, free-range animals, movement of infected captive animals, and movement of carcasses or high-risk body parts of infected animals are the most likely routes for the initial infection. Not much can be done to prevent an infected deer from travelling on its own into previously uninfected areas, but WFF does have measures in place to minimize the movement of infected deer by anthropogenic routes. Since the early 1970’s, it has been illegal to import any species of live deer into Alabama. Investigations in other states and provinces have discovered that movement of infected animals from captive facilities very likely was the reason for the disease’s spread into many previously uninfected regions. Halting the movement of live captive deer species into Alabama was and continues to be a major step in preventing the disease from reaching our state.

A more recent regulation also helps reduce the chances of introducing CWD into Alabama from outside sources. Currently, it is illegal to import whole carcasses and certain body parts of any deer species from any area outside of Alabama. Importation of the following deer parts is allowed: deer meat that has been completely deboned; cleaned skull plates with attached antlers, if no visible brain or spinal cord tissue is present; raw capes, if no visible brain or spinal cord tissue is present; upper canine teeth, if no root structure or other soft tissue is present; and finished taxidermy products or tanned hides.

On occasion, resident Alabama deer hunters that were successful in CWD positive states, had their deer tested for CWD, and brought back only the legal parts from their harvest (e.g., deboned meat, cape, etc.) may be notified that their deer tested positive for CWD after they return to Alabama. It is up to the hunters to decide if they will consume venison from CWD positive deer knowing what CDC recommends. If they choose not to eat the venison, WFF urges these hunters to contact their nearest WFF Office so arrangements can be made to properly dispose of the affected venison to minimize the potential for environmental contamination. Improper disposal runs the risk of contaminating the environment (e.g., soil, etc.) at the dump site, creating an unnecessary exposure risk for uninfected deer.

WFF also maintains an active monitoring program for CWD which began during the 2001–02 hunting season. WFF personnel collect samples from sick/symptomatic deer, road killed deer, hunter harvested deer, and animals that die in licensed game breeder facilities which are then tested for the presence of the infectious prions that cause CWD.

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

For landowners and their guests, this wildlife activity and low cover provides a unique and fruitful hunting experience that can be enjoyed by both seasoned and first-time hunters. Remember, the right to hunt any piece of property must be obtained from the landowner. But like any other hunting scenario, caution must be taken in these areas, and additional precautions are necessary when hunting near transmission lines.

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.

To ensure the rights of way remain safe for property owners and to provide access for proper operation and maintenance of transmission lines, the following structures – even if temporary – are prohibited and are subject to immediate removal or relocation by Alabama Power.

- Any structure attached to a transmission tower or power poles
- Structures blocking access or located too close to facilities
- Structures underneath high-voltage lines

If you have any questions about the proper placement of hunting structures on Alabama Power rights of way, please call 1-877-891-2079. The safety of the public, customers, and employees is always Alabama Power’s number one concern.
HUNTING OUT OF STATE? BEFORE YOU RETURN TO ALABAMA YOU NEED TO KNOW...

It is unlawful for persons to bring deer, elk, moose or caribou carcasses, hides or antlers into Alabama from any state, territory or province unless all meat has been deboned and skull plates and hides have been completely cleaned of all brain and spinal cord tissue. The presence of these materials in Alabama poses a serious threat to Alabama’s deer herd.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in North America

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a 100% fatal disease found in deer species. It is currently found in the states and provinces noted here. It is not found in Alabama yet nor do we want it here. The transmitting agent called prions, can remain viable in brain, spinal cord and bone tissue well after the death of the animal.

THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF CARCASSES FROM OUTSIDE OF ALABAMA IS ONE WAY THAT CWD CAN BE TRANSMITTED.

Help protect your children’s resource and prevent this disease from affecting Alabama’s deer herd.

Visit CDC.gov to learn more about consumption of venison from CWD areas.
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MANDATORY FOR ALL DEER AND TURKEY HUNTERS

BEFORE YOU GO HUNTING:

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You can use the form below or print a Harvest Record online from www.outdooralabama.com. Possession of a smartphone with the Outdoor AL 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 have your Harvest Record and hunting license in possession while hunting.

PAPER OR ELECTRONIC HARVEST RECORD

PAPER HARVEST RECORD: The hunter must complete the information prior to moving the animal, then record your harvest in the Game Check System online and write the confirmation number on the harvest record within 48 hours.

ELECTRONIC HARVEST RECORD: Using the Outdoor AL app, the hunter must enter the information prior to moving the animal.

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 AL 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.)

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO REPORT YOUR HARVEST:

1. On your smartphone through the Outdoor AL app. Download the app at: http://www.outdooralabama.com/contact-us/mobile-apps
2. Online at www.outdooralabama.com/gamecheck

Every Hunter MUST have a Paper Harvest Record in their possession OR the Outdoor AL App installed on a smart phone and in their possession.

Alabama 2019-2020 Harvest Record

All deer and turkey hunters must:

- Have Harvest Record in possession when hunting.
- Fill-out Harvest Record before moving the animal.

Name: __________________________ License No. or CID #: __________________________

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

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NOTE: For Barbour County – minimum of 3 points, 1” or longer, on one antler for all antlered bucks. Further restrictions apply on certain management areas. See Wildlife Management Area information.

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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 official sunrise time until 30 minutes after official sunset time. See page 49.
- 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
Male deer with bare antlers visible above natural hairline – Statewide – one a day.

White-Tailed Buck Limit
Three per hunter 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 defined as an antler projection of at least one inch in length from base to tip. Main beam tip shall be counted as a point regardless of length.

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 per hunter during all combined bonus buck hunt dates will be allowed to be harvested from a select collection of WMAs on specific hunt dates depicted on the WMA map permits that will not count towards the hunter’s State three buck limit. Must be validated at WMA check station by WFF personnel.

UNANTLERED DEER
During the Unantlered Deer Gun, Special Muzzleloader, Bow and Arrow and Special Youth (under 16) Seasons, one unantlered deer may be taken per day in addition to one antlered buck per day. See Special Exception #3 for selected areas on U.S. Forest Service Lands.

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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.
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2019-20 Deer Season Zone Map

Detailed area of Zone C along the Winston and Walker County line.

- **ZONE A**
- **ZONE B**
- **ZONE C**

**FOOTNOTE NUMBERS**

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**2019-2020 Seasons & Bag Limits: Hunting & Trapping**

- **2019-2020 Deer Season Zone Map**
  - Hunting Activity By Zone

- **ZONE B**
  - Choctaw
  - Washington
  - Mobile

- **ZONE A**
  - Lamar
  - Sumter
  - Pickens
  - Greene
  - Franklin
  - Colbert
  - Clarke
  - Fayette
  - Tuscaloosa
  - Jefferson
  - Perry
  - Dallas
  - Bibb
  - Elmore
  - Montgomery
  - Cullman
  - Blount
  - Covington
  - St. Clair
  - Talladega
  - Tallapoosa
  - Chambers
  - Limestone
  - Etowah
  - De Kalb
  - Gadsden
  - Pickens
  - Tensaw

- **ZONE C**
  - Choctaw
  - Washington
  - Mobile

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  - and U.S. Forest Service Land - Privately Owned or Leased Land

**SPECIAL MUZZLELOADER AND AIR RIFLE**

- Antlered Bucks only:
  - BOW AND ARROW – STALK HUNTING

- Antlered Bucks Only:
  - ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND
  - ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY

- Either sex:
  - GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING:
  - Antlered Bucks:
  - ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND
  - ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY

- Either sex:
  - DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED

- Either sex:
  - BOW AND ARROW – STALK HUNTING

- Antlered Bucks: ..........................

**DECEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 21, 2019 - DECEMBER 31, 2019**

- Either sex: ...............................November 23, 2019 - February 10, 2020
  - Antlered Bucks Only: ................

- Either sex: .................................November 23, 2019 - December 1, 2019
  - Antlered Bucks: ..............................

**NOVEMBER 18 – NOVEMBER 22, 2019**

- Either sex: .................................October 25, 2019 - February 10, 2020
  - Antlered Bucks Only: ................

- Either sex: .................................October 15, 2019 - February 10, 2020
  - Antlered Bucks: ..........................

- Either sex: .....................................November 23, 2019 - January 15, 2020
  - Antlered Bucks: ..........................

- Either sex: ...................................November 23, 2019 - January 15, 2020
  - Antlered Bucks: ..........................

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Hunting Activity By Zone

### ZONE A

**BOW AND ARROW – STALK HUNTING**
Either sex: .................................................. October 15, 2019 - February 10, 2020

**GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING:**
*ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY*
Either sex: .................................................. October 25, 2019 - February 10, 2020

*ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND*
Either sex: .................................................. December 14, 2019 - January 1, 2020

**DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED**
Either sex: .................................................. November 23, 2019 - January 15, 2020

### ZONE B

**BOW AND ARROW – STALK HUNTING**
Antlered Bucks only: .................................. October 15, 2019 - October 24, 2019
Either sex: .................................................. October 25, 2019 - February 10, 2020

**GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING:**
*ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY*
Either sex: .................................................. November 23, 2019 - February 10, 2020

*ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND*
Either sex: .................................................. December 14, 2019 - January 1, 2020

**DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED**
Either sex: .................................................. November 23, 2019 - January 15, 2020

### ZONE C

**BOW AND ARROW – STALK HUNTING**
Either sex: .................................................. October 15, 2019 - February 10, 2020

**GUN DEER-STALK HUNTING:**
*ON PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED LAND ONLY*
Either sex: .................................................. November 23, 2019 - December 1, 2019
and December 21, 2019 - December 31, 2019

*ON OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND*
Either sex: .................................................. December 21, 2019 - December 31, 2019

**DOG DEER HUNTING: WHERE ALLOWED**
Either sex: .................................................. November 23, 2019 - December 1, 2019
and December 21, 2019 - December 31, 2019

### ALL ZONES

**SPECIAL MUZZLELOADER AND AIR RIFLE**
Privately Owned or Leased Land and U.S. Forest Service Land - Stalk Hunting Only (No Dogs)
Either sex: .................................................. November 18-22, 2019

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, Colbert, Cullman, Dekalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Marion, Morgan, Marshall, St. Clair, Walker, and Winston Counties inside the following boundaries: begin at the intersection of US Hwy 431 and AL Hwy. 79 in Marshall County; north on US Hwy. 431 to Paint Rock River; Paint Rock River (Marshall County/Madison County line) to Tennessee River; west on Tennessee River to US Hwy. 43; south on US Hwy. 43 to intersection with AL Hwy. 13; south on AL Hwy. 13 to AL Hwy. 5; south on AL Hwy. 5 to Navoo, Walker County; east/north on Poplar Springs Road to Winston County Road 21; north on Winston County Road 21 to AL Hwy. 195; north on AL Hwy. 195 to Clear Creek; south on Clear Creek to Sipsey Fork; south on Sipsey Fork to US Hwy. 69; north on US Hwy. 69 to Interstate 65; south on Interstate 65 to Interstate 59; north on Interstate 59 to US Hwy. 11; north on US Hwy. 11 to AL Hwy. 68; west on AL Hwy. 68 to AL Hwy. 227; north on AL Hwy. 227 to AL Hwy. 75; north on AL Hwy. 75 to AL Hwy. 35; north on AL Hwy. 35 to US Hwy. 72; west on US Hwy. 72 to AL Hwy. 279; south on AL Hwy. 279 to AL Hwy. 79; south on AL Hwy. 79; ending at the junction of US Hwy. 431 and AL Hwy. 79.

Be sure to report your harvest using GAME CHECK. See page 16 for instructions.
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; Monroe; Pickens (north of US Hwy. 82);

**DOG DEER HUNTING RESTRICTIONS AT A GLANCE**

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

See page 23 for exact details on dog deer areas.
Tallapoosa and Wilcox counties. Individual property owners in Chambers and Coosa counties may hunt with dogs on their own property without special permit. No dog deer hunting allowed on Open Permit-Public Land (see 220-2-.85).

By Stalk Hunting Only, (No Dogs): Bibb and Perry: (that area inside the following boundaries: east of AL Hwy. 219, south of US Hwy. 82 and north of AL Hwy. 183); Butler (that area south of AL Hwy. 106 and east of I-65); Cherokee; Chilton; Cleburne; Coffee (that area inside the following boundaries: AL Hwy. 134 from the Covington County line, east to County Rd. 460, south to the Geneva County line, east to the Dale County line, north to AL Hwy. 134, west to AL Hwy. 87 north to US Hwy. 84, west to AL Hwy 189, south to AL Hwy. 141, north to US Hwy. 84, west to the Covington County line); Crenshaw (north of AL Hwy. 10 and that area inside the following boundaries, from the east city limit of Luverne, US Hwy. 29 east to the junction of County Rd. 57, County Rd. 57 south to the junction of Davis Rd., Davis Rd. west to County Rd. 41, County Rd. 41 south to US Hwy. 331, US Hwy. 331 north to County Rd. 41, County Rd. 41 north to County Rd. 39, County Rd. 39 north to the Luverne city limit); Dale (that area inside the following boundaries: Judy Creek south to Dale County Rd. 36, east to AL Hwy. 27, north to the Henry County line, north to the Barbour County line, west to Judy Creek); DeKalb; Elmore (that area inside the following boundaries: east of US Hwy. 231, south of AL Hwy. 14, west of Tumkeeta Creek and north of the Tallapoosa River); Fayette (that area inside the following boundaries: west of US Hwy 43 and some USACE areas are north of AL Hwy. 18); Franklin; Hale and Perry: (that area inside the following boundaries: from County Rd. 32 at the Haley County Line, west to the intersection of AL Hwy. 25, AL Hwy. 25 north until it intersects with the Talladega National Forest boundary, following the boundary south until it intersects the Perry County line, following the National Forest boundary east to Perry County Rd. 23, south to the intersection of Perry County Rd. 23, south to the Spring Hill Church Road, Spring Hill Church Road west to the junction of Perry County Rd. 23 and AL Hwy. 14, west to the Hale County line); Greene; Pickens; and Tuscaloosa: (that area inside the following boundaries: in Pickens County from the intersection of US Hwy. 82 and County Rd. 63, south on County Rd. 63 to Benevola, County Rd. 2 (commonly known as the Romulus Road) east through Greene County to US Hwy. 82 in Tuscaloosa County); Houston; Jackson; Lamar; Lauderdale; Lawrence; Limestone; Madison; Marion; Marshall; Morgan; Randolph; Tuscaloosa (that area north of US Hwy. 82); and Winston (that area east of AL Hwy. 5 from the Walker County line to Natural Bridge and all that area north of US Hwy. 278).

