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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

CHAPTER 123

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and 50‑11‑2210

123-40. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

123-51. Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons

123-52. Either-sex Days and Antlerless Deer Limits for Private Lands in Game Zones 1-4

123-53. Bear Hunting Rules and Seasons

**Synopsis:**

These regulations amend Chapter 123-40 Wildlife Management Area Regulations, 123-51 Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons, 123-52 Either-sex Days and Antlerless Deer Limits for Private Lands in Game Zones 1-4, and 123-53 Bear Hunting Rules and Seasons in order to set seasons, bag limits and methods of hunting and taking of wildlife on existing and additional Wildlife Management Areas, provide additional turkey hunting opportunity on new properties in the WMA program, provide for expanded opportunity for bird dog training on public lands, clarify antlerless deer tag regulations and change bear regulations to conform to existing state law.

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**Instructions:**

Amend Regulations 123-40, 123-51, 123-52 and 123-53 as indicated below. Included are specific changes, deletions and additions. Unless specifically listed as a change, all other existing regulations remain intact.

123‑40. Wildlife Management Area Regulations.

A. Game Zone 1

1. Other WMAs

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2. Glassy Mountain Archery Only Area – Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve

(a)(i) delete text as indicated

B. Game Zone 2

1. Other WMAs

(a)(i) delete text as indicated

2. Keowee WMA

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3. Draper WMA

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4. Fant’s Grove WMA

(b)(i) delete text as indicated

5. Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve WMA

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6. Belfast WMA

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7. Broad River Waterfowl Management Area

(a)(i) delete text as indicated

10. Liberty Hill WMA

(b)(i) delete either-sex

12. Delta South WMA

(a)(i) delete text as indicated

13. Forty Acre Rock HP WMA

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C. Game Zone 3

1. Other WMAs

(a)(i) delete text as indicated

2. Crackerneck WMA and Ecological Reserve

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3. Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA

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4. Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve WMA

(a)(i) delete text as indicated

5. Henderson Heritage Preserve WMA

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6. Francis Marion National Forest

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(d) Hellhole WMA

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(e) Waterhorn WMA

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(f) Wambaw WMA

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7. Moultrie

(d) North Dike WMA

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(e) Porcher and Hall WMAs

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(f) Cross Station Site

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8. Santee Cooper WMA

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10. Bear Island WMA

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11. Donnelley WMA

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12. Hatchery WMA

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13. Bonneau Ferry WMA

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14. Santee Coastal Reserve WMA

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15. Dungannon Heritage Preserve WMA

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16. Edisto River WMA

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18. Palachucola WMA

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22. Hamilton Ridge WMA

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23. Old Island Heritage Preserve WMA

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24. Botany Bay Heritage Preserve WMA

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26. Wateree River Heritage Preserve WMA

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D. Game Zone 4

1. Other WMAs

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2. Marsh WMA

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3. Sand Hills State Forest WMA

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4. McBee WMA

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5. Pee Dee Station Site WMA

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6. Woodbury WMA

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7. Little Pee Dee Complex WMA

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8. Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve WMA

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9. Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve WMA

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10. Manchester State Forest WMA

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12. Hickory Top WMA

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13. Oak Lea WMA

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14. Santee Dam WMA

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16. Santee Delta WMA

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17. Samworth WMA

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18. Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA

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19. Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA

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20. Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA

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123-51. Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons

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123-53. Bear Hunting Rules and Seasons

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ARTICLE 3

WILDLIFE AND FRESH WATER FISHERIES DIVISION—HUNTING REGULATIONS

SUBARTICLE 1

HUNTING IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

123‑40. Wildlife Management Area Regulations.

1.1 The regulations governing hunting including prescribed schedules and seasons, methods of hunting and taking wildlife, and bag limits for Wildlife Management Areas and special restrictions for use of WMA lands are as follows:

**A. Game Zone 1**

**1. Other WMAs**

(a) Archery Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 17 – Oct. 30

(b) Primitive Weapons for Deer

(i) Oct. 1 through Oct. 10

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 through Oct. 16; Oct. 31 – Jan. 1

(d) Still Gun Hunts for Bear

(i) Game Zone 1 seasons and bag limits apply

(e) Special Party Dog Hunt for Bear

(i) Game Zone 1 seasons and bag limits apply

(f) Small Game

(i) Game Zone 1 seasons and bag limits apply

(g) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) Jan. 2 – Jan. 10, Mar. 20 ‑ Mar. 28

**2. Glassy Mountain Archery Only Area – Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve**

(a) Archery Hunts for Deer.

(i) Oct. 1 – Jan. 1

(b) Small Game

(i) Game Zone 1 seasons and bag limits apply

**3. Stumphouse WMA**

(a) In order to fish or hunt Stumphouse WMA each adult (21 or older) must have at least one youth 17 or under accompanying them. Senior Citizens over 65 years of age may fish without a youth present. No motorized vehicles or horses allowed on the property except in designated parking areas. Walk in use only.

(b) Game Zone 1 seasons and bag limits, except small game only between Thanksgiving Day and March 1.

**4. Long Creek Tract**

(a) Game Zone 1 seasons and bag limits, except small game only between Thanksgiving Day and Mar. 1

**B. Game Zone 2**

**1. Other WMAs**

(a) Archery Hunts for Deer

(i) Sept. 15 – Sept. 30

(b) Primitive Weapons for Deer

(i) Oct. 1 through Oct. 10

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 through Jan. 1

(d) Small Game

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons and bag limits apply

(e) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) Jan. 2 ‑ 10, Mar. 20 ‑ 28

**2. Keowee WMA**

(a) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area. No hunting is allowed in research and teaching areas of Keowee WMA posted with white signs except those special hunts for youth or mobility‑impaired as conducted by the Department.

(b) North of Hwy 123 and west of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell, and west of Hwy 291, small game hunting with shotguns only. All other areas are archery only for small game.

(c) Archery Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 15‑ Dec. 22

(d) Raccoon and Opossum

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons and bag limits

(e) Other Small Game

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons and bag limits apply.

(ii)No small game hunting during archery deer hunts except for waterfowl, designated dove field hunting, or raccoon and opossum hunting at night.

**3. Draper WMA**

(a) Data cards required for hunter access, except draw dove hunts. Completed data cards must be returned daily before leaving the WMA.

(b) Archery Hunts for Deer

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Sept. 30

(c) Primitive Weapons for Deer

(i) Oct. 1 ‑ Oct. 10

(d) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 ‑ Jan. 1

(e) Quail Hunts

(i) 1st and 2nd Sat. in Dec., 3rd and 4th Wed. in Dec., 1st and 2nd Wed. and Sat. in Jan.

(ii) Game Zone 2 bag limit

(iii) PM Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset.

(f) Rabbit Hunts

(i) Wed. and Sat. in Jan. and Feb. following the last scheduled quail hunt until Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 2 bag limit

(g) Other Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Zone 2 seasons and bag limits apply

**4. Fant’s Grove WMA**

(a) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Oct. 15‑ Dec. 22

(c) Special Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing

(ii) Total 1 deer, either-sex.

(d) Raccoon and Opossum

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons and bag limits

(e) Other Small Game

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons and bag limits apply

(ii) No small game hunting during archery deer hunts except for waterfowl, designated dove field hunting, or raccoon and opossum hunting at night.

(iii) Waterfowl may be hunted Wed. and Sat. AM only.

**5. Rock Hill Blackjacks HP WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1

(b) Small Game

(i) No small game hunting

**6. Belfast WMA**

(a) All terrain vehicles are prohibited. Fishing is not allowed except through permitted special events. All harvested deer and turkeys must be checked in at the Belfast Check Station. Belfast WMA is open to public access during daylight hours (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset) except during special hunts and events regulated by DNR. Hunters may not enter the WMA prior to 5:00 AM on designated hunts. Public visitation is not allowed during scheduled deer and turkey hunts. Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Belfast WMA.

