

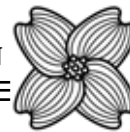


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TITLE 3 – DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
Division 10 – Conservation Commission
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Methods, Limits

3 CSR 10-7.405 General Provisions

PURPOSE: This rule requires any person engaged in hunting or pursuing wildlife to possess the prescribed permit.

(1) Any person while hunting or while using dogs or birds of prey in pursuit of wildlife in any manner, including training, shall have on his/her person the prescribed permit, temporary permit authorization number(s) or evidence of exemption. The temporary permit authorization number(s) and picture identification must be carried at all times while hunting until the actual permit(s) is received. Wildlife may not be held alive under hunting permits.

(2) There shall be no closed season or limits on house sparrows or European starlings.

(3) No person shall take or attempt to take any wildlife from or across a public roadway with a firearm, bow, or crossbow.

(4) Wildlife, except waterfowl, may not be pursued or taken while trapped or surrounded by floodwaters or while fleeing from floodwaters or fire.

(A) In Southeast Missouri no person shall take, attempt to take, or pursue wildlife, except waterfowl, during the fall deer and turkey season(s) in:

1. Zone 1 (Scott County) when the Mississippi River level is at or above thirty-five feet (35') on the Thebes, IL, gauge. Zone 1 fall deer and turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri east of a line running west from the Illinois border at Commerce access in the town of Commerce to North Water Street; south on North Water Street to Mo. Hwy. E; west on Mo. Hwy. E to Mo. Hwy. N; south on Mo. Hwy. N to County Hwy. 351; south on County Hwy. 351 to Mo. Hwy. NN; south on Mo. Hwy. NN to the Scott County line; east on the Scott County line to the Illinois border.

2. Zone 2 (Mississippi County) when the Mississippi River level is at or above forty-three feet (43') on the Cairo, IL, gauge. Zone 2 fall deer and turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri east of a line running west from the Illinois border on the Mississippi County line to Mo. Hwy. NN; south on Mo. Hwy. NN to County Hwy. 222; east on County Hwy. 222 to Mo. Hwy. N; south on Mo. Hwy. N to Mo. Hwy. 62; east on Mo. Hwy. 62 to Mo. Hwy. 77; south on Mo. Hwy. 77 to Mo. Hwy. D; west on Mo. Hwy. D to County Hwy. 329; south on County Hwy. 329 to County Hwy. 318; west on County Hwy. 318 to Mo. Hwy. DD; south on Mo. Hwy. DD to County Hwy. 331; south on County Hwy. 331 to Mo. Hwy. 80; west on Mo. Hwy. 80 to Mo. Hwy. AA; south on Mo. Hwy. AA to Mo. Hwy. FF; south on Mo. Hwy. FF to Mo. Hwy. 77; south on Mo. Hwy. 77 to Mo. Hwy. A; east on Mo. Hwy. A to the Kentucky border.

3. Zone 3A (New Madrid and Mississippi counties) when the Mississippi River level is at or above thirty-four feet (34') on the New Madrid, MO, gauge. Zone 3A fall deer and turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri south of a line running west from the Kentucky border on U.S. Hwy. A to Mo. Hwy. 77; north on Mo. Hwy. 77 to Mo. Hwy. 102; west on Mo. Hwy. 102 to County Hwy. 521; west on County Hwy. 521 to Mo. Hwy. 102; north on Mo. Hwy. 102 to County Hwy. 526; west on County Hwy. 526 to County Hwy. 727; south on County Hwy. 727

to Mo. Hwy. P; South on Mo. Hwy. P to Mo. Hwy. WW; west on Mo. Hwy. WW to Mo. Hwy. U; west on Mo. Hwy. U to Interstate 55; south on Interstate 55 to Mo. Hwy. M; east on Mo. Hwy. M to Mo. Hwy. KK; west on Mo. Hwy. KK to Mo. Hwy. 162; east on Mo. Hwy. 162 to the Tennessee border.

4. Zone 3B (New Madrid and Mississippi counties) when the Mississippi River level is at or above thirty-six feet (36') on the New Madrid, MO, gauge. Zone 3B fall deer and turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri south of a line continuing from Zone 3A on a line running north on Mo. Hwy. U to Mo. Hwy. P; east on Mo. Hwy. P to Mo. Hwy. BB; north on Mo. Hwy. BB to Mo. Hwy. OO; east on Mo. Hwy. OO to the toe of the protected side of the Corps of Engineers secondary levee; north on the Corps of Engineers secondary levee to Mo. Hwy. 80; east on Mo. Hwy. 80 to Mo. Hwy. AA; south on Mo. Hwy. AA to Mo. Hwy. FF; south on Mo. Hwy. FF to Mo. Hwy. 77; south on Mo. Hwy. 77 tying back into Zone 3A.

5. Zone 3C (New Madrid and Mississippi counties) when the Mississippi River level is at or above forty feet (40') on the New Madrid, MO, gauge. Zone 3C fall deer and turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri south of a line continuing from Zone 3B on a line running north on Mo. Hwy. V to Mo. Hwy. 80; east on Mo. Hwy. 80 to the toe of the protected side of the Corps of Engineers secondary levee; north on the Corps of Engineers secondary levee to Mo. Hwy. 77; south on Mo. Hwy. 77 to Mo. Hwy. D; west on Mo. Hwy. D to County Hwy. 329; south on County Hwy. 329 to Mo. Hwy. DD; south on Mo. Hwy. DD to County Hwy. 331; south on County Hwy. 331 to Mo. Hwy. 80; west on Mo. Hwy. 80 to Mo. Hwy. AA tying back into Zone 3B.

6. Zone 4 (Pemiscot County) when the Mississippi River level is at or above thirty-two feet (32') on the Caruthersville, MO, gauge. Zone 4 fall deer and turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri east of a line running west from the Tennessee border on Mo. Hwy. 162 to Mo. Hwy. TT; south on Mo. Hwy. TT to Mo. Hwy. T; west on Mo. Hwy. T to Interstate 55; south on Interstate 55 to Interstate 155; southeast on Interstate 155 to Mo. Hwy. U; west on Mo. Hwy. U to Mo. Hwy. D; south on Mo. Hwy. D to County Hwy. 536; west on County Hwy. 536 to County Hwy. 515; south on County Hwy. 515 to U.S. Hwy. 164; west on U.S. Hwy. 164 to Mo. Hwy. H; south on Mo. Hwy. H to County Hwy. 569; south on County Hwy. 569 to the Arkansas border.

7. Zone 5A (Dunklin County) when the St. Francis River level is at or above twenty-one feet (21') on the St. Francis, AR, gauge. Zone 5A fall deer and turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri west of a line running east from the Arkansas border on U.S. Hwy. 62 to Mo. Hwy. 53; south on Mo. Hwy. 53 to Mo. Hwy. 25; south on Mo. Hwy. 25 to Mo. Hwy. 84; west on Mo. Hwy. 84 to the Arkansas border.

8. Zone 5B (Dunklin County) when the St. Francis River level is at or above fifteen and one-half feet (15.5') on the Holly Island, MO, gauge. Zone 5B fall deer and turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri west of a line running east on Mo. Hwy. 84 to U.S. Hwy. 412; southwest on U.S. Hwy. 412 to Mo. Hwy. F; south on Mo. Hwy. F to Mo. Hwy. FF; south on Mo. Hwy. FF to the Arkansas border.

(B) In Southeast Missouri no person shall take, attempt to take, or pursue wildlife, except waterfowl, during the spring turkey hunting season in:

1. Zone 1 (Scott County) when the Mississippi River level is at or above thirty-five feet (35') on the Thebes, IL, gauge. Zone 1 spring turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri south of a line running west from the Illinois border at Commerce access in the town of Commerce to North Water



Street; south on North Water Street to the toe of the protected side of the Corps of Engineers main line levee; south on the Corps of Engineers main line levee to the Scott County line; east on the Scott County line to the Illinois border.