Note: At the time of this printing, all regulations regarding dog deer hunting in Clay & Talladega Counties were not final. Please see www.outdooralabama.com for updates.

2 U.S. CORP OF ENGINEERS LANDS:
U.S. Corp of Engineers Lands in Chambers, Greene; Pickens; Randolph and Sumter counties special muzzelloader and air rifle and unantlered deer season same as privately owned or leased lands in those counties.

Be aware to consult U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulations regarding hunting activities and boat ramp use prior to hunting USACE regulated areas. Special Permits from the USACE may be required and some USACE areas are closed to hunting. For complete information concerning hunting on the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway (TTWW), visit the website at http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/TennesseeTombigbee-Waterway/ or contact the TTWW office at (662) 327-2142.

3 U.S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS): (same as open permit for county), except Wildlife Mgmt. Areas – one deer per day.

Stalk Hunting Only – No Dogs (except for USFS Lands within Calhoun, Clay & Talladega counties): Same season and dates as open permit-public lands.

Dog Deer Hunting – Calhoun, Clay & Talladega counties during the Dog Deer Season on open permit-public lands – on Thursdays and Fridays until 2:00 p.m.; on weekends during legal shooting hours. No Dog Deer hunting on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of each week unless a holiday falls on those days; No Dog Deer hunting on the Piney Woods/Ivory Mountain Area, the borders of which are defined as: bounded by the Cleburne County line to the north running east and west, then to the west by Clay CR 3 running south to State Rte. 49; The south border is Clay CR 66 running east and west from State Rte. 49 to Hwy. 9; The eastern border is Hwy. 9 running north from Clay CR 66 to the Cleburne County line.

"AREA DEFINITION" REMAINS IN EFFECT

The 2019/2020 season marks the first time that white-tailed deer and feral swine may be hunted with the aid of bait in Alabama by those who purchase the Baiting Privilege License. However, hunting with the aid of bait is not mandatory. Those who wish to continue a supplemental feeding program may continue to hunt under the guidance of the Definition of Area Regulation (220-2-.157). This regulation states “ 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 any public land or to any other species.

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fire and a wide collection of early successional habitats dispersed throughout the countryside. Through the years, bobwhite numbers decreased in response to various hurdles it endured. Issues with conversion of old-field habitats to densely-stocked pine plantations, loss of hedgerows to larger and more intensive farming operations, increase of urban sprawl and development, fire ants, predators and other unknown facets are just a few of the hurdles bobwhite quail have faced.

While the bobwhite will continue to endure the challenges mentioned above, the wildlife biologists with Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) are working to make significant strides in habitat restorations within the collective of Alabama’s Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) to assist populations of this icon of upland gamebirds. WFF staff have focused on landscape scale restorations from the longleaf pine forests within the undulating hills of the coastal plains to the uplands in the hills and valleys of north Alabama with the shortleaf pine. These habitat enhancement actions have certainly modified habitats of the WMAs to provide more favorable habitat for quail. Impacts of habitat restoration efforts are being assessed through quail call counts conducted annually by WFF biologists.

In addition, through the use of established cooperative agricultural agreements, WFF’s wildlife biologists work with contract farmers on multiple WMAs to enhance agricultural fields to better benefit resident wildlife populations. WFF staff work with farmers...
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.
- Pre-charged pneumatic 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.
- 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.

TURKEY
- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.
- Long bows, compound bows and crossbows in conformance with regulation 220-2-.03.
- Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the possession of rifles, shotgun/rifle combinations (drilling) or buckshot and slugs when the hunter is stalk hunting both deer and turkey provided no person shoots or attempts to shoot turkey with the rifle or shotgun using buckshot or slugs.

MIGRATORY BIRDS
- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, plugged with a one piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun or otherwise incapable of holding more than 3 shells using shot compositions and shot sizes that are approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Waterfowl hunters shall not possess any size lead shot.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows.

RACCOON & OPOSSUM
- Nighttime hunting: Shotguns using No. 6 shot or smaller; rimfire firearms.
- Daytime hunting: see Other Game Birds or Animals.

BOBCAT, GROUNDHOG, UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE, FOX, COYOTE & FERAL SWINE
- Rifles of any caliber.
- Handguns or pistols.
- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows.
- Muzzleloaders and black powder handguns of any caliber.
- Spear or sharpened blade.

BULLFROG AND PIG FROG
- Air powered rifles .25 caliber or smaller.
- Gig or spear.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows.
- Hand or dip net.

OTHER GAME BIRDS OR ANIMALS
- Rifles using rimfire ammunition or those operated by air.
- Muzzleloaders and black powder handguns of any caliber.
- Long bows, compound bows, or crossbows.
- Shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, using standard No. 4 shot or smaller.
- Handguns or pistols.
- Blowguns using darts propelled by the hunter's breath only.
- Sling shots.

OPEN PERMIT-PUBLIC LAND
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, land owned by lumber companies and utility companies available for use by hunters either through free permits, fee permits or no permit requirement. This does not include Alabama's Wildlife Management Areas. See the current Wildlife Management Area Map Permit for information.

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TURKEY SEASON ZONES

- **ZONE 1** March 21 - May 3
- **ZONE 2** March 28 - May 3
- **ZONE 3** April 18 - April 22
- **ZONE 4** November 23 - December 5 (Fall)
  December 14 - January 1 (Fall)
  March 21 - May 3 (Spring)
- **ZONE 5** No Season

**MOURNING AND WHITE-WINGED DOVE**

Note: At time of printing, federal guidelines were not final. See Alabama Waterfowl Hunting Guide.

**NORTH ZONE** (All counties except those listed below in south zone.)
- Limit 15 a day (90 days)
  - September 7 – October 27
    - September 7: 12 O’clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
    - September 8 - October 27: One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
  - November 23 – December 1
    - One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
  - December 14 – January 12
    - 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)
  - September 14 – November 3
    - September 14: 12 O’clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only)
    - September 15 – November 3: One-half hour before Sun-rise until Sunset (All Day)
  - November 23 – December 1
    - One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)
  - December 14 – January 12
    - One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day)

**IT IS LEGAL TO HUNT DOVES ON, OVER, OR FROM...**
- Lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural operations, which include normal agricultural harvestings, normal agricultural post-harvest manipulations, or normal agricultural practices.
- Lands planted by means of top-sowing or aerial seeding where seeds have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, a planting for agricultural soil erosion control, or a planting for post-mining land reclamation.
- Lands or areas where grain or feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of the manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown.
- Standing crops.
- Lands planted as wildlife food plots, provided the seed is planted in accordance with Extension Service guidelines for producing a crop.
- Lands planted as pasture improvements or for the purpose of grazing livestock. (The Fish and Wildlife Service will not make a distinction between agricultural fields planted with the intent to gather a crop and those planted without such intent provided...
the planting is carried out in a manner consistent with the recommendations of State Extension Specialists).
- Standing or manipulated natural vegetation.
- A blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation.