(b) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area.

(c) Archery Hunts for Deer

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Sept. 30

(d) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing

(e) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 2 bag limits

**7. Broad River Waterfowl Management Area**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Oct. 31

(b) Small Game

(i) Feb. 8 – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 2 bag limits

**8. McCalla WMA**

(a) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area.

(b) Deer Hunts

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons

(c) Small Game

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons and bag limits apply

(d) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) Jan. 2 ‑ 10, Mar. 20 ‑ 28

(e) Special Hunt Area for Youth and Mobility Impaired Hunters

(i) No open season except for hunters selected by drawing

(ii) 1 deer per day, either‑sex

**9. Worth Mountain WMA**

(a) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area

(b) Deer Hunts

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons

(c) Small Game

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons and bag limits apply.

**10. Liberty Hill WMA**

(a) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area.

(b) Archery Hunts for Deer

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Sept. 30

(c) Primitive Weapons for Deer

(i) Oct. 1 ‑ Oct. 10

(d) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 ‑ Jan. 1

(e) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Zone 2 seasons and bag limits apply.

**11. Delta North WMA**

(a) Deer Hunts

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons

(b) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons and bag limits apply

**12. Delta South WMA**

(a) Archery Hunts for Deer

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Sept. 30 .

(b) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Nov. 1-Nov. 21, Wednesdays and Saturdays Only.

(ii) Special hunts for youth or mobility impaired hunters as published by SCDNR.

(c) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 2 bag limits

**13. Forty Acre Rock HP WMA**

(a) Archery Hunts for Deer

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Sept. 30

(b) Primitive Weapons for Deer

(i) Oct. 1 ‑ Oct. 10

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 ‑ Jan. 1

(d) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Game Zone 2 seasons and bag limits apply

**C. Game Zone 3**

**1. Other WMAs**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Sept. 30

(b) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 1 ‑ Jan. 1

(c) Small Game

(i) Game Zone 3 seasons and bag limits apply

**2. Crackerneck WMA and Ecological Reserve**

(a) All individuals must sign in and out at main gate. Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area. Scouting seasons (no weapons), will be Saturdays only during September, March, and May. The gate opens at 6:00am and closes at 8:00pm. On deer hunt days, gates will open as follows: Oct.,4:30am‑8:30pm; Nov. ‑ Dec., 4:30am‑7:30pm. For special hog hunts in Jan. and Feb., gate will be open from 5:30am‑7:00pm. On all raccoon hunts, raccoon hunters must cease hunting by midnight and exit the gate by 1:00am. All reptiles and amphibians are protected. No turtles, snakes, frogs, toads, salamanders etc. can be captured, removed, killed or harassed.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) 1st Fri. and Sat. in Oct

(ii) 2 deer, either‑sex, no more than 1 buck.

(c) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunts (no buckshot).

(i) 2nd Fri. and Sat. in Oct.

(ii) 2 deer, either‑sex, no more than 1 buck

(d) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) 3rd Fri. in Oct. – Jan. 1, Fri., Sat. and Thanksgiving Day only except closed Dec. 25.

(ii) 5 deer total, 2 per day, buck only except on either‑sex days Fri. and Sat. only from the 1st Fri. of gun hunts before Thanksgiving and the 1st Fri. and Sat. after Thanksgiving weekend. Total not to include more than 3 bucks.

(e) Raccoon and Opossum

(i) 3rd Sat. night in Oct. – Jan. 1, Sat. nights only, except closed Dec. 25, 1st Fri. night in Jan. to last Fri. or Sat. night in Feb., Fri. and Sat. nights only.

(ii) 3 raccoons per party per night

(f) Hog Hunts with Dogs (handguns only)

(i) 1st Fri. after Jan. 1 – last Fri. in Feb. Fridays only

(ii) No limit.

(g) Other Small Game (except no open season on bobcats, foxes, otters or fox squirrels).

(i) 3rd Fri. in Oct. – last Fri. or Sat. in Feb. Fri., Sat. and Thanksgiving Day only except closed Dec. 25.

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**3. Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Sept. 30

(b) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 1 – Jan. 1.

(c) Small Game (no fox squirrels).

(i) Thanksgiving day – Mar. 1.

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits.

**4. Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts.

(i) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1

(b) Small Game (no fox squirrels).

(i) Thanksgiving day – Mar. 1.

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits.

**5. Henderson Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts.

(i) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1

**6. Francis Marion National Forest**

(a) During deer hunts when dogs are used, buckshot only is permitted. On hunts with dogs, all deer must be checked in by one hour after legal sunset. Individual antlerless deer tags are not valid during dog hunts for deer. Tibwin Special Use Area (in Wambaw) is closed to hunting except for Special hunts. On youth deer hunts, only youths 17 and younger may carry a gun and must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older. No fox or coyote hunting with dogs on the Francis Marion.

(b) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 3rd full week in Mar., 3rd full week in May

(c) Still Hog Hunts

(i) First full week in Mar.

**(d) Hellhole WMA**

(i) Archery Deer Hunts

(1) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(ii) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(1) Oct. 11 – Jan. 1 except during scheduled dog drive hunts

(iii) Deer Hunts with Dogs (shotguns only)

(1) 1st Sat. in Nov., 1st Sat. in Dec.

(a) 2 deer per day, buck only

(iv) Youth Only Deer Hunt with Dogs

(1) Sat. following the 2‑day Wambaw buck only hunt in Nov.

(2) Requirements and bag limits for youth are the same as the statewide youth deer hunt day.

(v) Small Game (no open season for fox hunting)

(1) Game Zone 3 seasons and bag limits apply.

(2) Dogs allowed during small game gun season only. Closed during scheduled periods using dogs to hunt deer.

**(e) Waterhorn WMA**

(i) Archery Deer Hunts

(1) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(ii) Muzzleloader Hunts for Deer

(1) Oct. 11 ‑ Oct. 20

(iii) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(1) Every Friday and Saturday beginning Nov. 1.

(iv) Small Game (no open season for fox hunting)

(1) Game Zone 3 seasons and bag limits apply.

(2) Dogs allowed during small game gun season only. Closed to small game and waterfowl hunting during scheduled deer hunt periods.

**(f) Wambaw WMA**

(i) Archery Deer Hunts

(1) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(ii) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(1) Oct. 11 – Jan. 1 except during scheduled dog drive hunts west of Hwy 17.

(2) Still gun hunts only East of Hwy 17. No buckshot.

(iii) Deer Hunts with Dogs (shotguns only)

(1) Fri. in Sept. before the last Sat. Northampton dog hunt, Wed. and Thurs. before the 3rd Sat. in Nov. and 2nd Sat. in Oct., first 2 days excluding Sunday after Dec. 25

(a) 2 deer per day, buck only

(2) 2nd Sat. in Dec.

(a) 1 deer per day

(b) All deer must be checked in at designated check stations.

(iv) Youth Only Deer Hunt with Dogs

(1) 1st date specific either-sex day in November.

(2) Requirements and bag limits for youth are the same as the statewide youth deer hunt day.

(v) Seewee Special Use Area

(1) Archery Deer Hunts

(2) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1

(vi) Small Game (no open season for fox hunting)

(1) Game Zone 3 seasons and bag limits apply.

(2) Dogs allowed during small game gun season only. Closed during scheduled periods using dogs to hunt deer.

**(g) Northampton WMA**

(i) Archery Deer Hunts

(1) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(ii) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(1) Oct. 11 – Jan. 1 except during scheduled dog drive hunts.

(iii) Deer Hunts with Dogs (shotguns only)

(1) Last Sat. in Sept., Wed. and Thurs. before the 2nd Sat. in Oct., Fri. before the 4th Sat. in Nov., 3rd day excluding Sunday after Dec. 25

(a) 2 deer per day, buck only

(2) 2nd Sat. in Dec.