2. Zone 2 (Mississippi County) when the Mississippi River level is at or above forty-three feet (43') on the Cairo, IL, gauge. Zone 2 spring turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri east of a line running west from the Illinois border at the Mississippi/Scott County line to the toe of the protected side of the Corps of Engineers main line levee; south on the Corps of Engineers main line levee to Mo. Hwy. A; east on Mo. Hwy. A to the Kentucky border.

3. Zone 3 (New Madrid and Mississippi counties) when the Mississippi River level is at or above thirty-four feet (34') on the New Madrid, MO, gauge. Zone 3 spring turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri south of a line running west on Mo. Hwy. A to the toe of the protected side of the Corps of Engineers main line levee; south on the Corps of Engineers main line levee to Mo. Hwy. 162; east on Mo. Hwy. 162 to the Tennessee border.

4. Zone 4 (Pemiscot County) when the Mississippi River level is at or above thirty-two feet (32') on the Caruthersville, MO, gauge. Zone 4 spring turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri east of a line running west from the Tennessee border on Mo. Hwy. 162 to the toe of the protected side of the Corps of Engineers main line levee; south on the Corps of Engineers main line levee to the Arkansas border.

5. Zone 5A (Dunklin County) when the St. Francis River level is at or above twenty-one feet (21') on the St. Francis, AR, gauge. Zone 5A spring turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri west of a line running east from the Arkansas border on U.S. Hwy. 62 to Mo. Hwy. 53; south on Mo. Hwy. 53 to Mo. Hwy. 25; south on Mo. Hwy. 25 to Mo. Hwy. 84; west on Mo. Hwy. 84 to the Arkansas border.

6. Zone 5B (Dunklin County) when the St. Francis River level is at or above fifteen and one-half feet (15.5') on the Holly Island, MO, gauge. Zone 5B spring turkey season boundary shall be that portion of Missouri west of a line running east on Mo. Hwy. 84 to U.S. Hwy. 412; southwest on U.S. Hwy. 412 to Mo. Hwy. F; south on Mo. Hwy. F to Mo. Hwy. FF; south on Mo. Hwy. FF to the Arkansas border.

(5) Wildlife may not be searched for, harassed, or disturbed in any manner with the aid of an artificial light, headlight, or spotlight from any roadway, whether public or private, or in any field, woodland, or forest, by any person acting either singly or as one (1) of a group of persons, except, this section shall not apply to the following:

(A) The use of an artificial light to search for, spot, and locate raccoons or other furbearing animals when treed with the aid of dogs;

(B) The use of an artificial light to search for, spot, and locate coyotes from February 1 through March 31, but only as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 7.410(1)(B)2.; and

(C) The use of an artificial light by a resident or nonresident landowner as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 on his/her property.

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3 CSR 10-7.410 Hunting Methods

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes the methods by which wildlife may be hunted.

(1) Wildlife may be hunted and taken only in accordance with the following:

(A) Motor-driven air, land, or water conveyances. No person shall pursue, take, attempt to take, drive, or molest wildlife from or with a motor-driven air, land, or water conveyance at any time, except as follows:

1. Motorboats may be used if the motor has been completely shut off and its progress therefrom has ceased, except as provided in 3 CSR 10-7.431; and

2. Unmanned motor-driven air conveyances, commonly referred to as Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), and drones, may be used to locate and recover wounded black bear, deer, elk, and turkey only in accordance with the following:

A. A black bear, deer, elk, or turkey is wounded when a properly licensed hunter has struck an animal with a projectile fired from a legal hunting method during the open season;

B. Any person operating an unmanned motor-driven air conveyance for the purposes of this paragraph must first obtain permission from the public or private landowner, or their authorized representative, prior to launching or landing a motor-driven air conveyance from or on such landowner's property. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize trespass to locate and recover a wounded animal;

C. No person may possess or control a firearm, bow, or other implement whereby wildlife could be killed or taken while afield, whether acting singly or as one (1) of a group of persons, during times when an unmanned motor-driven air conveyance is in flight. This restriction shall not apply to the possession of concealable firearms, as defined in Chapter 571, RSMo, provided such firearms are not used to take wildlife;

D. Unmanned motor-driven air conveyances shall be operated in a manner that does not harass any wildlife. For the purposes of this paragraph, harass means to disturb, worry, molest, rally, concentrate, harrass, chase, drive, herd, or torment. No person, whether acting singly or as one (1) of a group of persons, may pursue or take any wildlife that has been harassed by or with the aid of an unmanned motor-driven air conveyance; and

E. The use of an unmanned motor-driven air conveyance in accordance with this paragraph is specifically excluded from the definitions of pursue and take as defined in this Code. Operators of unmanned motor-driven air conveyances used in the recovery of a wounded animal as prescribed in this paragraph are exempt from hunting permit requirements, provided they are not the taker of the wounded animal;

(B) Artificial light. No person shall throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light on any highway or roadway, whether public or private, or in any field, woodland, or forest for the purpose of spotting, locating, or attempting to take or hunt any game animal while having in possession or control, either singly or as one (1) of a group of persons, any firearm, bow, or other implement whereby game could be killed or taken, except as follows:



1. An artificial light may be used to spot, locate, attempt to take, and hunt raccoons or other furbearing animals when treed with the aid of dogs while in possession or control of a firearm, bow, or other implement whereby any game animal could be killed or taken during the prescribed furbearer hunting season;

2. An artificial light may be used to spot, locate, attempt to take, and hunt coyotes while in possession or control of a firearm, bow, or other implement whereby any game animal could be killed or taken from January 1 through September 30 (excluding the prescribed spring turkey hunting season), but only in conjunction with other legal hunting methods, and not from or with any motor-driven air, land, or water conveyance or from or across a public roadway;

(C) Night vision, infrared, and thermal imagery equipment. Wildlife may not be pursued or taken with the aid of night vision, infrared or thermal imagery equipment and no person may possess or control night vision, infrared, or thermal imagery equipment while acting singly or as one (1) of a group of persons while in possession of any firearm, bow, or other implement whereby wildlife could be killed or taken, except as follows:

1. Landowners and their authorized representatives may possess or control and use night vision, infrared, or thermal imagery equipment while in possession of a firearm, bow, or other implement whereby wildlife could be killed or taken on such landowner's property to kill feral swine. For the purposes of this paragraph, a "landowner" is any person (including residents and non-residents) owning real property of any size and an "authorized representative" is any person who has permission from a landowner to be present on the landowner's property;

2. Hunters properly licensed to take furbearers may possess or control and use night vision, infrared, and thermal imagery equipment to take coyotes from January 1 through September 30 (excluding the prescribed spring turkey hunting season), but only in conjunction with other legal hunting methods. The use of night vision, infrared, or thermal imagery equipment to pursue or take coyotes from or with a motor-driven air, land, or water conveyance, or from or across a public roadway is specifically prohibited;

3. Any person may possess or control and use night vision, infrared, or thermal imagery equipment while in possession of any firearm, bow, or other implement whereby wildlife could be killed or taken with written authorization of an agent of the department, but only as specifically authorized by him/her; and

4. An unmanned motor-driven air conveyance equipped with night vision, infrared, or thermal imagery devices may be possessed or controlled while acting singly or as one (1) of a group of persons while in possession of any firearm, bow, or other implement whereby wildlife could be killed or taken, but only as specifically authorized by paragraph (1)(A)2. of this rule for the purpose of locating and recovering wounded black bear, deer, elk, and turkey;

(D) Dogs. Dogs may be used during the prescribed open seasons to chase, pursue, or take wildlife (except beavers, black bears, deer, elk, mink, muskrats, river otters, and turkeys). All dogs used to hunt, chase, or pursue wildlife shall wear a collar while hunting that contains the full name and address, Conservation Number, or complete telephone number of the owner, except this provision does not apply to dogs used by waterfowl and game bird hunters. Furbearers, squirrels, and rabbits may not be chased, pursued, or taken with dogs during daylight hours of the November portion of the firearms deer season in Butler, Carter, Dent, Iron, Madison, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley,

Shannon, and Wayne counties;