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.

**BOBWHITE QUAIL**
November 2 – February 29
- 8 a day — 8 in possession

**RABBIT**
September 14 – March 8
- 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 14 – March 8
- 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.

**OPOSSUM AND FOX**
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.
- Fox — nighttime hours with dogs only. See page 32 for trapping information.

**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.

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BOBCAT(1,3), COYOTE(2), FOX AND FERAL SWINE(2):
(Daylight Hours Only)
No Bag Limit
No Closed Season
See page 49 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
4. Check with USFS for further restrictions.

FERAL SWINE (2020): (PRIVately OWNed AND LEASEd LANDS ONLY) (DOGS 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.

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

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

BEAR, MOUNTAIN LION AND RUFFED GROUSE
No Open Season

WOODCOCK
December 13 – December 15
December 21 – January 31
• 3 a day
• Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

SNIPe
November 14 – February 28
• 8 a day
• Shooting Hours: One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

CLAPPER RAIL, VIRGINIA RAIL, SORA AND GALLINULE
September 14 – September 29
November 29 – January 21
• 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.

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- Must be Alabama Resident or lifetime license holder to register.

Sunset August 8 – Sunrise August 11
Sunset August 15 – Sunrise August 18
- West Central Zone: The private and public waters in Dallas; Monroe (north of U.S. Highway 84), and Wilcox (nighttime only)
- Coastal Zone: the private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile that lie south of I-10 (nighttime only)
- Southwest Zone - the private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile Counties (that lie north of I-10) and the private and public waters in Washington, Clark and Monroe Counties (that lie east of US Hwy 43 and south of US Hwy 84) (nighttime only)

Sunset August 10 – Sunrise September 2
- Southeast Zone: the private and public waters in Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Russell counties (excluding public Alabama state waters in Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries) (nighttime only)

Sunset August 16 – Sunrise September 30
- Lake Eufaula Zone: The public Alabama state waters only in the Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries, south of Hwy 208, Omaha Bridge, (excluding Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge) (daytime and nighttime)

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, ACTIVE MILITARY AND MILITARY VETERANS WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS
November 23 and February 8
- 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 14 – September 29
- 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.

DUCK, COOT AND MERGANSER
November 29 – December 1
December 6 – January 31
- 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.
GESE

- 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.

SPECIAL GOOSE SEASON
September 1 – September 30

ALL GESE:
- The aggregate special early season 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 19 – November 2
November 29 – December 1
December 6 – January 31

DARK GESE (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 GESE (SNOW, BLUE, ROSS’S)
- The aggregate bag limit shall be 5 a day.

SANDHILL CRANE:
DECEMBER 3 – JANUARY 31
- By limited quota permit only. Must apply on-line at www.outdooralabama.com. Must be sixteen (16) years of age or older and a resident or lifetime hunting license holder to apply.
- Limit 3 per person per permit.
- Hunting zone will be that area north of Interstate 20 from the Georgia state line to the interchange with Interstate 65, then east of Interstate 65 to the interchange with Interstate 22, then north of Interstate 22 to the Mississippi state line. (excludes the remainder of the state).
- Shooting Hours – Sunrise to Sunset
- Legal arms and ammunition are same as waterfowl

TRAPPING:
BOBCAT, FOX, MINK, MUSKRAT, OTTER & STRIPED SKUNK
November 2 – February 29

BEAVER, COYOTE, NUTRIA, FERAL SWINE, RACCOON AND OPOSSUM
No Closed Season

Note: Permit may be obtained through your local district office for the trapping of nuisance fur bearers outside the dates of trapping 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.

Help Build the Next Generation of Hunters

NRA’s Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) provides a fun environment for kids to improve their hunting, marksmanship and safety skills. Through simulated hunting situations, live fire exercises, educational and responsibility events, YHEC helps build upon skills learned in basic hunter education courses and encourages safer, lifelong hunting habits. From rifle, bow and muzzleloader shooting at life-sized targets, to wildlife identification, map and compass orienteering and more, YHEC participants can get hands-on training in eight skill areas, giving them expertise in all methods of take and all types of game.

It is up to us to ensure that America’s hunting heritage is passed down to future generations.

Many clubs, groups, organizations and individuals across the country proudly host YHEC events each year. NRA supplies everything you need including T-shirts, game targets, bags, scorebooks and more! If you’d like to host an event in your community, all it takes is an appropriate location, an organizational skill or two, and the ability to obtain a resource of volunteers to help conduct the event.

Help ensure our rich hunting traditions stay alive. Register to host a YHEC event today by visiting YHEC.NRA.org! (800) 492-4868 opt. 3 • yhec@nrahq.org
PURPLE PAINT PROTECTS PROPERTY

During the 2016 Legislative Session, Alabama lawmakers adopted a rule allowing landowners to paint purple stripes on trees or fence posts as an alternative to no-trespassing signs. Properly posted no-trespassing signs remain lawful.

Purple paint’s advantages include low cost, high visibility and difficult to remove. Alabama is one of several states recognizing purple paint as a valid no-trespassing marker.

According to the Code of Alabama, vertical stripes of purple paint must be longer than 8 inches, wider than 1 inch, 3–5 feet from the ground, readily visible to people approaching the property, 100 feet or less apart on forestland and less than 1,000 feet on non-forestland.

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.
ATTENTION LIFETIME LICENSE HOLDERS:

If you have an Alabama Hunting or Fishing Lifetime License that does not look like the one pictured here, you can receive a replacement license for free.

Due to new technology, we have updated our system and want your lifetime card to be up-to-date.

REPLACE NOW SO YOU CAN:

- Game Check your harvest without obtaining an additional number.
- Scan the QR code to immediately access www.OutdoorAlabama.com.
- Obtain a new card before yours gets faded or cracked.

HOW TO OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT:

- Visit your local Probate or License Commissioner’s office and request your replacement. Turn in your current lifetime license and the $5 replacement fee is waived. A temporary license will be issued.
- (OR)

  Complete the lifetime license application on page 46. Return your current lifetime license with application and $5 replacement fee is waived.

NOTE: Make a copy of your license until your new card is received

*For further information email: DCNR.WFFLicense@dcnr.alabama.gov or Call: 334-242-3465
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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/hunting/seasons-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 50 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 275 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/license-information.

It is illegal to willfully or knowingly make a false statement to a license agent when purchasing a license. It is also illegal to lend, borrow, sell, buy, renew a license.

Forever Wild Land Trust, Alabama’s land acquisition program, is now in its 27th year. The purpose of this highly successful program is to evaluate acquisition of land for conservation and outdoor recreational purposes including public hunting.

Forever Wild has delivered on what it was supposed to do. The program’s success is the result of the dedication of its board members, the ongoing work of personnel within the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources who administer the program, and the continued support of the public.