(a) 1 deer per day

(b) All deer must be checked in at designated check stations.

(iv) Youth Only Deer Hunt with Dogs

(1) Last Saturday in Nov.

(2) Requirements and bag limits for youth are the same as the statewide youth deer hunt day.

(v) Small Game (no open season for fox hunting)

(1) Game Zone 3 seasons and bag limits apply.

(2) Dogs allowed during small game gun season only. Closed during scheduled periods using dogs to hunt deer.

**(h) Santee WMA**

(i) Archery Deer Hunts

(1) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(ii) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(1) Oct. 11 – Jan. 1 except during scheduled dog drive hunts

(iii) Deer Hunts with Dogs (shotguns only)

(1) 2nd Fri. and Sat. in Sept., Wed. and Thurs. before the 4th Sat. in Oct., 1st Fri. in Dec.

(a) 2 deer per day, buck only

(2) 2nd Sat. in Dec.

(a) 1 deer per day

(b) All deer must be checked in at designated check stations.

(iv) Youth Only Deer Hunt with Dogs

(1) 3rd Sat. in Oct.

(2) Requirements and bag limits for youth are the same as the statewide youth deer hunt day.

(v) Small Game (no open season for fox hunting)

(1) Game Zone 3 seasons and bag limits apply.

(2) Dogs allowed during small game gun season only. Closed during scheduled periods using dogs to hunt deer.

**7. Moultrie**

(a) No hunting or shooting within fifty feet of the center of any road during gun hunts for deer except for SCDNR draw youth hunts.

**(b) Bluefield WMA**

(i) Open only to youth 17 years of age or younger who must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults with youth are allowed to carry a weapon and hunt.

(ii) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(1) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1, Wed. and Sat. only

(iii) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(1) Game Zone 3 seasons and bag limits apply.

(2) No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

**(c) Greenfield WMA**

(i) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(1) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1

(ii) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(1) Thanksgiving Day ‑ Mar. 1

(2) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**(d) North Dike WMA**

(i) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(1) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 15.

(ii) Special Gun Hunts for youth and women

(1) Hunters selected by drawing.

(2) 1 deer per day

(iii) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(1) Jan. 2 ‑ Mar. 1

(2) Game Zone 3 bag limits.

(3) Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area open for raccoon hunting Feb. 1 – Mar. 1

**(e) Porcher and Hall WMAs**

(i) Archery Deer Hunts

(1) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1

(ii) Small Game (no fox squirrels) shotguns only

(1) Jan. 2 – Mar. 1

(2) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**(f) Cross Station Site**

(i) Special Gun Hunts for youth and women

(1) No open season except hunters selected by drawing

(2) 1 deer per day

**8. Santee Cooper WMA**

(a) Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving. Hunters limited to two deer/tree stands which must contain a label with the hunter’s name and address. No stands may be placed on Santee Cooper WMA prior to Sept. 1. Campground is open during scheduled deer hunts only.

(b) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area

(c) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 31

(d) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunts

(i) Nov. 1 ‑ Monday before Thanksgiving Day

(e) Small Game

(i) Thanksgiving Day – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**9. Webb WMA**

(a) Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving. Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area.

(b) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing

(ii) 2 deer, either‑sex but only 1 buck

(c) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 1st Thurs. – Sat. in Mar., 2nd Thurs. – Sat. in May, and last Thurs. - Sat. in August

(d) Quail Hunts

(i) 2nd and 4th Wed. in Jan., 2nd and 4th Sat. in Jan., 1st and 3rd Sat. in Feb., 1st and 3rd Wed. in Feb.

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limit

(iii) Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset

(e) Raccoon and Opossum

(i) Tues. nights and Sat. nights between Oct. 11 – Sat. before Thanksgiving; The full week of Thanksgiving; Tues. nights and Sat. nights from the Tues. after Thanksgiving until Dec. 15.; Dec. 15- Mar. 1

(ii) On Saturdays prior to Dec. 15, no entry onto WMA until 1 hour after official sunset.

(iii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

(f) Other Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) The full week of Thanksgiving, Dec. 15 ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

(g) Dove Hunting

(i) Designated public dove field only on specified days.

**10. Bear Island WMA**

(a) All hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island Office. Hunting in designated areas only. Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Oct. 1 ‑ Oct. 10

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing

(ii) 3 deer, either‑sex but only 1 buck

(d) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 1st Thurs. – Sat. in March

(e) Alligator Hunts (Bear Island East and West Units only)

(i) Hunters selected by drawing only. Limited season with restricted access.

(ii) Limit and size restrictions as prescribed.

(f) Small Game

(i) Feb. 8 ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**11. Donnelley WMA**

(a) All hunters must sign in and out at the check station. Hunting in designated areas only. Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Sept. 30

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing

(ii) 3 deer, either‑sex but only 1 buck

(d) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 1st Thurs. – Sat. in March

(e) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**12. Hatchery WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Jan. 1

**13. Bonneau Ferry WMA**

(a) All terrain vehicles prohibited. Hunting access by boat is prohibited. For hunting, the Adult/youth side is open only to youth 17 years old or younger who must be accompanied by only one adult 21 years of age or older. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults with youth hunters may also carry a firearm and hunt. For deer and small game, regulations for the adult/youth and general use sides of the property will alternate each year as prescribed by the Department. All hunters must sign in and sign out upon entering or leaving. All deer must be checked out at the main entrance. Closed to public access one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise except for special hunts regulated by DNR. Hunters may not enter WMA prior to 5:00 AM on designated hunts. All impoundments and adjacent posted buffers are closed to all public access Nov. 1 – Feb. 8 except for special draw deer hunts and waterfowl hunts regulated by DNR during the regular waterfowl season. Hunted areas are closed to general public access during scheduled deer, turkey and waterfowl hunts. No fox hunting.

(b) Adult/Youth Side

(i) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(1) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1, Wed., Fri. and Sat., entire week of Thanksgiving and 5 days before Christmas until Jan. 1

(c) General Use Side

(i) Archery Deer Hunts

(1) Sept. 15 ‑ Sept. 30

(ii) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(1) Hunters selected by drawing

(2) Total 3 deer, either‑sex except only 1 buck.

(3) Hunters are required to have permit in possession and must sign in and out (Name, permit # and deer killed each day).

(d) Small Game (no fox squirrels or fox)

(i) Jan. 2 – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

(iii) Dogs allowed during gun seasons only

(e) Bonneau Ferry Fishing Regulations

(i) Open to fishing on Thurs. through Sun. from Mar. 2 – Oct. 31 during daylight hours only

(ii) Adult/youth fishing only. Each youth (17 years and under) must be accompanied by no more than two adults 18 years of age or older.

(iii) The youth must actively fish.

(iv) Fishing is not allowed during scheduled deer and turkey hunts.

(v) Only electric motors may be used.

(vi) Creel limits per person per day are: largemouth bass – 2, panfish (bluegill, redear, crappie, pumpkinseed, redbreast) – 10, catfish – 5, species not listed – no limit. Grass carp must be released alive immediately.

**14. Santee Coastal Reserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Jan. 1

(ii) Hunting on mainland only

(b) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 2nd full week in March

(c) Alligator Hunts

(i) Hunters selected by drawing only. Limited season with restricted access.

(ii) Limit and size restrictions as prescribed

(d) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**15. Dungannon Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Jan. 1

(b) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day ‑ Jan. 31

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**16. Edisto River WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Oct. 10

(b) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 – Jan. 1

(c) Raccoon and Opossum

(i) Game Zone 3 seasons and bag limits

(d) Other Small Game

(i) Thanksgiving Day ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**17. Canal WMA**

(a) Quail Hunts

(i) Game Zone 3 season and bag limit

**18. Palachucola WMA**

(a) Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving WMA. Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing

(ii) 3 deer, either‑sex but only 1 buck

(d) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 1st Thurs. – Sat. in Mar., 2nd Thurs. – Sat. in May, and last Thurs. - Sat. in August

(e) Quail Hunts

(i) 2nd and 4th Wed. in Jan., 2nd and 4th Sat. in Jan., 1st and 3rd Sat. in Feb., 1st and 3rd Wed. in Feb.