(E) Dogs (Training). For training dogs, wildlife (except beavers, black bears, deer, elk, mink, muskrats, river otters, and turkeys) may be chased, but not captured or killed. No person, acting singly or as one (1) of a group, may possess or use a firearm while training dogs during the closed seasons, except that a pistol with blank ammunition may be used during daylight hours only. Training dogs shall include any act of allowing dogs to chase wildlife or to teach dogs to hunt wildlife;

(F) Dogs (Recovery of wounded black bear, deer, elk, and turkey). A black bear, deer, elk, or turkey is wounded when a properly licensed hunter has struck an animal with a projectile fired from a legal hunting method during the open season. Leashed dogs under the direct control of a dog handler may be used to track and recover wounded black bear, deer, elk, and turkey. The use of dogs in accordance with this subsection is specifically excluded from the definitions of chase, pursue, and take as defined in this Code. Dog handlers participating in the recovery of a wounded animal as prescribed in this subsection are exempt from hunting permit requirements, provided they are not the taker of the wounded animal. Dog handlers assisting in the tracking and recovery of a wounded animal may not possess a firearm, bow, or crossbow, except for concealable firearms as defined in Chapter 571, RSMo. Concealable firearms possessed under this exception may not be used to take wildlife;

(G) Falconry. Birds of prey of designated types may be used to pursue and take wildlife within the specified seasons and bag limits. Birds of prey may be possessed or used only by holders of a falconry permit;

(H) Firearms. Firearms may be used to take wildlife (except beavers, mink, muskrats, river otters, turtles, and fish) during the open seasons, with the following limitations: For hunting game birds (except crows), pistols, revolvers, and rifles may not be used. Except for hunting black bears, deer, and elk, any shotgun having a capacity of more than three (3) shells must have the magazine cut off or plugged with a device incapable of removal through the loading end, so as to reduce the capacity to not more than three (3) shells in magazine and chamber combined. Fully automatic firearms are prohibited;

(I) Special Firearms Provision. During the November portion and the antlerless portions of the firearms deer season in counties open to deer hunting, other wildlife may be hunted and feral hogs may be taken only with a pistol, revolver, or rifle firing a rimfire cartridge .22 caliber or smaller or a shotgun and shot not larger than No. 4, except that waterfowl hunters, trappers, landowners on their land may use other methods as specified in subsection (1)(H) of this rule;

(J) Bows, crossbows, and atlatl. Bows, crossbows, and atlatl may be used to take wildlife during the prescribed hunting seasons. Arrows, bolts, and darts containing any drug, poison, chemical, or explosive are prohibited, but illuminated sights, scopes, and quickpoint sights may be used. Hand-held string releasing mechanisms are permitted with bows;

(K) Slingshot. Slingshots may be used to take wildlife (except black bears, deer, elk, and turkeys) during the prescribed hunting seasons;

(L) Cage-type trap. Groundhogs, rabbits, and squirrels may be taken by cage-type trap, the opening of which may not exceed one hundred forty-four (144) square inches, during the open hunting season, at any hour, by the holder of a hunting permit. Cage-type traps shall be plainly labeled on a durable material with the user's full name and address, or Conservation Number, and shall be attended daily;

(M) Electronic calls. Electronic calls may be used to pursue and take crows and furbearers, but without the aid of an artificial



light or night vision, infrared, or thermal imagery equipment, except when pursuing or taking coyotes in accordance with paragraphs (1)(B)2. and (1)(C)2. of this section. Electronic calls or electronically activated calls may not be used or possessed while hunting other species of wildlife except as specifically authorized;

(N) No person shall place or scatter grain or other food items in a manner that subjects any hunter to violation of baiting rules, as defined by federal regulations and in 3 CSR 10-7.431, 3 CSR 10-7.455, 3 CSR 10-7.700, and 3 CSR 10-7.900 of this Code;

(O) Wildlife retrieval. Any person while hunting who kills or injures any wildlife shall make a reasonable search to retrieve the wildlife and take it into his/her possession; however, this does not authorize trespass;

(P) Any properly licensed person with disabilities, as defined in this Code, may hunt and take wildlife from a stationary vehicle, provided while hunting s/he carries a physician's statement provided by the department and signed by a licensed physician which certifies the person has either a permanent or temporary disability which qualifies him/her to hunt from a stationary vehicle. Printed copies of the physician's statement form can be obtained from the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180 and online at www.missouriconservation.org. This disabled person shall provide a copy of the signed physician's statement to the department within ten (10) days of receiving the exemption;

(Q) Any resident of Missouri under the age of eighteen (18) diagnosed with a terminal illness may use a firearm or approved method for the season to hunt and take one (1) deer and one (1) turkey during any portion of the fall firearms or archery seasons on privately owned land upon receipt of a method exemption. To receive a method exemption, the person must be sponsored by and participate in a hunt organized by a nonprofit charitable organization that has within its mission to provide opportunities and experiences for terminally ill persons. For purposes of this section, "terminal illness" means an incurable or irreversible condition with a corresponding life expectancy that does not exceed twelve (12) months, which has been documented by a licensed physician. Such person must hunt in the immediate presence of a properly licensed adult hunter who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and who has in his/her possession a valid hunter education certificate card or was born before January 1, 1967. A method exemption shall be issued only once to an individual and will only be valid during the designated seasons within a twelve- (12-) month period;

(R) Hunter Orange. During the antlerless, youth, and November portions of the firearms deer hunting season, all hunters shall wear a cap or hat and a shirt, vest, or coat having the outermost color commonly known as hunter orange, which shall be plainly visible from all sides while being worn. Camouflage orange garments do not meet this requirement. This requirement shall not apply to migratory game bird hunters, to hunters using archery methods while hunting within municipal boundaries where discharge of firearms is prohibited, to hunters on federal or state public hunting areas where deer hunting is restricted to archery methods, or to hunters in closed counties during the antlerless portions of the firearms deer hunting season;

(S) Computer-assisted remote hunting. Except as otherwise permitted in this Code, wildlife may be taken only in the immediate physical presence of the taker and may not be taken by use of computer-assisted remote hunting devices; and

(T) Wildlife may not be hunted, pursued, or taken with the use of poisons or tranquilizing drugs.

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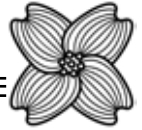
Op. Atty. Gen. No. 5, Turner (11-6-69). *It is within the authority of the Conservation Commission to promulgate rules regarding the method and manner taking all wildlife, including predatory animals.*

3 CSR 10-7.411 Exemptions for Persons with Disabilities (Rescinded March 1, 1999)

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed June 25, 1979, effective Oct. 11, 1979. Amended: Filed Aug. 9, 1988, effective Jan. 1, 1989. Amended: Filed May 10, 1990, effective Jan. 1, 1991. Amended: Filed April 21, 1993, effective Jan. 1, 1994. Amended: Filed April 27, 1994, effective Jan. 1, 1995. Rescinded: Filed June 11, 1998, effective March 1, 1999.

3 CSR 10-7.412 Landowner Application

PURPOSE: This rule describes the process by which landowners as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 may submit an application to obtain landowner deer and turkey permits and to apply for the elk and bear permits that will be awarded to approved landowners.



(1) Resident and nonresident landowners as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 may apply for approval on a form provided by the department to obtain landowner deer and turkey hunting permits.

(2) Resident landowners as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 whose qualifying property is in Carter, Reynolds, or Shannon counties may apply for approval to be eligible for the Resident Antlered Elk Hunting Permit(s) and Resident Antlerless Elk Hunting Permit(s) awarded to approved resident landowners as described in 3 CSR 10-7.710.

(3) Resident landowners as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 whose qualifying property is fully located in any Black Bear Management Zone may apply for approval to be eligible for the Resident Black Bear Hunting Permits awarded to approved resident landowners within the Bear Management Zone for which they are applying, as described in 3 CSR 10-7.905.