Forever Wild was developed largely in response to the loss of land available to the public for hunting and outdoor recreation. Since its inception, Forever Wild has protected over 289,000 acres, of which 85% contribute to 20 Wildlife Management Areas, Community Hunting Areas, and Special Opportunity Areas.

As successful as Forever Wild has been in protecting unique habitats and providing public recreation lands, this progress has allowed Alabama simply to keep pace with the loss of other private-lease lands enrolled in the state’s public hunting Wildlife Management Area system. Overwhelming public support for the continuation of Forever Wild’s funding to acquire additional conservation and recreational land has preserved the legacy we will leave to future generations that depend on Alabama’s heritage of public hunting lands.

To learn more about Forever Wild, visit www.alabamaforeverwild.com.

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rent or use another person’s license to hunt, fish or trap. For the purpose of buying hunting and fishing licenses, residency is determined initially 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 50.

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HUNTING WITH THE AID OF BAIT

The Alabama legislature has legalized hunting white-tailed deer and feral swine with the aid of bait.

- **ALL HUNTERS** who wish to hunt white-tailed deer and feral swine with the aid of bait must purchase a required bait privilege license, **INCLUDING LICENSE-EXEMPTED HUNTERS**. A license-exempt hunter is anyone under the age of 16, residents 65 years or older, resident landowner and each resident family member that will hunt only on their own property. **NO EXEMPTIONS**.

- Hunting with the aid of bait is prohibited on public lands.

- The area definition is still in effect on private property for those who wish to supplemental feed and not hunt with the aid of bait.

- No other game animals may be hunted with the aid of bait in Alabama.

For more information, visit [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com)

CWD SAMPLE COLLECTION STATIONS

The Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division will be providing drop-off sampling locations available for hunters to submit their harvest for CWD testing.

Deer hunters play a critical roll in the continued CWD monitoring efforts in Alabama.

It will only take a few minutes of your time to help protect this valuable natural resource.

For a complete list of CWD collection station locations visit [www.outdooralabama.com/chronic-wasting-disease/cwd-sampling](http://www.outdooralabama.com/chronic-wasting-disease/cwd-sampling)
### License Descriptions & Fees—Hunting

**RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSES:** Valid: 9/1/19 - 8/31/20 (unless otherwise indicated)

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<td><strong>HUNTING LICENSE</strong></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>$27.75</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>BAIT PRIVILEGE LICENSE</strong></td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>Allows taking of white-tailed deer or feral swine by aid of bait, in addition to required hunting licenses. Required of all ages. NO EXEMPTIONS.</td>
<td>$15.00</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>PHYSICALLY DISABLED HUNTING LICENSE</strong></td>
<td>Annual All Game (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>$6.25</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>50% PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION HUNTING LICENSE</strong></td>
<td>State: All Game</td>
<td>Present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration to be 50% or more disabled to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance.</td>
<td>$14.40</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>100% PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION HUNTING LICENSE</strong></td>
<td>State: All Game</td>
<td>Present certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration to be 100% disabled to your local Probate/License Commissioner Office for issuance.</td>
<td>$3.15</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION 3-DAY HUNTING EVENT LICENSE</strong></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>$139.60</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>GAME CHECK H.E.L.P. NUMBER</strong></td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>H.E.L.P. License number to be used by license exempt residents 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><strong>WILDLIFE HERITAGE LICENSE</strong></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>$11.45</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>DUCK STAMPS</strong></td>
<td>State</td>
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<td>Federal</td>
<td>Valid: 7/1/19 - 6/30/20.</td>
<td>$27.50</td>
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<tr>
<td></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>$18.40</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>FUR CATCHERS LICENSE</strong></td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>90 day resident proof required. Valid: 10/1/19 - 9/30/20</td>
<td>$22.60</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>COMMERCIAL FOWL HUNTING PRESERVE LICENSE</strong></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.

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**WHERE WOULD YOU RATHER BE?**

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**I’D RATHER BE IN THE WOODS**

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**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>$320.30</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>$197.85</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>$139.60</td>
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<td>Small Game: Annual</td>
<td>Valid for all legal game, except deer and turkey.</td>
<td>$104.60</td>
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<td>Small Game: 10-Day Trip</td>
<td>Valid for all legal game, except deer and turkey. Valid for 240 consecutive hours.</td>
<td>$63.85</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>$46.30</td>
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<td><strong>BAIT PRIVILEGE LICENSE</strong></td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>Allows taking of white-tailed deer or feral swine by aid of barl, in addition to required hunting licenses. Required of all ages. NO EXEMPTIONS.</td>
<td>$51.00</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>PHYSICALLY DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN’S APPRECIATION 3-DAY HUNTING EVENT LICENSE</strong></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>$139.60</td>
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<td><strong>GAME CHECK H.E.L.P. NUMBER</strong></td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>H.E.L.P. License number to be used by nonresidents 15 years and younger to record deer and turkey harvest. NOTE: NOT NEEDED IF PURCHASING ANY OTHER ANNUAL RECREATIONAL PRIVILEGE.</td>
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<td><strong>DUCK STAMPS</strong></td>
<td>State</td>
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<td>Federal</td>
<td>Valid: 7/1/19 - 6/30/20.</td>
<td>$27.50</td>
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<td><strong>WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LICENSE</strong></td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>$18.40</td>
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<td><strong>FUR CATCHERS LICENSE</strong></td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>Same as nonresident license in applicant’s resident state, please call 334-242-3465. Valid: 10/1/19 - 9/30/20</td>
<td>Varies</td>
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<td><strong>COMMERCIAL FOWL HUNTING PRESERVE LICENSE</strong></td>
<td>7-Day</td>
<td>In lieu of a regular hunting license, a nonresident 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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**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/license-information.
# License Descriptions & Fees—Fishing

**RESIDENT FISHING LICENSES: Valid: 9/1/19 - 8/31/20 (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>$13.85</td>
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<td>Saltwater: Annual*</td>
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<td>$24.35</td>
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<td>Saltwater: 7-Day Trip</td>
<td>Trip licenses are valid for 168 consecutive hours.</td>
<td>$10.15</td>
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<td>PUBLIC FISHING LAKES DAILY FISHING LICENSE (SEE PAGE 72)</td>
<td>Public Fishing Lakes</td>
<td>In lieu of a regular fishing license, a resident may purchase to fish for 1 day at any WFF Division owned Public Fishing Lake. <em>(Not valid in other public reservoirs, lakes and rivers.)</em> Trip is valid for 1 day</td>
<td>$6.40</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>
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<td>Saltwater Trip</td>
<td>—</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>$3.05</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. Freshwater Includes privileges of Wildlife Heritage License.</td>
<td>$3.15</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>$3.05</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: 10/1/19 - 9/30/20</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: 10/1/19 - 9/30/20</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: 10/1/19 - 9/30/20</td>
<td>$26.00</td>
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<td>FRESHWATER MUSSEL LICENSE</td>
<td>Catcher</td>
<td>12 month residency proof required. Valid: 10/1/19 - 9/30/20</td>
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<td>Dealer or Buyer</td>
<td>12 month residency proof required. Valid: 10/1/19 - 9/30/20</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.
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## LICENSE DESCRIPTIONS & FEES—FISHING

### NONRESIDENT FISHING LICENSES: Valid: 9/1/19 - 8/31/20 (unless otherwise indicated)

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**NOTE:** Please see ‘General Information for Hunting and Fishing Licenses’ on page 36.
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**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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Replacement Lifetime License  o $5  OR  o N/C (current license must be returned)

Freshwater Fishing and Hunting Lifetime License include the Wildlife Heritage Privileges — see page 40.