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limit

(iii) Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset.

(f) Raccoon and Opossum

(i) Tues. nights and Sat. nights between Oct. 11 – Sat. before Thanksgiving; The full week of Thanksgiving; Tues. nights and Sat. nights from the Tues. after Thanksgiving until Dec. 15.; Dec. 15- Mar. 1

(ii) On Saturdays prior to Dec. 15, no entry onto WMA until 1 hour after official sunset.

(iii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

(g) Other Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) The full week of Thanksgiving, Dec. 15 ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**19. St. Helena Sound Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Deer hunting by permit only obtained at McKenzie Field Station. Camping by special permit only and on Otter Island only. No small game hunting.

(b) Ashe, Beet, Warren, Otter, Big and South Williman Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1

**20. Tillman Sand Ridge Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Jan. 1

(b) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

**21. Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Jan. 1

(b) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Jan. 2 ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

(iii) Shotguns only

**22. Hamilton Ridge WMA**

(a) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area. Horseback riding by permit only. No ATVs allowed. Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing

(ii) 3 deer, either‑sex but only 1 buck

(d) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 1st Thurs. – Sat. in Mar., 2nd Thurs. – Sat. in May, and last Thurs. - Sat. in August.

(e) Quail Hunts

(i) 2nd and 4th Wed. in Jan., 2nd and 4th Sat. in Jan., 1st and 3rd Sat. in Feb., 1st and 3rd Wed. in Feb.

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limit

(iii) Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset.

(f) Raccoon and Opossum

(i) Tues. nights and Sat. nights between Oct. 11 – Sat. before Thanksgiving; The full week of Thanksgiving; Tues. nights and Sat. nights from the Tues. after Thanksgiving until Dec. 15.; Dec. 15- Mar. 1

(ii) On Saturdays prior to Dec. 15, no entry onto WMA until 1 hour after official sunset.

(iii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

(g) Other Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) The full week of Thanksgiving, Dec. 15 ‑ Mar. 1.

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

(iii) Dove hunting on designated public dove field only

**23. Old Island Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1

**24. Botany Bay Plantation Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area. All hunters, fishermen and visitors must obtain and complete a day use pass upon entering the area and follow all instructions on the pass. Botany Bay Plantation WMA is open to public access during daylight hours (1/2 hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset) except during special hunts and events regulated by DNR. Area is closed to general public access during special scheduled hunts. Hunting in designated areas only. Hunting access by boat is prohibited. Fishing in the Jason’s Lake complex and all other ponds is adult/youth catch and release only on designated days. For adult/youth fishing, youth must be accompanied by no more than two adults 18 years old or older. Adult may also fish.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10, Mon. – Sat. during the week of Thanksgiving, Mon. – Sat. during the week of Christmas.

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing

(ii) Total 3 deer, either‑sex but only 1 buck

(iii) Hunters are required to have permit in possession and must sign in and sign out (Name, permit # and deer killed each day) at the designated check station. All harvested deer must be checked in at the designated check station.

(d) Small Game (no fox squirrels or foxes)

(i) Jan. 2 – Mar. 1 (Wed. through Sat. only)

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits

(iii) Dogs allowed during gun seasons only

**25. Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing.

(ii) Total 1 deer per day, either‑sex

**26. Wateree River Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving WMA. Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing

(ii) 3 deer, either‑sex but only 1 buck

(d) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Jan. 2 ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 3 bag limits.

**27. South Fenwick Island**

(a) Deer hunting by permit only. Primitive camping is allowed by permit within designated areas. Permits available from DNR through the McKenzie Field Station. Property is closed to other users during scheduled deer hunts.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) October 1-10

**D. Game Zone 4**

**1. Other WMAs**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts.

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(b) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 – Jan. 1

(c) Small Game

(i) Game Zone 4 seasons and bag limits apply

**2. Marsh WMA**

(a) All visitors to Marsh WMA are required to sign in upon entry to the WMA and sign out upon exit from the WMA and provide any additional information requested. No ATVs allowed.

(b) Special Hunt Area for Youth and Mobility Impaired Hunters

(i) No open season except for hunters selected by drawing

(ii) 1 deer per day, either‑sex

(c) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 31

(d) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Nov. 1 ‑ Nov. 30

(e) Still Hog Hunts

(i) First full week in Mar.

(f) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 3rd full week in Mar. and 3rd full week in May

(g) Raccoon and Opossum Hunts

(i) Game Zone 4 seasons and bag limits

(h) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

**3. Sand Hills State Forest WMA**

(a) Hunting by the general public closed during scheduled field trials on the Sand Hills State Forest Special Field Trial Area. Hunting allowed during permitted field trials on the Sand Hills State Forest Special Field Trial Area in compliance with R.123‑96. No man‑drives allowed.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Oct. 10

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 – Jan. 1

(d) Small Game

(i) Game Zones 4 seasons and bag limits apply. No daytime fox hunting from Sept. 15 – Jan. 1

**4. McBee WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Oct. 10

(b) Still Gun Hunts for Deer.

(i) Oct. 11 ‑ Saturday before Thanksgiving

(c) Quail

(i) no open season except hunter selected by drawing. Game Zone 4 bag limit.

(d) Other Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Jan. 15 ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

**5. Pee Dee Station Site WMA**

(a) All visitors are required to sign in upon entry to the WMA and sign out upon exit and provide any additional information requested on sign in sheets at the kiosk. No ATVs allowed.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 31

(c) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunts

(i) Nov. 1 ‑ Nov. 30

(d) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

**6. Woodbury WMA**

(a) All visitors are required to sign in upon entry and sign out upon exit and provide any additional information requested on sign in sheets at the kiosk. No ATVs allowed.

(b) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area

(c) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Oct. 10

(d) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunts

(i) Oct. 11 ‑ Oct. 20

(e) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 21 ‑ Jan. 1

(f) Still Hog Hunts

(i) First full week in Mar.

(g) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 3rd full week in Mar. and 3rd full week in May

(h) Raccoon and opossum

(i) Game Zone 4 seasons and bag limits

(i) Other Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

**7. Little Pee Dee Complex WMA**

(a) Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP in Horry and Marion Counties. This also includes the Upper Gunters Island and Huggins tracts in Horry Co. which are part of Dargan HP.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Oct. 10

(c) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunts

(i) Oct. 11 – Oct. 20.

(d) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 21 ‑ Jan. 1.

(e) Still Hog Hunts

(i) First full week in Mar.

(f) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 2nd full week in Mar.

(g) Raccoon and Opossum

(i) Game Zone 4 seasons and bag limits

(h) Other Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

(i) Bear Season

(i) October 17 – October 30

**8. Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) All visitors are required to sign in upon entry and sign out upon exit and provide any additional information requested on sign in sheets at the kiosk. No ATVs allowed.

(b) For big game hunting, access is restricted from two hours before sunrise to two hours after official sunset.

(c) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 31

(d) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Nov. 1 ‑ Nov. 30

(e) Still Hog Hunts

(i) First full week in March

(f) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 3rd full week in Mar. and 3rd full week in May

(g) Raccoon and Opossum

(i) Game Zone 4 seasons and bag limits

(h) Other Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day to Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits.

**9. Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(b) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 ‑ Jan. 1

(c) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits.

**10. Manchester State Forest WMA**

(a) Deer must be checked at designated check stations. Individual antlerless deer tags are not valid during dog hunts for deer.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) 3rd Mon. in Sept. – the following Sat.

(c) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunts

(i) 4th Mon. in Sept. – following Sat.

(d) Deer Hunts with Dogs

(i) Clubs selected by drawing.