(4) This application shall include the applicant's name, date of birth, domicile address, phone number, conservation identification number, e-mail, property acreage, landowner type, type of corporate ownership (if applicable), and parcel identification for the qualifying property. All applicants must submit an individual application. A new application for approval to obtain landowner deer and turkey hunting permits or to establish eligibility for the bear and elk permits awarded to approved resident landowners must be submitted at least once every three (3) years or at any time when there is a change to any information required on the current application. Approval of applications received less than sixty (60) days prior to any deer or turkey hunting season or prior to any bear or elk hunt application period cannot be guaranteed. In addition to the application required by this rule, submission of proof of eligibility to receive landowner permits or for the bear or elk permits awarded to approved resident landowners may also be required by the department at any time. Failure to submit satisfactory proof of eligibility at the request of the department shall be sufficient cause for denial of an application or withdrawal of approval to obtain landowner deer or turkey hunting permits or to be considered for the bear or elk permits awarded to approved resident landowners.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed Sept. 4, 2020, effective Feb. 28, 2021. Amended: Filed Sept. 6, 2024, effective Feb. 28, 2025.

3 CSR 10-7.415 Quail: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open season and limits for quail hunting.

(1) Quail may be taken from November 1 through January 15. Daily limit: eight (8) quail; possession limit: sixteen (16) quail.
 (2) Youth at least six (6) but not older than fifteen (15) years of age may take quail during the last full weekend of October. Daily limit: eight (8) quail; possession limit: sixteen (16) quail.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed Sept. 25, 1973, effective Oct. 15, 1973. Amended: Filed Aug. 24, 1977, effective Oct. 15, 1977. Amended: Filed Sept. 28, 1978, effective Nov. 11, 1978. Emergency amendment filed Oct. 1, 1981, effective Nov. 10, 1981, expired Jan. 1, 1982. Amended: Filed Aug. 31, 1982, effective Oct. 11, 1982. Emergency amendment filed Oct. 16, 1984,

effective Nov. 1, 1984, expired Jan. 15, 1985. Amended: Filed Sept. 3, 1985, effective Oct. 1, 1985. Amended: Filed Sept. 5, 1986, effective Oct. 11, 1986. Amended: Filed July 30, 1987, effective Sept. 1, 1987. Amended: Filed April 24, 2000, effective March 1, 2001. Amended: Filed Oct. 2, 2006, effective Feb. 28, 2007.

3 CSR 10-7.417 Ruffed Grouse: Seasons, Limits (Rescinded August 30, 2010)

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed Nov. 29, 1982, effective March 11, 1983. Emergency amendment filed Aug. 1, 1983, effective Sept. 11, 1983, expired Dec. 31, 1983. Amended: Filed Aug. 1, 1983, effective Jan. 1, 1984. Amended: Filed Aug. 3, 1984, effective Jan. 1, 1985. Amended: Filed June 7, 1985, effective July 11, 1985. Amended: Filed July 30, 1987, effective Sept. 1, 1987. Amended: Filed Aug. 9, 1988, effective Feb. 1, 1989. Amended: Filed May 10, 1991, effective Feb. 1, 1992. Amended: Filed April 28, 1992, effective Feb. 1, 1993. Amended: Filed Oct. 11, 1995, effective March 30, 1996. Amended: Filed April 24, 2000, effective March 1, 2001. Rescinded: Filed March 12, 2010, effective Aug. 30, 2010.

3 CSR 10-7.420 Rabbits: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open season and limits for rabbit hunting.

(1) Cottontail and swamp rabbits may be taken between sunrise and sunset, from October 1 through February 15. Daily limit: six (6) rabbits; including no more than two (2) swamp rabbits; possession limit: twelve (12) rabbits; including no more than four (4) swamp rabbits.

(2) No jackrabbit shall be killed at any time except in accordance with 3 CSR 10-4.130.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed Sept. 23, 1970, effective Dec. 31, 1970. Amended: Filed Aug. 8, 1989, effective Sept. 11, 1989. Amended: Filed April 24, 2000, effective March 1, 2001.

3 CSR 10-7.425 Squirrels: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open season and limits for squirrel hunting.

Squirrels may be taken from the fourth Saturday in May through February 15. Daily limit: ten (10) squirrels; possession limit: twenty (20) squirrels.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. and section 252.240, RSMo 2000. Original rule filed Aug. 26, 1975, effective Dec. 31, 1975. Amended: Filed July 13, 1976, effective Jan. 1, 1977. Amended: Filed Aug. 29, 1983, effective Jan. 1, 1984. Amended: Filed Aug. 3, 1984, effective Jan. 1, 1985. Amended: Filed Aug. 6, 1985, effective Jan. 1, 1986. Amended: Filed May 30, 1995, effective Jan. 1, 1996. Amended: Filed May 6, 1998, effective March 1, 1999. Amended: Filed April 24, 2000, effective March 1, 2001. Amended: Filed Oct. 9, 2003, effective March 30, 2004. Amended: Filed March 23, 2009, effective March 1, 2010.*



**Original authority: 252.240, RSMo 1972, amended 1984.*

3 CSR 10-7.427 Groundhogs: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open season and limits for groundhog hunting.

Groundhogs (woodchucks) may be taken, possessed and sold in any numbers from the day following the prescribed spring turkey hunting season through December 15. Groundhog pelts may be possessed and sold throughout the year in accordance with 3 CSR 10-10.768.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed Sept. 23, 1970, effective Dec. 31, 1970. Amended: Filed July 5, 1984, effective Jan. 1, 1985. Amended: Filed Sept. 29, 2004, effective Feb. 28, 2005.

3 CSR 10-7.430 Pheasants: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open season and limits for pheasant and gray partridge hunting.

(1) Male pheasants may be taken from November 1 through January 15. Daily limit: two (2) male pheasants; possession limit: four (4) male pheasants.

(2) Youth at least six (6) but not older than fifteen (15) years of age may take male pheasants during the last full weekend of October. Daily limit: two (2) male pheasants; possession limit: four (4) male pheasants.

(3) A foot or the fully feathered head must be left attached to all pheasants during transportation and storage.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed Sept. 25, 1974, effective Dec. 31, 1974. Amended: Filed April 6, 1981, effective July 11, 1981. Amended: Filed Aug. 31, 1982, effective Oct. 11, 1982. Amended: Filed Aug. 1, 1983, effective Nov. 11, 1983. Amended: Filed Aug. 9, 1988, effective Jan. 1, 1989. Amended: Filed April 28, 1992, effective Jan. 15, 1993. Amended: Filed April 21, 1993, effective Feb. 1, 1994. Amended: Filed April 25, 1996, effective March 1, 1997. Amended: Filed May 6, 1998, effective March 1, 1999. Amended: Filed April 24, 2000, effective March 1, 2001. Amended: Filed Oct. 8, 2004, effective March 30, 2005. Amended: Filed Sept. 14, 2005, effective Feb. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed Oct. 2, 2006, effective Feb. 28, 2007. Amended: Filed Dec. 8, 2014, effective March 1, 2015.

3 CSR 10-7.431 Deer Hunting Seasons: General Provisions

PURPOSE: This rule establishes general provisions for hunting deer.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that publication of the entire text of the material that is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

(1) The current *Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information* booklet is hereby incorporated in this Code by reference. This booklet is published annually in August by, and a printed copy can be obtained from, the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180 and is also available online at www.missouriconservation.org. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(2) Deer shall mean white-tailed deer and mule deer. Antlered deer shall mean deer with at least one (1) antler at least three inches (3") long, except as provided in 3 CSR 10-7.435. Deer may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed, or transported only as permitted in this Code.

(3) Persons hunting or pursuing deer must possess a prescribed deer hunting permit. Resident landowners can qualify for no-cost permits.

(4) Deer may be pursued or taken only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(5) Deer Hunting Methods.

(A) Archery: longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, crossbows, and atlatl.

(B) Muzzleloader: muzzleloading firearms as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 (including cap-and-ball firearms) .40 caliber or larger.

(C) Any legal method: archery and muzzleloader methods; atlatl; shotguns; handguns or rifles firing expanding-type centerfire ammunition; and air-powered guns, .40 caliber or larger, charged only from an external high compression power source (external hand pump, air tank, or air compressor).