* Upgrading / Replacement: Enter Current Lifetime License Number _______________________

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.

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.

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.

Sex:  o Male  o Female

Weight: ___________________________

Height: _______________________

Eyes: __________________________

Hair: __________________________

(1) 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.
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...in designating wide permanent field borders to manage for early successional habitats maintained through biannual winter disking. Preservation of existing hedgerows and their connectivity promotes effective habitat corridors for many upland game species of these areas. Lastly, as part of the cooperative, many farmers leave a certain portion of their crops in the field for resident wildlife.

In 2017, through a cooperative effort between WFF, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), University of West Florida (UWF) and the National Bobwhite Quail Initiative (NBCI), the Boggy Hollow WMA was established on Conecuh National Forest. With this partnership, the USFS conducts the habitat management via timber management and prescribed burning, UWF performs vegetative surveys and analysis of responses and WFF conducts population surveys and manages the hunting programs. Many other National Forest lands within Alabama are being restored to Longleaf Pine open canopy woodlands and managed with prescribed fire. This natural community focus results in abundant early successional habitats attractive to a wide array of wildlife species and bobwhite as well.

If you have the desire to pursue bobwhite quail, several WMAs throughout the state have hunting opportunities for those willing to put the boot tracks on the ground. Interested individuals can review individual WMA map permits and season dates available at www.outdooralabama.com or contact the WMA biologist or District Office for additional information regarding your pursuit of bobwhite quail on our public lands.
**CENTRAL STANDARD TIME**

- Times in table are for Birmingham (downtown)
  Location: WO86O49’N33O32’
- 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 official sunrise time until 30 minutes after official sunset time.**

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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 muzzleloading 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

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.

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 official sunrise time until 30 minutes after official sunset time) 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 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, 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 “Special Early” 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, 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, clapper and Virginia rail, sora, coot, common snipe, woodcock, mourning dove, gallinule 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.

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**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 GAMEWATCH (800) 272-4263 immediately. It is also prohibited to import deer carcasses from ANY other state, territories or possessions of the U.S. 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.

**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. To report a recovery, email bandreports@patuxent.usgs.gov. Your help will greatly benefit migratory birds.

**ALA BAMA’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 34 WMAs to provide public hunting opportunities. Consult the Wildlife Management Area map permits 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 wildlife management area license for hunting deer, turkey or waterfowl. 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 66.

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREAS**

The Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, Wildlife Section manages 6 SOAs, providing a different public land hunting opportunity through a limited quota random computerized draw process. These areas provide a selected hunter and guest(s) the opportunity to hunt a dedicated specific unit within an SOA for a two (2) to four (4) days.

To learn more about various SOAs, available hunts and how to register visit the www.outdooralabama.com website. Visit the Hunting page and look for the Special Opportunity Area link.

**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 special 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 AND ARCHERY RANGES**

The Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division recognizes the need for public facilities where individuals can safely discharge firearms. The Division operates and maintains 12 shooting ranges open to the public. Most ranges offer shooting opportunities from 25 to 100 yards.

The Division also operates 14 archery ranges in partnership with local entities. Archery ranges consist of stationary targets from 5 to 50 yards. Most facilities also have a 12-foot shooting platform for bowhunters to practice shooting from an elevated position.

Ranges are constructed with revenue from the sale of hunting licenses, and firearms and ammunition sales. To use any of the Division’s ranges, a wildlife man-
agement area license or hunting license is required. For residents only, freshwater fishing license or wildlife heritage license can also be used.

For exact range location, please refer to the map on page 66. For more information, please call the Hunter Education Office at (334) 242-3620.

**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 treestand. 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 (DMAP) 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 DMAP 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.
Prohibited Methods Of Hunting

The following are prohibited methods of hunting as condensed from Alabama law and regulation. Consult the Code of Alabama Title 9 and Alabama Game, Fish, Furbearers, and Other Wildlife Regulation Book for the entire law or regulation. Cites are provided below.

It is ILLEGAL to:

1. Hunt deer or turkey without a deer or turkey harvest record (paper or app form) in his/her possession or move any deer or turkey before recording harvest on the harvest record. Failure to report all deer and turkey harvested on your harvest record in Game Check is unlawful. See page 16. (220-2-.146)

2. Hunt any game animal which does not exhibit wild characteristics or under conditions where animals do not have opportunity for escape. (9-11-501/502)

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. (9-11-503)

4. 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. (*Except those in possession of a baiting privilege license hunting white-tail deer or feral swine. 220-2-.11)

5. 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. (220-2-.07)

6. Shoot or hunt a turkey from an elevated tree stand with a firearm. All other legal game animals and birds may be taken with a bow and arrow or firearm from an elevated tree stand. (9-11-245)

7. Take a deer, whether dead or alive, from the waters of this State. (9-11-250)

8. Use live decoys for migratory birds and turkey. (220-2-.11)

9. 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. (220-2-.11)

10. Hunt by the aid of fire or smoke, whether man-made or natural. (220-2-.11)

11. Hunt resident birds or animals on any floodwaters or backwaters, or islands less than 40 acres created by such. (220-2-.11)

12. Hunt or discharge a firearm from, upon or across any public road or railroad, or the right-of-way of any public road or rail-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 or larger. (9-11-257)

13. 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. (32-5-17)

14. 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. (220-2-.11)

15. Use gasoline or other noxious chemical to drive wildlife from their burrows, dens or retreats. (220-2-.11)

16. Kill unantlered deer except during unantlered deer seasons. (9-11-236)

17. Hunt with dogs during day time or after 3:00 a.m. during spring turkey season. (220-2-.01)

18. Take or attempt to take or have in possession more than the daily bag limit of any game bird or animal. (220-2-.18)

19. 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 51) or any fish from the genus Clarias, Serrasalmus or Mylopharyngodon. (220-2-.26) (9-11-237)

20. Release any tame or wild turkey into any of the wild areas of the state. (220-2-.26)

21. Utilize firearms for hunting deer during the preliminary archery only season, except handguns may be possessed for personal protection. (220-2-.10)

22. Hunt using laser sights, attachments and light sources to project a beam forward of a gun or bow, except for legally blind hunters. (22-2-.11)

23. Hunt or take wildlife using poisons or explosives. (9-11-245)

24. Have in possession or keep in captivity any protected live wild bird or wild animal. (220-2-.26)

25. Trail wounded game onto property where the hunter does not have permission to enter. (9-11-241/242)

26. Possess live feral pig. To release any feral or domestic pig into the wild. Upon capture by trap or dog, feral pigs may not be released alive. (220-2-.86)

27. 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. (220-2-.139)
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A NEW HUNTING OPPORTUNITY IN ALABAMA - THE SANDHILL CRANE

It’s not everyday the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) has the opportunity to add a gamebird species to the list of available hunting opportunities. For the record, it’s been 13 years since a new species has been added to the list of open seasons and 103 years since Alabama hunters have had the opportunity to harvest a sandhill crane. If you have traversed the landscapes within watersheds of the Tennessee or Coosa Rivers in recent years, especially while waterfowl hunting, you have likely seen an increase in sandhill crane numbers and have heard their rather loud raucous vocalizations. These vocalizations described as a resounding gutteral “garoo-oo-a-a-a” sound, can be heard from well over a mile away. Standing over four feet tall, with a wingspan of more than six feet, these birds are impressive to see up close and even more so in hand. Sandhill cranes are well known to hunters for its regal appearance, but even more so for its outstanding table fare attribute, hence it’s nickname, “Ribeye of the sky”. Beginning in December of 2019, Alabama’s hunters will have the opportunity to hunt and harvest this bird once again through a limited quota draw hunt program.