(ii) 10 antlered deer per day per club, 5 antlerless deer per day per club, 1 deer per person.

(e) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) 5th Mon. in Sept. – following Sat., 1st Mon. in Oct. – following Sat., 2nd Mon. in Oct. – following Sat., 3rd Tues. in Oct. – following Fri., 4th Tues in Oct. – following Fri., 5th Tues. in Oct. – following Thurs., 1st Tues. in Nov. – following Fri., 2nd Tues in Nov. – following Sat., 3rd Tues. in Nov. – following Fri., Mon. – Sat. the week of Thanksgiving, 4th Mon. in Nov. – following Fri., 1st Tues. in Dec. – following Fri., 1st full week following the 1st Tues. in Dec. – following Fri., 2nd full week following the 1st Tues. in Dec. – following Fri., 3rd full week following 1st Tues. in Dec. – following Sat.

(ii) In years when there is a fifth Tues. in Oct., additional deer hunts may be scheduled on Fri. and Sat. during Oct. and Nov.

(iii) In years when there is a fifth Mon. in Dec., additional hunts may be scheduled that week.

(f) Small Game

(i) Thanksgiving Day – Mar. 1.

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits.

(g) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 2nd full week in Mar.

**11. Lynchburg Savanna Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Small Game Only (no fox squirrels)

(i) Game Zone 4 seasons and bag limits

**12. Hickory Top WMA**

(a) Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving. The Greentree Reservoir is open to hunting during the regular Hickory Top seasons during years when the Greentree Reservoir remains unflooded.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 31

(c) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunts

(i) Nov. 1 – Jan. 1

(d) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 2nd full week in Mar.

(e) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Game Zone 4 seasons and bag limits apply.

**13. Oak Lea WMA**

(a) Data cards required for hunter access during archery deer hunts, turkey hunts and small game hunts. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ 30

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Hunters selected by drawing

(ii) Total 20 deer per hunt party, either‑sex

(d) Small Game (except quail)

(i) Jan. 2 – Mar. 1 except no small game hunting during scheduled quail hunts

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

(e) Quail

(i) Designated dates within Game Zone 5 season

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limit

**14. Santee Dam WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 31

(b) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunts

(i) Nov. 1 – Jan. 1

(c) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 2nd full week in March

(d) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Jan. 2 – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

**15. Wee Tee WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Oct. 10

(b) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 – Jan. 1

(c) Still Hog Hunts

(i) First full week in March

(d) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 2nd full week in March

(e) Raccoon and Opossum

(i) Game Zone 4 seasons and bag limits

(f) Other Small Game (no fox squirrels, no fox hunting)

(i) Thanksgiving Day ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

(iii) Dogs allowed during small game gun season only

(g) Bear Season

(i) October 17 – October 30

**16. Santee Delta WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts (impoundments only)

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(b) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 2nd full week in Mar. (impoundments only)

**17. Samworth WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts (impoundments only)

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(b) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 2nd full week of Mar. (impoundments only)

**18. Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 – Jan. 1

(b) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day ‑ Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

(c) Bear Season

(i) October 17 – October 30

**19. Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) All deer hunters must sign in and sign out daily and record harvest at the kiosk.

(b) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(c) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunts

(i) Oct. 11 ‑ Oct. 20

(d) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 21 ‑ Jan. 1.

(e) Small Game (no fox squirrels).

(i) Thanksgiving Day – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

(f) Bear Season

(i) October 17 – October 30

**20. Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA**

(a) Archery Deer Hunts

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Oct. 10

(b) Primitive Weapons Deer Hunts

(i) Oct. 11 ‑ Oct. 20

(c) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 21 ‑ Jan. 1

(d) Still Hog Hunts

(i) First full week in March

(e) Hog Hunts with Dogs

(i) 2nd full week in Mar.

(f) Small Game (no fox squirrels)

(i) Thanksgiving Day – Mar. 1

(ii) Game Zone 4 bag limits

(g) Bear Season

(i) October 17 – October 30

**21. Liberty Hill WMA**

(a) Designated as a Quality Deer Management Area

(b) Archery Hunts for Deer

(i) Sept. 15 ‑ Sept. 30

(c) Primitive Weapons for Deer

(i) Oct. 1 ‑ Oct. 10

(d) Still Gun Hunts for Deer

(i) Oct. 11 ‑ Jan. 1

(e) Small Game (No fox squirrels)

(i) Zone 4 seasons and bag limits apply.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.1 Except as provided in these regulations, no person may hunt or take wildlife on areas designated by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) as Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lands.

2.2 Entry onto WMA land is done wholly and completely at the risk of the individual. Neither the landowners nor the State of South Carolina nor the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources accepts any responsibility for acts, omissions, or activities or conditions on these lands which cause personal injury or property damage.

2.3 Entry onto WMA land constitutes consent to an inspection and search of the person, game bag or creel.

2.4 No person may hunt or take wildlife on WMA land unless an individual is in possession of a valid South Carolina license, a valid WMA permit, and other applicable federal or state permits, stamps or licenses.

2.5 No Sunday hunting is permitted on any WMA lands.

2.6 On all WMA lands, baiting or hunting over a baited area is prohibited. As used in this section, “bait” or “baiting” means the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain or other food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area. “Baited area” means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, deposited, exposed, distributed, or scattered and the area remains a baited area for ten (10) days following the complete removal of all bait. Salt/minerals are not considered bait.

2.7 On WMA lands, construction or use of tree stands is prohibited if the tree stand is constructed by driving nails or other devices into trees or if wire is wrapped around trees. Other tree stands are permitted provided they are not permanently affixed or embedded in the tree. All stands and temporary climbing devices must be removed by the end of the deer hunting season.

2.8 On WMA lands, any hunter younger than sixteen (16) years of age must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older). Sight and voice contact must be maintained.

2.9 Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the Department may permit special hunts on any day during the regular hunting season.

2.10 No person may release or attempt to release any animal onto WMA lands without approval from the Department. This regulation does not apply on designated Public Bird Dog Training Areas where pen raised quail and pigeons may be released.

2.11 While participating in a hunt on WMAs, no person may possess, consume or be under the influence of intoxicants, including beer, wine, liquor or drugs.

2.12 On WMA lands, during the designated statewide youth deer hunt day, only still hunting is allowed. The limit is two deer total to include no more than one antlerless deer.

2.13 Taking or destroying timber, other forest products or cutting firewood on WMA lands without written permission from the landowner or his agent is prohibited. Users of WMA lands are prohibited from planting, attempting to plant, burning or otherwise attempting to manipulate crops, natural vegetation or openings without written permission from the landowner or his agent.

2.14 On WMA lands, hunting armadillos and coyotes at night is prohibited. Armadillos and coyotes may be hunted during any open season for game during daylight hours with no bag limit. Weapon(s) used to hunt armadillos and coyotes are limited to the weapon(s) that are allowed for the current open season on WMA.

2.15 On WMA lands during special designated hunts, a WMA may be closed to other public access.

2.16 Still hunting for hogs is permitted on WMAs during any open season for game during daylight hours with only the weapons allowed during the hunting season in progress unless otherwise prohibited. No hog may be transported alive from a WMA. Hogs may not be hunted at night. There is no bag limit on hogs. Hunters must wear a hat, coat, or vest of solid international orange while hog hunting. Buckshot is prohibited. During hog hunts with dogs, no still or stalk hunting is allowed and only handguns are permitted. No hog hunting with dogs is allowed except during special designated seasons.

2.17 Unless otherwise specified, small game hunting seasons and bag limits on WMA lands are the same as Game Zone seasons and bag limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. The season for hunting beavers on WMA lands shall be October 1 through March 1.