(D) Prohibited, in use or possession:

1. Methods restricted by local ordinance;

2. Self-loading firearms with capacity of more than eleven

(11) cartridges in magazine and chamber combined with the exception of concealable firearms, as defined in Chapter 571, RSMo. Firearms possessed under this exception may not be used to take wildlife while deer hunting;

3. Ammunition propelling more than one (1) projectile at a single discharge, such as buckshot;

4. Full hard metal case projectiles;

5. Fully automatic firearms; and

6. Electronic calls or electronically activated calls.

(6) A person may take only two (2) antlered deer during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons combined, with no more than one (1) antlered deer taken during the firearms deer season. Only one (1) antlered deer may be taken during the archery deer season prior to the November portion of the firearms deer hunting season. Deer taken at managed deer hunts are not included in this limit.

(7) Deer may not be hunted, pursued, taken, or killed –

(A) While in a stream or other body of water;

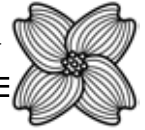
(B) From a boat with a motor attached;

(C) With the aid of a motor-driven land conveyance or aircraft, except unmanned motor-driven air conveyances may be used to recover wounded deer as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410;

(D) With the aid of dogs, in use or possession, except for the recovery of wounded deer as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410;

(E) With the aid of artificial light or night vision equipment;

(F) Within any area enclosed by a fence greater than seven



feet (7') in height that could contain or restrict the free range of deer. Exceptions are provided in other rules or by written authorization of the director; and

(G) With the aid of bait (grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to constitute an attraction or enticement to deer). Scents and minerals, including salt, are not regarded as bait; however, mineral blocks with food additives are prohibited. An area is considered baited for ten (10) days following complete removal of bait. A person shall be in violation of this provision if they take or attempt to take deer by the aid of bait, where the person knows or reasonably should know the area is or has been baited. It is illegal to place bait in a way that causes others to be in violation of the baiting rule.

(8) During the firearms deer hunting season and during managed firearms deer hunts on those areas where such hunts are held, all persons hunting any game, and also adult mentors accompanying them, must wear a cap or hat and a shirt, vest, or coat of the color commonly known as hunter orange, which must be plainly visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments do not meet this requirement. The following are exempt from this requirement:

- (A) Migratory game bird hunters;
- (B) Archery permittees during the alternative methods portion;
- (C) All hunters in counties closed during the antlerless portions;
- (D) Hunters using archery methods while hunting within municipal boundaries where discharge of firearms is prohibited;
- (E) Hunters on federal or state public hunting areas and during managed hunts where deer hunting is restricted to archery methods; and
- (F) Hunters of small game and/or furbearers during the alternative methods portion.

(9) Hunters who kill or injure a deer must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and tag it, but this does not authorize trespass.

(10) Hunters who take a deer shall void their permit immediately by notching the month and date of harvest and shall keep the deer separate or distinctly identifiable from deer taken or possessed by another. When the deer is not personally attended and prior to reporting through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System, the voided permit or proper label shall be attached to the deer. Deer may be possessed and transported only by the taker until reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All deer taken shall be accurately reported by the taker or in the taker's immediate presence through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System by 10 p.m. on the day taken. The Telecheck confirmation number shall be recorded immediately on the deer hunting permit. The deer shall remain intact or as a field-dressed carcass until the deer is reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All deer shall be reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System prior to processing, prior to transportation outside the county of harvest, or prior to being removed from the state. After reporting through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System, deer may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone when labeled with the permit or any label that includes the full name and address of the taker, date taken, and Telecheck confirmation number.

(11) Deer (or parts thereof) reported in accordance with established procedures, when labeled with the full name and ad-

dress of the taker, the date taken, and the Telecheck confirmation number of the deer, may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone. Commercially processed deer meat may be donated to not-for-profit charitable organizations under guidelines established by the director.

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**Original authority: 252.040, RSMo 1945, amended 1989.*

3 CSR 10-7.432 Deer: Archery Hunting Season

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the archery deer hunting season, limits, and provisions for hunting.

(1) The archery deer hunting season is September 15 through January 15, excluding the November portion of the firearms deer hunting season. Use archery methods only; firearms may not be possessed except any person may carry concealable firearms, as defined in Chapter 571, RSMo, on or about his/her person while hunting. Firearms possessed under this exception may not be used to take wildlife while archery hunting.

(2) Archery Deer Hunting Permits.

(A) Resident or Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit. Valid for two (2) deer statewide, except that only one (1) antlered deer may be taken prior to the November portion of the firearms deer hunting season.

(B) Resident or Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit. Valid for one (1) antlerless deer in any open county. Persons may purchase and fill any number of these permits, where valid. A Nonresident Archer's Hunting Permit or a Nonresident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit must be purchased before purchasing Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.

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*Original authority: 252.040, RSMo 1945, amended 1989.

3 CSR 10-7.433 Deer: Firearms Hunting Season

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the firearms deer hunting seasons, limits, and provisions for hunting.

(1) The firearms deer hunting season is comprised of seven (7) portions.

(A) Antlerless portions: October 10 through 12, 2025, and December 6 through 14, 2025; use any legal deer hunting method to take antlerless deer in Adair, Audrain, Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Bollinger, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Daviess, DeKalb, Dent, Douglas, Franklin, Gasconade, Gentry, Greene, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Howell, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Madison, Maries, Marion, McDonald, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Oregon, Osage, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, Reynolds, Ripley, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shannon, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Warren, Washington, Webster, Worth, and Wright counties.

(B) Youth portions: November 1 through 2, 2025, and November 28 through 30, 2025; for persons at least six (6) but not older than fifteen (15) years of age on the opening day of the early youth portion; use any legal deer hunting method to take deer statewide.

(C) November portion: November 15 through 25, 2025; use any legal deer hunting method to take deer statewide.

(D) CWD portion: November 26 through 30, 2025; use any legal deer hunting method to take deer in Adair, Audrain, Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Boone, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Crawford, Dallas, Daviess, Dent, Douglas, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Howell, Jasper, Jefferson, Knox, Laclede, Lewis, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Madison, Maries, Marion, McDonald, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Oregon, Osage, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, Ripley, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shannon, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Warren, Washington, and Webster counties.

(E) Alternative methods portion: December 27, 2025, through January 6, 2026; use muzzleloader and archery methods, crossbows, atlatl, handguns, and air-powered guns as defined in 3 CSR 10-7.431 to take deer statewide.

(2) Firearms Deer Hunting Permits.

(A) Resident or Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit: valid for one (1) deer statewide, except that only antlerless deer may be taken during the antlerless portions of the season.

(B) Resident or Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit: valid for one (1) antlerless deer in any open county. Persons may purchase any number of these permits and fill

them where valid. A Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit, Nonresident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit, or a Nonresident Managed Deer Hunting Permit must be purchased before purchasing Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.

(3) Other wildlife may be hunted during the firearms deer hunting season except as further restricted in this section –

(A) During the November portion statewide and the antlerless portions in open counties, other wildlife (except furbearers) may be hunted only with pistol, revolver, or rifle firing a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire cartridge, or a shotgun and shot not larger than No. 4; except that waterfowl hunters, trappers, or landowners on their land may use other methods as specified in 3 CSR 10-7.410(1)(H); and except that elk hunters may use other methods as specified in 3 CSR 10-7.700(4) during the firearms portion of the elk season;

(B) During the November portion statewide and the antlerless portions in open counties, furbearers may be hunted within the established furbearer hunting seasons during daylight hours using any legal deer hunting method by persons holding an unfilled Firearms Deer hunting permit, and –

1. A Resident Small Game Hunting Permit; or

2. A Nonresident Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Permit;

(C) Furbearers may not be chased, pursued, or taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours from November 1 through the end of the November portion statewide and the antlerless portions in open counties; and

(D) Squirrels and rabbits may not be chased, pursued, or taken with the aid of dogs during daylight hours of the November portion in Butler, Carter, Dent, Iron, Madison, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, and Wayne counties.