Due to the lack of regulatory protection, sandhill cranes were once hunted to near extinction. In 1916, hunting for this species was closed in the U.S. due to over exploitation and laws were passed to protect their wetland habitat from drainage. In addition, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act was enacted to provide protection for all migratory birds to avoid further exploitation. As a result, sandhill crane populations began to rebound due to these conservation efforts. In 1961, the Mid-Continent Population of sandhill cranes had recovered sufficiently to support hunting opportunities in the Central Flyway states. The recovery of the Eastern Population (EP), located east of the Mississippi, has required a little more time to recover. Nonetheless, over the past 30 years, not only have sandhill crane numbers increased but their range has expanded to new migratory stopover and wintering areas. The population and distribution expansion of the EP has led the Atlantic and Mississippi Flyway Councils to establish a cooperative management plan in 2010, and in response to those increased populations, included provisions for states to establish hunting seasons. In 2011, Kentucky became the first state east of the Mississippi River to open a sandhill crane hunting season since the last hunting opportunity in 1916. In 2013, Tennessee became the second state to open a season. Since 2011, over 11,900 permits have been distributed with over 3,000 cranes being harvested in those two states. Beginning in the 2019–20 season, Alabama will have the opportunity to be the third state to open a sandhill crane hunting season.

Sandhill crane numbers in Alabama have continued to increase in abundance over the last decade. Alabama’s wintering population is a segment of the EP and is distributed primarily within the northern part of the state in the Tennessee River Valley (TRV). WFF began counting cranes in 2010, as part of their annual aerial waterfowl surveys. WFF conducts two aerial surveys annually, with a Preseason survey conducted in November and a Mid-winter survey conducted in January. Surveys have revealed populations of sandhill cranes to be continually...
increasing in the state and the wintering range to be expanding beyond the TRV region. As of 2018, cranes are found throughout the TRV in north Alabama, and surrounding water bodies, including Weiss Reservoir on the Coosa River. This increase in Alabama’s wintering sandhill crane numbers, coupled with the range expansion, has resulted in Alabama’s waterfowl hunters observing more cranes while afield. The increasing wintering sandhill crane populations, along with the opening of a hunting season in Kentucky and Tennessee, have prompted many hunters to voice interest for an opportunity to hunt sandhill cranes in Alabama. WFF recently submitted a proposal to the Atlantic and Mississippi Flyway Councils for an experimental sandhill crane hunting season. The proposal received concurrence from both Flyway Councils and approval was received from the US Fish and Wildlife Service’s Regulations Committee for Alabama to initiate the experimental sandhill crane hunting season in 2019.

The number of sandhill crane hunting permits that will be available to Alabama’s hunters is based on 10% of the latest 5-year average of WFF’s Mid-winter aerial survey (Figure 1). The first three years of Alabama’s sandhill crane hunting season are considered experimental, meaning the state must demonstrate that implementation does not have a significant impact on the species. Based on mid-winter survey results, up to 1,502 permits would be allowable for Alabama to utilize. However, during the experimental period, WFF has elected to utilize a conservative number of 1,200 permits, to ensure harvest does not adversely impact the current population trend of sandhill cranes in Alabama.

The federal season framework for cranes allows for a 60-day season, with no splits. WFF has selected a 60-day season beginning in December 2019 and running through late January 2020 for the inaugural season. The daily and season bag and possession limit for sandhill cranes is 3 birds per limited quota permit. Two sandhill crane hunting zones will be designated, one hunted and one non-hunted. The zones will be defined as the area north of Interstate 20 from the Georgia state line to the interchange with Interstate 65, then east of Interstate 65 to the interchange with Interstate 22, then north of Interstate 22 to the Mississippi state line. The non-hunting zone will be the remainder of the state (see map). Many public lands including wildlife management areas, wildlife refuges, and national forests may have more restrictive hunting regulations, so be sure to review those property specific regulations before engaging in any hunting activities on public lands.

If you are interested in this new hunting opportunity in Alabama, it’s finally arrived. Only 400 hunters will have the chance to get selected for a limited quota permit and participate during the 2019–20 season. The limited quota sandhill crane hunt will be available to Alabama resident hunters only. All interested hunters must register online to be eligible. The online registration will be open in early-September and the drawing will take place in October. For more details on this unique opportunity, visit www.outdooralabama.com.
A common practice for anglers is to capture their bait before fishing for their preferred sport fish. However today, with the new threats that we now face with the introduction of many invasive aquatic nuisance species, this practice must be controlled to better protect Alabama's valuable aquatic and fisheries resources. As a result, a new regulation has been adopted by the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) to restrict the transport of live wild-caught bait fish between the public freshwater lakes, rivers, reservoirs and drainage basins within Alabama.

This regulation only pertains to the transport of baitfish that are alive. Dead baitfish that are being held on ice or preserved in some fashion for transport to another location or waterbody are not included in this regulation.

There are presently three species of invasive fish that are considered an immediate threat. Silver carp, one of four Asian carp species that have been introduced into the U.S., became established as wild populations in the Mississippi River in the 1990's. Now these fish are working their way up the Tennessee River into Alabama and the leading edge of this invasion is now in Pickwick Lake and possibly further. Exploding silver carp populations have had catastrophic effects on sportfish and commercial fisheries in parts of the Midwest, essentially displacing many native fish species. Silver carp, which can reach 100 pounds in weight, have also become a hazard to recreational boating activities due to their habit of jumping high out of the water when startled.

Blueback herring, a species native to the east coast of the U.S. were illegally introduced into Lewis Smith Lake sometime prior to 2010 and soon afterward into Lake Martin. Potentially reaching 16 inches in length, blueback herring are slowly altering the fish population dynamics in these two lakes and there are real concerns of eventual adverse effects on native sport fish species. Since these introductions, blueback herring have begun moving downstream in both of these river systems. They have also been introduced into the Chattahoochee River Basin in Georgia and are now found as far downstream as West Point Lake.

Alewife, another east coast native, has also been introduced outside of their native range into the upper Tennessee, Coosa and Chattahoochee River Basins. They can reach up to 10 inches in length and can compete with native fish species. Alewife invaded the upper Great Lakes in the 1950's through the Welland Canal and significantly altered the native fish communities in these lakes. In 2018, an alewife was collected by WFF biologists in the Coosa River below Neely Henry Dam. The introductions of both blueback herring and alewife within the Southeastern U.S. are believed to be the result of accidental or intentional baitfish releases by anglers.