WEAPONS

3.1 On WMA lands hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow, crossbow or hand gun except that specific weapons may be prohibited on certain hunts. Blow guns, dart guns, drugged arrows or arrows with exploding tips are not permitted. Small game hunters may possess or use shotguns with shot no larger than No. 2 or .22 rimfire or smaller rifles/handguns or primitive muzzle‑loading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller. Small game hunters may not possess or use buckshot, slugs or shot larger than No. 2. Small game hunters using archery equipment must use small game tips on the arrows (judo points, bludgeon points, etc.).

3.2 For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow, crossbow and muzzle‑loading shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and rifles (.36 caliber or larger) with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitro‑cellulose or nitro‑glycerin components as the propellant charge. There are no restrictions on ignition systems (e.g. flintstone, percussion cap, shotgun primer, disk, electronic, etc.). During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted.

3.3 On WMA lands big game hunters are not allowed to use armor-piercing, tracer, incendiary, or full metal jacket bullets or .22 or smaller rimfire. Buckshot is prohibited during still gun hunts for deer on WMA lands in Game Zones 3 & 4.

3.4 On WMAs all firearms transported in vehicles must be unloaded and secured in a weapons case, or in the trunk of a vehicle or in a locked toolbox. On the Francis Marion Hunt Unit during deer hunts with dogs, loaded shotguns may be transported in vehicles. Any shotgun, centerfire rifle, rimfire rifle or pistol with a shell in the chamber or magazine, or a muzzleloader with a cap on the nipple or a flintlock with powder in the flash pan is considered loaded.

3.5 No target practice is permitted on WMA lands except in specifically designated areas.

3.6 On WMA lands during still gun hunts for deer or hogs there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on or across any road open to vehicle traffic. During any deer or hog hunt there shall be no open season for hunting on any designated recreational trail on U.S Forest Service or S.C. Public Service Authority property.

DEER

4.1 On WMA lands with designated check stations, all deer bagged must be checked at a check station. Deer bagged too late for reporting one day must be reported the following day.

4.2 Unless otherwise specified by the Department, only antlered bucks (male deer) may be taken on all WMA lands. Male deer with visible antlers of less than two (2) inches above the hairline are considered antlerless deer and must be tagged with an antlerless deer tag issued by the Department. A point is any projection at least one inch long and longer than wide at some location at least one inch from the tip of the projection.

4.3 On WMA lands, man drives for deer are permitted between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. only. A man drive is defined as an organized hunting technique involving two (2) or more individuals whereby an attempt is made to drive game animals from cover or habitat for the purpose of shooting, killing, or moving such animals toward other hunters. On WMA lands, drivers participating in man drives are prohibited from carrying or using weapons.

4.4 Date Specific Antlerless Deer Tag Dates, Individual Antlerless Deer Tags, and Deer Limits on WMAs:

(a) Game Zone 1: The last three Sat. in Nov.

(b) Game Zones 2 – 4: The first three Saturdays in Oct., the last three Saturdays in November, the 2nd Saturday in December, and Jan. 1.

(c) In all Game Zones, beginning September 15 during archery only or primitive weapons seasons, hunters who harvest a deer using archery equipment only may choose to use any of the Date-Specific Antlerless Deer Tags issued to them to tag an antlerless deer taken provided that the archery notation and actual date of kill is validated on the tag as prescribed by SCDNR. Archery hunters may also use Individual Antlerless Deer Tags issued to them to tag an antlerless deer taken during any archery-only or primitive weapons season only provided that the tag is validated as prescribed by SCDNR. Game Zone and WMA limits apply.

(d) On special mobility impaired and youth deer hunts sanctioned by the Department and during the statewide youth deer hunt day, participants may take two deer total.

4.5 For all WMAs combined statewide, the limit for all seasons and methods combined is two deer per day, 5 deer total, no more than two bucks, unless otherwise specified. For WMAs in Game Zone 1, the limit for antlerless deer for all seasons and methods combined is 4. Antlerless deer limit is two deer per day, unless otherwise specified.

4.6 Individual Antlerless Deer Tags are valid in Game Zone 1 beginning Oct. 1 and in Game Zones 2, 3 & 4 beginning Sept. 15. For all WMAs combined, a maximum of 2 individual antlerless deer tags may be used during primitive weapons or still gun deer seasons in all Game Zones except only one individual antlerless deer tag may used in Game Zone 1. Tags do not alter the daily (2 per day) or seasonal limit or change the type of weapons that can be used during special weapons seasons.

4.7 Deer must be tagged immediately after harvest and before being moved from the point of kill and the tag must be validated as prescribed by the SCDNR. A valid tag must remain on the carcass until it is processed (cut up).

4.8 For WMAs designated as Quality Deer Management Areas, all antlered bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12‑inch inside antler spread except during designated special youth hunts. Inside antler spread is measured at a right angle to centerline of the skull at its widest point between the main beams.

4.9 On WMA lands, deer, hogs, or bear may not be hunted with a firearm within 300 yards of a residence.

DOGS

5.1 On all WMA lands, dogs may be used for small game hunting unless otherwise specified.

5.2 Dogs may be trained for quail, rabbit and squirrel hunting from Sept. 1 - 14 (no guns), except on designated Public Bird Dog Training Areas where bird dog training is allowed from September 15 to March 15 (Sundays excluded).

5.3 On WMA lands, dogs may be used for hunting foxes, raccoons, bobcats or opossums only between thirty (30) minutes after official sunset and 30 minutes before official sunrise.

5.4 Unless otherwise specified, deer hunting with dogs on WMA lands is prohibited. The Department may permit deer hunting with dogs on WMA lands not located in Game Zones 1 and 2. For the purposes of tracking a wounded deer, a hunter may use one dog which is kept on a leash.

5.5 Dogs may be used to hunt bear on WMA lands in Game Zone 1 during the special party dog bear season.

5.6 On WMA lands, dogs may be used to hunt hogs only during special designated hog hunts with dogs.

VEHICLES

6.1 On all WMA lands, no hunter may shoot from a vehicle unless permitted by the Department.

6.2 On WMA lands, motor driven land conveyances must be operated only on designated roads or trails. Unless otherwise specified, roads or trails which are closed by barricades and/or signs, either permanently or temporarily, are off limits to motor‑driven land conveyances.

6.3 A person may not obstruct or cause to be obstructed travel routes on WMA lands.

VISIBLE COLOR CLOTHING

7.1 On all WMA lands during any gun and muzzleloader hunting seasons for deer, bear and hogs, all hunters including small game hunters must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid visible international orange. Archery hunters during archery only deer seasons and hunters for dove, turkey, ducks, geese and other hunted migratory birds including crows are exempt from this requirement while hunting for those species.

CAMPING

8.1 Camping is not permitted on WMA lands except in designated camp sites.

TRAPPING

9.1 Trapping on WMA lands is not permitted.

WATERFOWL & DOVE REGULATIONS

10.1 Unless specially designated by the Department as a Wildlife Management Area for Waterfowl or a Wildlife Management Area for Dove, all Wildlife Management Areas are open during the regular season for hunting and taking of migratory birds except where restricted.

10.2 The Department may designate sections of Wildlife Management Areas and other lands and waters under the control of the Department as Designated Waterfowl Management Areas or Designated Dove Management Areas. All laws and regulations governing Wildlife Management Areas apply to these special areas. In addition, the Department may set special shooting hours, bag limits, and methods of hunting and taking waterfowl and doves on those areas. All State and Federal migratory bird laws and regulations apply. Regulations pertaining to the use of Dove Management Areas will be filed annually.

10.3 On areas where blinds are not provided, only portable blinds which are removed at the conclusion of the hunt or temporary blinds of native vegetation may be used. Temporary blinds once vacated may be used by other hunters.

10.4 On Designated Waterfowl Areas, no species other than waterfowl may be taken during waterfowl hunts. On Designated Dove Management Areas no species other than doves may be taken during dove hunts. Only dove hunting is allowed at Lake Wallace.