(4) Feral hogs may be taken in any number during the firearms deer hunting season as follows:

(A) Hunters must possess a valid small game hunting or unfilled firearms deer hunting permit and abide by the methods of pursuit allowed for deer as well as any other restrictions that may apply on specific public areas;

(B) During the November portion statewide and the antlerless portions in open counties –

1. Firearms deer permittees may only use methods allowed for deer;

2. Small game permittees may only use pistol, revolver, or rifle firing a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire cartridge, or a shotgun with shot not larger than No. 4; and

3. Dogs may not be used;

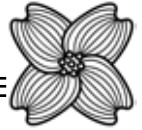
(C) During the youth and alternative methods portions –

1. Deer permittees may only use methods allowed for deer; and

2. Small game permittees may only use methods allowed for small game; and

(D) Resident landowners on qualifying land are not required to have any permit and may use any method to take feral hogs throughout the year.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const., and section 252.040, RSMo 2016. Original rule filed April 29, 2004, effective May 15, 2004. Amended: Filed June 8, 2005, effective July 15, 2005. Amended: Filed May 23, 2006, effective July 1, 2006. Amended: Filed May 21, 2007, effective July 1, 2007. Amended: Filed April 30, 2008, effective July 1, 2008. Amended: Filed Oct. 10, 2008, effective April 30, 2009. Amended: Filed April 21, 2009, effective July 1, 2009. Amended: Filed April 19, 2010, effective July 1, 2010. Amended: Filed May 31, 2011, effective July 1, 2011. Amended: Filed*



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*Original authority: 252.040, RSMo 1945, amended 1989.

3 CSR 10-7.434 Deer: Landowner Privileges

PURPOSE: This rule establishes season limits and provisions for landowners.

(1) Resident and nonresident landowners as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 may obtain landowner deer hunting permits from any permit vendor, but only after application to and approval by the department in accordance with 3 CSR 10-7.412.

(A) Approved resident landowners may obtain the following permits at no-cost: one (1) Resident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit, one (1) Resident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit, and, if property is in a county in which Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits can be used, two (2) Resident Landowner Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits.

(B) In addition to the permits listed in subsection (1)(A), approved resident landowners with seventy-five (75) or more acres located in a single county or at least seventy-five (75) continuous acres bisected by a county boundary may obtain two (2) no-cost Resident Landowner Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits. Resident landowners with at least seventy-five (75) acres in more than one (1) county must comply with landowner antlerless deer limits for each county.

(C) Approved nonresident landowners may purchase the following reduced-cost Nonresident Landowner Deer Hunting Permits: one (1) Nonresident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit and one (1) Nonresident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit.

(2) All landowner deer hunting permits are valid only on qualifying property. Regardless of department approval to obtain or purchase landowner permits, all landowner deer hunting permits are valid only if the holder is a Resident or Nonresident Landowner as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 at the time the permit is used.

(3) All landowners who take deer on landowner permits may also purchase and fill other deer hunting permits but must abide by seasons, limits, and restrictions. A landowner may take only two (2) antlered deer during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons combined, with no more than one (1)

antlered deer taken during the firearms deer season and only one (1) antlered deer may be taken prior to the November portion of the firearms deer hunting season.

(4) In the case of corporate ownership of land, persons defined as landowners include Missouri residents who are –

(A) General partners of resident limited liability partnerships, limited partnerships, or limited liability limited partnerships, and general partners of general partnerships formed by written agreement;

(B) Officers of resident or foreign corporations;

(C) Managing members of resident limited liability companies; or

(D) Officers of benevolent associations organized pursuant to Chapter 352 of the *Revised Statutes of Missouri*.

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3 CSR 10-7.435 Deer: Special Harvest Provisions

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3 CSR 10-7.436 Deer: Managed Hunts

PURPOSE: This rule establishes general provisions for managed deer hunts.

Additional deer may be taken at special managed deer hunts established annually by the department. A person may apply for and participate in only one (1) managed deer hunt during a permit year except that persons permanently confined to a wheelchair may participate in more than one (1) hunt. Persons selected to participate must purchase a Resident or Nonresident Managed Deer Hunting Permit and abide by rules established for the hunt.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed April 29, 2004, effective May 15, 2004.

3 CSR 10-7.437 Deer: Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit Availability

PURPOSE: This rule establishes deer harvest limits by county.

- (1) Archery Deer Hunting Season.
 - (A) Resident and Nonresident Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits are valid statewide.
- (2) Firearms Deer Hunting Season.
 - (A) Resident and Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits are not valid in the counties of Atchison, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, and Pemiscot.
 - (B) Only one (1) Resident or Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit per person may be filled in the counties of Andrew, Butler, Carter, Holt, Iron, Nodaway, Reynolds, Scott, Stoddard, and Wayne.
 - (C) Only two (2) Resident or Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits per person may be filled in the counties of Bollinger, Madison, and Shannon.
 - (D) Only four (4) Resident or Nonresident Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits per person may be filled in the counties of

Adair, Audrain, Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Dade. Dallas, Daviess, DeKalb, Dent, Douglas, Franklin, Gasconade, Gentry, Greene, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Howell, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Maries, Marion, McDonald, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Oregon, Osage, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, Ripley, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Warren, Washington, Webster, Worth, and Wright.

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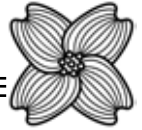
3 CSR 10-7.438 Deer: Regulations for Department Areas

PURPOSE: This rule incorporates deer hunting on department areas into Chapter 7.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

Deer may be hunted on lands owned or leased by the department and on lands managed by the department under cooperative agreement as authorized in the current *Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information* booklet, which is incorporated in this Code by reference. This booklet is published annually in August by, and a printed copy can be obtained from, the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180 and is also available online at www.missouriconservation.org. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

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**Original authority: 252.240, RSMo 1972, amended 1984.*

3 CSR 10-7.439 Deer: Chronic Wasting Disease Management Program; Permit Availability, Methods, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes requirements for obtaining and using no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permits.

(1) Landowners may enroll property in the department-sponsored Chronic Wasting Disease Management Program to obtain no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permits in accordance with the following:

(A) For the purposes of this rule a landowner shall include any person owning at least twenty (20) contiguous acres within two (2) miles of a confirmed Chronic Wasting Disease-positive;

(B) The landowner shall submit an application on a form provided by the department to enroll in the program. Application for enrollment in the program shall be on an annual basis;

(C) Approval of applications received less than thirty (30) days prior to any deer hunting season cannot be guaranteed; and

(D) The landowner may designate persons who are authorized to receive no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permit(s) for use on the enrolled property. The landowner or his/her authorized representative shall submit the following information to the department for any person who is authorized to obtain no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permit(s): Name, domicile address, email, phone number, conservation identification number, and property identification number assigned to the enrolled property by the department.

(2) The number of permits allocated for use on an enrolled property will be determined by the department based on localized disease-management goals.

(3) In addition to the take of deer in accordance with statewide deer hunting regulations, additional deer may be taken during the firearms and archery deer hunting seasons on properties enrolled in the department-sponsored Chronic Wasting Disease Management Program in accordance with the following:

(A) Persons hunting or pursuing additional deer on enrolled properties must possess a valid no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permit. No-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permits may be obtained only by a person whose name, domicile address, email, phone number, conservation identification number, and the enrolled property identification number has been submitted to the department by a participating landowner with property enrolled in the program. A valid resident, nonresident, or landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit, Firearms Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit, Archer's Hunting Permit, or Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting Permit is required as a prerequisite to obtain a no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permit;

(B) Each no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permit is valid for one (1) deer of either sex. All no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permits are valid only on the enrolled property they were issued for;

(C) Persons hunting or pursuing deer on a no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permit shall be properly licensed for the season they are hunting. Properly licensed during the

Archery Deer Hunting Season shall mean possession of one (1) of the archery permits (either filled or unfilled) required by this rule as a prerequisite for obtaining a no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permit. Properly licensed during the Firearms Deer Hunting Season shall mean possession of one (1) of the firearms deer hunting permits (either filled or unfilled) required by this rule as a prerequisite for obtaining a no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permit; and

(D) Additional deer may be taken on enrolled properties only in accordance with statewide deer hunting regulations in this chapter. All applicable statewide season, method, permit, limit, tagging, and checking requirements apply, except antlered and antlerless deer limits established by 3 CSR 10-7.431, 3 CSR 10-7.434, and 3 CSR 10-7.437 shall not apply to deer taken on a no-cost Chronic Wasting Disease Management Permit.