The accidental transport of non-native species alongside native live baitfish is a likely occurrence due to their similar appearances. Although adult silver carp are relatively easy to identify, the appearance of juveniles is very similar to many of our native baitfish species. Young blueback herring and alewife can also be easily mistaken for our native baitfish species, even by experienced anglers and trained fisheries biologists that do not take the time to carefully examine them.

This new regulation, along with the assistance from anglers, should help protect Alabama's valuable aquatic resources.

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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 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 bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, 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 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 (WFF). The program summarizes information on bass fishing and is used by WFF 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 each 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/fishing/tournaments.

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/freshwater-fishing/state-recognition-program. 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 68. 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 GRABBING
Commercial or nongame fish may be legally taken by gigs or by grabbling by hand by persons possessing a valid sport fishing license. It shall be illegal to use any treble hook or any barbed hook for gigging to grabbling. Only a single barbless hook may be used.

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.

HAVE YOU CAUGHT AN AMERICAN EEL?
The Rivers and Streams Fisheries Program of the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries is seeking information from the public regarding the catch or observation of American Eel in Alabama.

If you catch an American eel, please provide the following information:
location (GPS latitude/longitude coordinates), approximate length, date and time it was caught, how it was caught, type of bait used, and any photos.

Please consider donating the specimen for further age and growth studies. Please keep it on ice and place it in a plastic bag in the freezer as quickly as possible.

Contact: Steve.Rider@dcnr.alabama.gov to arrange a time and place for pick up of the specimen.

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The zebra mussel is an exotic species of freshwater mussel that can grow up to 12 inches in diameter, with funnel entrance not more than one inch in diameter. It 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.

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.

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. 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.

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 area, 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 pond management.
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).

“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.

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).
To better focus CWD sampling efforts for 2018–19, county-level deer harvest data from game check, density of licensed deer breeder facilities, and CWD status of adjoining states were used to rank the relative risk of CWD occurrence for each county. Counties were ranked as High, Medium, and Low Risk using the above criteria. The annual minimum statewide sampling goal for 2018-19 was 1,500 samples. The 1500 sample goal was proportionately assigned across counties based on the identified county-level risk rank. This process will be repeated each year to guide annual CWD sampling goals.

With the discovery of CWD positive deer in Pontotoc County, MS and Fayette County, TN in late 2018, portions of WFF’s CWD Strategic Surveillance and Response Plan (SSRP) were put in action. Both cases were within 50 miles of five Alabama counties (Colbert, Franklin, Lamar, Lauderdale, and Marion), and surveillance sampling of hunter harvested, road killed, and symptomatic deer were greatly increased. In Alabama’s 2018-19 hunting season, over 300 deer were sampled in those five counties.

During the 2019-20 hunting season, voluntary self-service drop-off locations will be available to improve WFF’s CWD surveillance efforts and increase access to testing for deer hunters. These locations will include chest freezers and materials (i.e., sample tags, garbage bags, etc.) for hunters to assist us with our surveillance efforts by submitting their deer heads for testing. A tear-off receipt at the bottom of the sample tag will contain an ID number that allow hunters to check the status of the samples they submit. The drop off locations will be at each WFF District Office and other convenient locations distributed throughout Alabama. Drop off locations for the 2019-20 hunting season and instructions on how to submit samples can be found at www.outdooralabama.com/chronic-wasting-disease/cwd-sampling.

Citizens of Alabama can also assist WFF with its CWD monitoring program by reporting any transport of live deer, elk, or other cervids observed on Alabama’s roads and highways by calling Operation Game Watch at 1-800-272-4263. Contacting WFF immediately makes it more likely these animals will be intercepted before they can be released.

The public is also asked to report deer showing symptoms that may indicate CWD. CWD-infected deer will show no outward or visible signs of being sick in the early stages of the disease, but as the disease progresses, CWD-infected deer will behave abnormally, showing little of their normal wariness or fear of humans. Infected animals also will become emaciated (skinny) in the latter stages of the disease. It is important to note that other diseases, including brain abscesses and chronic cases of hemorrhagic disease, may exhibit similar symptoms, but please report them regardless.

If you spot a deer that exhibits these clinical signs of CWD, report it in one of the following ways. Someone with the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries will follow up with you.
- Call the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office nearest you.
- Call the Operation Game Watch line at 1-800-272-4263.

Cooperation and support from hunters, landowners, and others is essential to keeping CWD out of Alabama. Help keep Alabama CWD free: be informed, be vigilant, be an active participant and be responsible.
Reciprocal Fishing License Map

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**
  - Reciprocal license not honored.
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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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:

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 are determined by measuring from the front of the mouth to 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:

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

- The creel and possession limits provided for above shall not apply to fish held live for release by the sponsor or its designated agent after a bona fide 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.
- **Total length** of fish measured from the front of the mouth to the tip of the tail with both mouth and tail closed.
- 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.
- It shall be unlawful for any angler to fish with more than three rods and reels, or poles, or any combination thereof on Weiss or Neely Henry Reservoir at any time.
- 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 shool bass in Little Uchee, Uchee, Osanippa, Halawakee and Wacoochee creeks.

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

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 any black bass between 13 inches and 15 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, bucket, cooler or other container) whether or not it is replaced with another striped bass.

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, bucket, cooler or other container) whether or not it is replaced with another striped bass.

Pickwick Reservoir - It is illegal to possess any smallmouth bass or largemouth bass less than 15 inches in total length.

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.

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.

You Can Make A Difference
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Proceeds from the sale of each Freshwater Fishing tag will be used to:

- Enhance and restore aquatic habitats
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- Provide conservation education
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- Fund fish disease research
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- Repair fish production ponds

Visit our website at www.outdooralabama.com for details.
ALABAMA GAME FISH

Largemouth Bass

Smallmouth Bass

Spotted Bass

Striped Bass

White Bass

Hybrid Striped Bass

Yellow Bass

Bluegill Sunfish

Redear Sunfish

Redbreast Sunfish

Rainbow Trout
State-owned Public Fishing Lakes (PFLs) 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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### 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

### 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 (PFL). 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 PFL. 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 PFLs are designated as wildlife sanctuaries. The above 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](http://www.outdooralabama.com) for complete regulations.
Alabama Freshwater Fish Records

**PROTOCOLS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF ALABAMA STATE FRESHWATER FISH RECORDS**

- Fish must be caught in Alabama waters by legal means.
- Fish must be identified by Alabama Fisheries Section biologists or other certified fisheries biologists.
- Fish must be weighed on certified scales.
- Weighing must be witnessed by two people.
- Application must be submitted to an official application form within three months of the catch (request a form by dialing 1-334-242-3471).
- Application form must be notarized.

### SPECIES, WEIGHT, DATE, LOCATION, ANGLER/HOMETOWN

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<td>Gar, Alligator (tie) 151 lbs., 9 oz.</td>
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<td>T. S. Hudson / Birmingham</td>
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