10.5 No fishing is permitted in any Category I Designated Waterfowl Area during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

10.6 The Bordeaux Work Center Area is closed to hunting except for special hunts as designated by the SCDNR.

10.7 Impoundments on Bear Island, Bonneau Ferry, Broad River, Donnelley, Samworth, Sandy Beach, Santee Coastal Reserve and Santee Delta WMAs are closed to all public access during the period Nov. 1 ‑ Feb. 8 except during special hunts designated by the Department. All public access during the period Feb. 9 ‑ Oct. 31 is limited to designated areas. On Bear Island WMA, Mathews’ Canal is closed to all hunting from Nov. 1 – Feb. 15 beyond a point 0.8 mile from the confluence of Mathews’ Canal with the South Edisto River.

10.8 Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area is closed to hunting access and fishing during the period one week prior to and two weeks after the Federal waterfowl season except for scheduled waterfowl hunts. All hunters must enter and leave the Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area through the designated public landing on secondary road 260 and complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area No airboats are allowed for hunting or fishing and no hunting from secondary road 260.

10.9 On Hatchery WMA, hunters must leave the area by 1 PM, except on the last Saturday of the waterfowl season when hunters may hunt until sunset. Each hunter is limited to twenty‑five Federally‑approved nontoxic shot shells per hunt. No airboats are allowed in the Hatchery WMA for hunting or fishing during the period Nov. 15 ‑ Jan. 31. No fishing allowed during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

10.10 On Crackerneck WMA, waterfowl may be hunted only on Fri., Sat. and Thanksgiving Day within the regular migratory bird seasons and no hunting on Dec. 25; Fant’s Grove WMA is open AM only on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the regular migratory bird seasons; Palachucola WMA, Tillman Sand Ridge WMA, Hamilton Ridge WMA and Webb WMA are open AM only for waterfowl hunting during the regular migratory bird seasons only on days when small game hunting is allowed.

10.11 Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas include Beaverdam, Bonneau Ferry, Broad River, Clemson, Sandy Beach, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee‑Delta, Tibwin, Bear Island, Wateree River Heritage Preserve and Donnelley Wildlife Management Areas. Hunting in Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas is by special permit obtained through annual computer drawing.

10.12 Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas include Biedler Impoundment, Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Lake Cunningham, Russell Creek, Monticello Reservoir, Parr Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Dunaway, Dungannon, Enoree River, Moultrie, Hatchery, Hickory Top, Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir, Lancaster Reservoir, Turtle Island, Little Pee Dee River Complex (including Ervin Dargan, Horace Tilghman), Great Pee Dee River, Potato Creek Hatchery, Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island), Tyger River, Marsh, Wee Tee, Woodbury, Ditch Pond, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, Santee Cooper and 40 Acre Rock Waterfowl Management Areas. Hunting on Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas is in accordance with scheduled dates and times.

1. Biedler Impoundment

(a) Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

2. Bear Island

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

3. Beaverdam

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

4. Bonneau Ferry

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

5. Broad River

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

6 Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA, no hunting in impoundments)

(a) Wed. and Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

7. Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA, no hunting in impoundments)

(a) Wed. and Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

8. Clemson

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

9. Ditch Pond

(a) Wed. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

10. Donnelley

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

11. Dunaway

(a) Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

12. Duncan Creek

(a) Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

13. Dungannon

(a) Wed. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

(c) No hunting from the Boardwalk

14. Enoree River

(a) Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

15. Hatchery

(a) Sat. AM only and until sunset on the last Sat. of the regular waterfowl season

(b) State bag limits

16. Hickory Top

(a) Mon. through Sat. during regular season

(b) State bag limits

17. Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir

(a) Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

(c) No hunting from roads and dikes

18. Lake Cunningham

(a) Wed. AM only during the regular season

(b) State bag limits

19. Lancaster Reservoir

(a) Mon. and Fri. AM only during the regular season

(b) State bag limits

20. Marsh

(a) Fri. and Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

21. Monticello Reservoir

(a) Mon. through Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

22. Moultrie

(a) Mon. through Sat. during regular season.

(b) State bag limits

23. Parr Reservoir

(a) Mon. through Sat. during regular season.

(b) State bag limits

24. Potato Creek Hatchery

(a) Fri. and Sat. only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

25. Russell Creek

(a) Wed. and Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

26. Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island)

(a) Thurs. and Sat. AM only during the regular season

(b) State bag limits

27. Samworth

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

28. Sandy Beach

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

29. Santee Coastal Reserve

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

30. Santee Cooper

(a) Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

31. Santee‑Delta

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

32. Tibwin

(a) Special hunts by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

33. Turtle Island

(a) Fri. and Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

34. Tyger River

(a) Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

35. Wee Tee

(a) Fri. and Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

36. Woodbury

(a) Fri. and Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

37. Great Pee Dee

(a) Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

38. Little Pee Dee River Complex

(a) Fri. and Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

39. Waccamaw River HP

(a) Fri. and Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

40. 40‑acre Rock

(a) Sat. AM only during regular season

(b) State bag limits

41. Wateree River HP

(a) Hunters selected by drawing during regular season

(b) State bag limits

10.13 On Hickory Top WMA public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit is allowed on all land and water below 76.8’. Waterfowl hunting at or above elevation 76.8’ requires a WMA permit. A WMA permit is required for waterfowl hunting in the Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir.

10.14 Designated Dove Management Areas include all dove management areas as published by the Department in the annual listing of WMA public dove fields and are subject to regulations filed annually.

10.15 Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir is closed to hunting access November 1 until March 1, except for special hunts designated by SCDNR. All hunters must accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 11:00 am. Hunters may not enter the area prior to 5:00 am on hunt days. No open season on roads and dikes. Hunters may only use electric motors on boats.

10.16 On all State‑owned, US Forest Service and other Federally‑owned Category I and II Waterfowl Management Areas each hunter is limited to 25 Federally‑approved non‑toxic shells per hunt.

10.17 On Enoree River, Dunaway, Duncan Creek, Russell Creek and Tyger River Waterfowl Areas data cards are required for hunter access during scheduled waterfowl hunts. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving each of these areas.

10.18 Woodbury Waterfowl Management Area includes all SCDNR‑owned property south of US Hwy 378 and bounded on the west by the Great Pee Dee River and Bluff Road and to the east by the Little Pee Dee River except no waterfowl hunting allowed in the area known as Hass Pond that is bounded on all sides by Hass Pond Road.

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

11.1 Taking of any amphibian or reptile, except the bullfrog, is prohibited on any Department‑owned Wildlife Management Areas without written permission of the Department.

PUBLIC BIRD DOG TRAINING AREAS

12.1 The Department may establish Public Bird Dog Training Areas on designated portions of the Cliff Pitts WMA in Laurens County, the Campbell’s Crossroads and Angelus Tract WMAs in Chesterfield County, the Landsford Canal WMA in Chester County, and the Edisto River WMA in Dorchester County. A valid hunting license and WMA permit is required to train bird dogs on these lands.

12.2 It shall be unlawful to take game by any means while training bird dogs, except during the lawful open seasons for such game; provided, however, that pen raised quail or pigeons may be taken at any time for training bird dogs. The dog trainer must possess proof of purchase of pen raised quail.

12.3 It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession any firearms or other equipment for taking game while training bird dogs, provided that handguns with blank ammunition or shot cartridges may be used for training bird dogs, and shotguns with number eight shot or smaller shot may be used while training bird dogs using pen raised quail and pigeons.

12.4 All participants in bird dog training must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid visible international orange.

SUBARTICLE 3

OTHER BIG GAME

123‑51. Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons.

1. Total limit of 3 turkeys statewide per person, 2 per day, gobblers only, unless otherwise specified. Total statewide limit includes turkeys harvested on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). Small unnamed WMAs in counties indicated are open for turkey hunting. Turkey seasons and bag limits for Wildlife Management Area lands are as follows:

**A. Game Zone 1**

1. Other WMAs

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 3

**B. Game Zone 2**

1. Other WMAs

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 3

2. Keowee WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Shotguns only –north of Hwy 123 and west of the Keowee Arm of Lake Hartwell and west of Hwy 291. Archery only on other sections.