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**Original authority: 252.040, RSMo 1945, amended 1989.*

3 CSR 10-7.440 Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: Seasons, Limits

PURPOSE: The Department of Conservation is authorized to select waterfowl hunting season dates and bag limits within frameworks established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The seasons and limits selected are intended to provide optimum hunting opportunity consistent with the welfare of the species.

(1) Migratory game birds and waterfowl may be taken, possessed, transported, and stored only as provided in federal regulations and this Code.

(2) The head or one (1) fully feathered wing must remain attached to all waterfowl while being transported from the field to one's home or a commercial preservation facility.

(3) Seasons and limits are as follows:

(A) Mourning doves, Eurasian collared-doves, and white-winged doves may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset from September 1 through November 29. Limits: fifteen (15) doves daily in the aggregate; forty-five (45) in possession;

(B) Sora and Virginia rails may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset from September 1 through November 9. Limits: twenty-five (25) rails daily in the aggregate; seventy-five (75) in possession;

(C) Woodcock may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset from October 18 through December 1. Limits: three (3) woodcock daily; nine (9) in possession;

(D) Wilson's snipe may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset from September 1 through December 16. Limits: eight (8) snipe daily; twenty-four (24) in possession;

(E) Blue-winged, green-winged, and cinnamon teal may be taken from sunrise to sunset from September 12 through September 20. Limits: six (6) teal daily in the aggregate; eighteen (18) in possession;

(F) Waterfowl Zones: The North Zone shall be that portion of Missouri north of a line running west from the Illinois border at Lock and Dam 25 to Sandy Slough Road East; west on Sandy Slough Road East to Sandy Slough Road North; west on Sandy



Slough Road North to Lincoln County Hwy. N; west on Lincoln County Hwy. N to Mo. Hwy. 79; south on Mo. Hwy. 79 to Mo. Hwy. 47; west on Mo. Hwy. 47 to I-70; west on I-70 to U.S. Hwy. 63; north on U.S. Hwy. 63 to U.S. Hwy. 24; west on U.S. Hwy. 24 to Mo. Hwy. 10; west on Mo. Hwy. 10 to U.S. Hwy. 69; north on U.S. Hwy. 69 to Mo. Hwy. 116; west on Mo. Hwy. 116 to U.S. Hwy. 59; south on U.S. Hwy. 59 to the Kansas border. The South Zone shall be that portion of Missouri south of a line running west from the Illinois border on Mo. Hwy. 74 to Mo. Hwy. 25; south on Mo. Hwy. 25 to U.S. Hwy. 62; west on U.S. Hwy. 62 to Mo. Hwy. 53; north on Mo. Hwy. 53 to Mo. Hwy. 51; north on Mo. Hwy. 51 to U.S. Hwy. 60; west on U.S. Hwy. 60 to Mo. Hwy. 21; north on Mo. Hwy. 21 to Mo. Hwy. 72; west on Mo. Hwy. 72 to Mo. Hwy. 32; west on Mo. Hwy. 32 to U.S. Hwy. 65; north on U.S. Hwy. 65 to U.S. Hwy. 54; west on U.S. Hwy. 54 to the Kansas border. The Middle Zone shall be the remainder of Missouri not included in other zones;

(G) During years when the federal framework prescribes a sixty- (60-) day duck season, the North Zone season will open on the last Saturday in October, the Middle Zone season will open on the Saturday nearest November 6 until the Monday nearest December 15, close on the Monday nearest December 15 for five (5) days, and then reopen for the remaining days, the South Zone season will open on Thanksgiving Day for four (4) days, close through December 6, and then reopen December 7 through January 31 (as late as the federal framework allows). During years when the federal framework prescribes a forty-five- (45-) day duck season or thirty- (30-) day duck season, no season date formula will be used. A person possessing the appropriate state and federal permits may take ducks in accordance to the season lengths, bag limits, and species-specific opening and closing dates established annually by the Conservation Commission;

(H) Ducks and coots may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as follows:

1. Ducks and coots may be taken from October 31 through December 29 in the North Zone; from November 7 through December 13 and December 19 through January 10 in the Middle Zone; and from November 26 through November 29 and December 7 through January 31 in the South Zone; and

2. Duck and coot limits are as follows: The daily bag limit of ducks is six (6) and may include no more than four (4) mallards (no more than two (2) of which may be female), three (3) wood ducks, two (2) redheads, two (2) hooded mergansers, three (3) pintail, one (1) mottled duck, two (2) canvasback, and two (2) black ducks. The possession limit is eighteen (18), including no more than twelve (12) mallards (no more than six (6) of which may be female), nine (9) wood ducks, six (6) redheads, six (6) hooded mergansers, three (3) pintails, three (3) mottled ducks, six (6) canvasbacks, and six (6) black ducks. The daily limit of scaup is two (2) and a possession limit for scaup is six (6) in the North Zone from October 31 through December 14, in the Middle Zone November 7 through December 13 and December 19 through December 26, and in the South Zone November 26 through November 29 and December 7 through January 16. The daily limit of scaup is one (1) and a possession limit for scaup is three (3) in the North Zone December 15 through December 29, in the Middle Zone December 27 through January 10 and in the South Zone January 17 through January 31. The daily limit of coots is fifteen (15) and the possession limit for coots is forty-five (45);

(I) Geese may be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as follows:

1. Blue, snow, and Ross's geese may be taken from November 11 through February 6 statewide;

2. White-fronted geese may be taken from November 11 through February 6 statewide;

3. Canada geese and brant may be taken from October 3 through October 11 and from November 11 through February 6 statewide; and

4. Goose limits are as follows: The daily bag limit is three (3) Canada geese and brant in aggregate, twenty (20) blue, snow, or Ross's geese, and two (2) white-fronted geese, statewide. The possession limit is nine (9) Canada geese and brant in aggregate and six (6) white-fronted geese. There is no possession limit for blue, snow, and Ross's geese;

(J) Ducks, geese, brant, and coots may be taken by youth hunters fifteen (15) years of age or younger from October 24 through October 25 in the North Zone; from October 31 through November 1 in the Middle Zone; and from November 21 through November 22 in the South Zone. The daily and possession limits for ducks, geese, and coots are the same as during the regular duck, goose, and coot hunting seasons. Any person fifteen (15) years or younger may participate in the youth waterfowl hunting days without permit provided they are in the immediate presence of an adult eighteen (18) years of age or older. If the youth hunter does not possess a hunter education certificate card, the adult must be properly licensed (i.e., must meet any permit requirements that allow small game hunting) and have in their possession a valid hunter education certificate card unless they were born before January 1, 1967. The adult may not hunt ducks but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days;

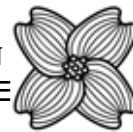
(K) Shells possessed or used while hunting waterfowl and coots statewide, and for other wildlife as designated by posting on public areas, must be loaded with material approved as nontoxic by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

(L) Electronically activated mechanical calls may be used and possessed to pursue and take waterfowl and coots. Such calls shall not be capable of producing recorded or electronically amplified bird calls or sounds or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds;

(M) Persons who possess a valid Conservation Order permit may chase, pursue, and take blue, snow, and Ross's geese from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset from February 7 through April 30. Any other regulation notwithstanding, methods for the taking of blue, snow, and Ross's geese include using shotguns capable of holding more than three (3) shells, and with the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds, including electronically activated calls. An exception to the above permit requirement includes any person fifteen (15) years of age or younger, provided either 1) the person is in the immediate presence of a properly licensed adult (must possess a Conservation Order permit) who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and has in their possession a valid hunter education certificate card, or was born before January 1, 1967, or 2) the person possesses a valid hunter education certificate card. A daily bag limit will not be in effect February 7 through April 30 (See 3 CSR 10-5.436 and 3 CSR 10-5.567 for Conservation Order Permit requirements); and

(N) Migratory game birds, to include only doves, ducks, mergansers, and coots, may be taken by hunters with birds of prey as follows (See 3 CSR 10-9.442 for additional provisions about falconry including season lengths and limits for wildlife other than migratory game birds. See 3 CSR 10-9.440 for falconry permit requirements):

1. Doves may be taken from September 1 through December 16 from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset. Daily limit:



three (3) doves; possession limit: nine (9) doves, except that any waterfowl taken by falconers must be included within these limits; and

2. Ducks, mergansers, and coots may be taken from sunrise to sunset from September 12 through September 20 statewide, and from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset as follows: in the North Zone, October 24 through October 25, October 31 through December 29, and February 11 through March 10; in the Middle Zone, October 31 through November 1, November 7 through December 13, December 19 through January 10, and February 11 through March 10; and, in the South Zone, November 21 through November 22, November 26 through November 29, December 7 through January 31, and February 11 through March 10. Daily limit: three (3) birds singly or in the aggregate, including doves; possession limit: nine (9) birds singly or in the aggregate, including doves.