3. Draper WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

4. Belfast WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 1

(c) Hunters by drawing only

5. Worth Mountain WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

6. McCalla WMA

(a) April 1 – May 5

(b) Bag Limit 2

7. Fants Grove WMA

(a) April 1 - May 5

(b) Bag Limit 2

8. Liberty Hill WMA

(a) April 1 - May 5

(b) Bag Limit 2

9. Delta South WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Hunters by drawing only

10. Forty Acre Rock HP WMA

(a) April 1 - May 5

(b) Bag Limit 2

**C. Game Zone 3**

1. Other WMAs

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 3

2. Crackerneck WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 3

(c) Fri. and Sat. only

(d) Sign in and out at the gate required.

(e) Main gate opens at 4:30 am and closes at 1:00 pm.

3. Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

4. Francis Marion National Forest

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Tibwin Special Use Area

(1) Apr. 1 – May 5

(2) Bag limit 2

(3) Special hunts for youth or mobility impaired hunters as published by SCDNR.

5. Moultrie

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

(d) Bluefield WMA

(1) Apr. 1 – May 5

(2) Bag limit 2

(3) Adult/Youth only

(e) Hall WMA

(1) Apr. 1 – May 5

(2) Bag limit 2

6. Santee Cooper WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 1

(c) Hunting by public draw only

7. Webb, Palachucola and Hamilton Ridge WMAs

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) All hunters must pick up and return data cards at kiosk and display hangtags on vehicles.

8. Donnelley WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 1

(c) Hunting by public draw only

9. Bonneau Ferry WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 1

(c) Hunting by public draw only

(d) Closed to public access during hunts.

10. Santee Coastal Reserve WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 1

(c) Youth or mobility impaired hunting by draw only.

11. Edisto River WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

12. Tillman Sand Ridge Heritage Preserve WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

13. Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

14. Botany Bay Plantation WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 1

(c) Youth hunting by draw only.

15. Wateree River HP WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 1

(c) Hunting by public draw only

**D. Game Zone 4**

1. Other WMAs

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 3

2. Marsh WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

(d) Sign in and out at the kiosk required.

3. Sand Hills State Forest WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

4. McBee WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

5. Little Pee Dee Complex WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

6. Pee Dee Station Site WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

(d) All hunters must sign in and sign out at kiosk.

7. Woodbury WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

(d) All hunters must sign in and sign out at kiosk.

8. Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

(d) All hunters must sign in and sign out at kiosk.

9. Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

10. Manchester State Forest WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

11. Hickory Top WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

12. Oak Lea WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat.

13. Santee Dam WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

14. Wee Tee WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

15. Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

16. Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

17. Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 2

(c) Thurs through Sat. only

18. Samworth WMA

(a) Apr. 1 – May 5

(b) Bag limit 1

(c) Youth hunting by draw only.

19. Liberty Hill WMA

(a) April 1 - May 5

(b) Bag Limit 2

E. Statewide Turkey Hunting Regulations and Youth Turkey Hunting Day on WMAs

1. The statewide youth turkey hunting day on designated WMA lands shall be the Saturday immediately preceding April 1

(a) The daily bag limit during the statewide youth turkey hunting day on WMAs is 2.

(b) A person less than 18 years of age is considered a youth turkey hunter.

(c) Only includes WMAs designated by the Department.

2. The following regulations apply statewide. No turkey hunting permitted on Turkey Restoration Sites which have not been formally opened by the Department.

(a) During the spring turkey hunting season, only turkey gobblers (male birds) may be taken. (b) Shotguns, muzzleloader shotguns, or archery equipment are permitted. All other weapons and methods of taking are prohibited including rifles, pistols, buckshot and slugs.

(c) Turkeys may not be hunted with dogs.

(d) Live decoys are prohibited.

(e) A tag issued by the Department must be placed around a harvested bird’s leg before the bird is moved from the point of kill and the tag must be validated by the hunter as prescribed by the Department. A valid tag must remain on the carcass until it is processed (cut up).

123‑52. Date Specific Antlerless Deer Tags, Individual Antlerless Deer Tags, and Antlerless Deer Limits for Private Lands in Game Zones 1‑4.

1. Game Zone 1: The last three Saturdays in November.

2. Game Zones 2 ‑ 4: The first three Saturdays in October; the last three Saturdays in November; the second Saturday in December; January 1.

3. On special mobility impaired and youth deer hunts sanctioned by the Department and during the statewide youth deer hunt day, participants may take antlerless deer, 2 per day.

4. In all Game Zones, beginning September 15 during archery only or primitive weapons seasons, hunters who harvest a deer using archery equipment only may choose to use any of the Date-Specific Antlerless Deer Tags issued to them to tag an antlerless deer provided that the archery notation and actual date of kill is validated on the tag as prescribed by SCDNR. Archery hunters may also use Individual Antlerless Deer Tags issued to them to tag an antlerless deer taken during any archery-only or primitive weapons only season provided that the tag is validated as prescribed by SCDNR.

5. Individual Antlerless Deer Tags: Only 1 Individual Antlerless Deer Tag may be used in Game Zone 1. Individual Antlerless Deer Tags are valid in Game Zones 2 ‑ 4 beginning September 15 and in Game Zone 1 beginning October 1. Individual Antlerless Deer Tags are not valid on properties enrolled in the Deer Quota Program. Individual Antlerless Deer Tags do not alter the daily (2 per day) or seasonal limit or change the type of weapons that can be used during special weapons seasons.

6. Antlerless Deer Limits: Game Zone 1 - Four (4) total for all seasons and weapons combined, no more than 2 per day. Game Zone 2 - Five (5) total for all seasons and weapons combined, no more than 2 per day. Game Zones 3 ‑ 4, No more than 2 per day. Game Zone season and daily limits do not apply on properties enrolled in the Deer Quota Program.

7. All antlerless deer must be tagged immediately after harvest and before being moved from the point of kill and the tag must be validated as prescribed by the Department. A valid tag must remain on the carcass until it is processed (cut up).

123‑53. Bear Hunting Rules and Seasons.

1. The open season for taking bear in Georgetown County, Horry County, Marion County and Williamsburg County on private and WMA land is October 17 – October 30. Bear hunting is allowed on the following WMAs in those counties: Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA, Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA, Little Pee Dee River Heritage Preserve Complex, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA, and Wee Tee WMA.

2. Legal weapons for bear hunting on private lands include archery equipment, muzzleloaders (.36 caliber or greater), centerfire rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs or buckshot.

3. On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt bear are limited to the weapons that are allowed for the current open season for deer on each WMA.

4. Harvested bear must be reported to SCDNR by midnight of the day of harvest as prescribed by the Department.

5. All harvested bears must be tagged immediately after harvest and before being moved from the point of kill and the tag must be validated as prescribed by the SCDNR.

6. The harvest quota for areas outside of Game Zone 1 is 30 bears for all counties and WMAs combined. If the 30 bear quota is met prior to October 30, the season will close 24 hours following a season closure notice. Hunters are responsible for monitoring the season status as prescribed by the Department.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:**

The amendment of Regulations 123-40, 123-51, 123-52, and 123-53 will result in increased public hunting opportunities which should generate additional State revenue through license sales. In addition, local economies should benefit from sales of hunting supplies, food and overnight accommodations. Sales taxes on these items will also directly benefit government.

**Statement of Rationale:**

Rationale for the formulation of these regulations is based on over 70 years of experience by SCDNR in managing wildlife populations and establishing public hunting areas. New areas are evaluated based on location, size, current wildlife presence, access and recreation use potential. Regulations are formulated to provide maximum recreational opportunity while safeguarding wildlife populations for future generations.