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3 CSR 10-7.441 Crows: Seasons, Methods, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open seasons, methods and limits for crow hunting.

Crows may be taken in any numbers by shotgun, rifle, handguns,



archery and falconry from November 1 through March 3.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed Sept. 25, 1973, effective Oct. 10, 1973. Amended: Filed Aug. 1, 1980, effective Sept. 13, 1980. Amended: Filed April 24, 2000, effective March 1, 2001.

3 CSR 10-7.442 Falconry
(Moved to 3 CSR 10-9.442)

3 CSR 10-7.445 Bullfrogs and Green Frogs: Seasons, Methods, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the season, methods, and limits for hunting frogs.

Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken from sunset, June 30 through October 31, by the holder of a hunting permit with a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, bow, crossbow, atlatl, or by hand or handnet. An artificial light may be used. Daily limit: eight (8) frogs in the aggregate; possession limit: sixteen (16) frogs in the aggregate. Only the daily limit of frogs may be possessed upon the waters and banks thereof where daily limits apply. (See 3 CSR 10-6.615 for taking frogs by fishing methods.)

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. and section 252.240, RSMo 2000. Original rule filed Aug. 18, 1971, effective Dec. 31, 1971. Amended: Filed July 20, 1977, effective Dec. 31, 1977. Amended: Filed July 30, 1979, effective Jan. 1, 1980. Amended: Filed April 21, 1993, effective Jan. 1, 1994. Amended: Filed April 24, 2000, effective March 1, 2001. Amended: Filed Sept. 14, 2005, effective Feb. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed Sept. 27, 2007, effective Feb. 29, 2008. Amended: Filed Sept. 30, 2010, effective March 1, 2011.*

**Original authority: 252.240, RSMo 1972, amended 1984.*

3 CSR 10-7.450 Furbearers: Hunting Seasons, Methods

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the seasons and methods for hunting furbearers.

(1) Badger, bobcat, gray fox, opossum, raccoon, red fox, and striped skunk may be taken in any numbers by hunting as follows: Badger, gray fox, and red fox from November 15 through January 31; bobcat from November 15 through the last day of February; and opossum, raccoon, and striped skunk from August 1 through October 15 and from November 15 through the last day of February.

(2) Pelts of furbearers may be possessed, transported, consigned for processing, and sold only by the taker with a valid permit throughout the year, except that bobcats or their pelts shall be delivered by the taker to an agent of the department for registration or tagging before selling, transferring, tanning, or mounting, but not later than April 10. Furbearers may be purchased and sold only under provisions of this rule, Chapter 10, and 3 CSR 10-4.135. No person shall accept payment for furbearers taken by another.

(3) Tagged bobcats or their pelts may be possessed by the taker throughout the year and may be sold only to a licensed

taxidermist, tanner, or fur dealer as provided in Chapter 10. It shall be illegal to purchase or sell untagged bobcats or their pelts. After tanning, pelts may be possessed, bought, or sold without permit. Skinned carcasses of legally taken furbearers may be sold by the taker throughout the year.

(4) Coyotes, except as otherwise provided in this section, may be taken by hunting, and pelts and carcasses may be possessed, transported, and sold in any numbers throughout the year.

(A) Coyotes may not be chased, pursued, or taken during daylight hours from April 1 through the day prior to the beginning of the prescribed spring turkey hunting season.

(B) During the prescribed spring turkey hunting season, coyotes may not be chased, pursued, or taken except during legal shooting hours for turkey hunting using any legal spring turkey hunting season method by persons holding an unfilled Spring Turkey Hunting Permit, and –

- 1. A Resident Small Game Hunting Permit; or
- 2. A Nonresident Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Permit.

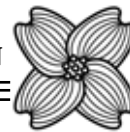
(5) No furbearers may be chased, pursued, or taken during daylight hours with the aid of dogs from November 1 through the prescribed November portion of the firearms deer hunting season, during the antlerless portions of the firearms deer hunting season in counties open to deer hunting, or with firearms from a boat at night.

(6) The dens or nests of furbearers shall not be molested or destroyed.

(7) Restrictions on possession shall not apply to tanned pelts, mounted specimens, or manufactured products.

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**Original authority: 252.040, RSMo 1945, amended 1989.*



3 CSR 10-7.455 Turkeys: Seasons, Methods, Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the seasons, methods, and limits for hunting wild turkeys.

(1) Turkeys may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed, or transported only as permitted in this rule.

(A) Spring Season and Youth Spring Season. A person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit may take two (2) male turkeys or turkeys with visible beards during the spring season and the youth spring season combined, except the Non-resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit established by 3 CSR 10-5.565 (both regular and youth priced permits) is valid for only one (1) male turkey or turkey with a visible beard. A turkey taken during a managed hunt will count towards an individual's limit.

1. Spring Season. The spring season will be from April 20 through May 10, 2026. During the spring season the limits established by subsection (1)(A) of this rule shall apply, provided only one (1) turkey may be taken before April 27, 2026, and only (1) turkey may be taken per day, except a second bird may be taken before April 27, 2026, by youth hunters who are eligible to take two (2) turkeys and also harvested a turkey during the youth spring season. Turkeys may be taken only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) on public lands and from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset on private lands.

2. Youth Spring Season. The two- (2-) day youth spring season will be from April 11 through April 12, 2026. Any person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit and who is at least six (6) but not older than fifteen (15) years of age on the opening day of the youth spring season may take only one (1) male turkey or turkey with visible beard during the youth spring season. A turkey harvested during the youth spring season will count towards the limits established by subsection (1)(A) of this rule. Turkeys may be taken only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

3. During the spring season and youth spring season turkeys may be taken only by shotgun, with shot no larger than No. 4, atlatl, crossbow, or bow; without the use of dogs (except for the recovery of wounded turkey as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410), bait, electronic calls, or live decoys. Possession of electronic calls or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

(B) Fall Season. The fall season is comprised of two (2) portions. A person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit may take only two (2) turkeys of either sex during the fall season.

1. Archery Portion: September 15 through January 15, excluding the dates of the November portion of the firearms deer season. Turkeys may be taken only by atlatls, bows, and crossbows; without the use of dogs (except for the recovery of wounded turkey as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410), bait, electronic calls, or live decoys; from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. Possession of electronic calls is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

2. Firearms Portion: October 1 through October 31 in all counties except Dunklin, McDonald, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Pemiscot, and Scott. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun, with shot no larger than No. 4; without the use of dogs (except for the recovery of wounded turkey as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410), bait, electronic calls, or live decoys; from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset. Possession of electronic calls or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

3. A person, while in the act of pursuing or hunting turkey during the fall season, shall not have both a firearm and an atlatl, bow, or crossbow on his/her person except any person may carry concealable firearms, as defined in Chapter 571, RSMo, on or about his/her person while hunting. Firearms possessed under this exception may not be used to take wildlife.

(2) Hunters who take a turkey shall void their permit immediately by notching the month and date of harvest and shall keep the turkey separate or distinctly identifiable from turkeys taken or possessed by another. When the turkey is not personally attended and prior to reporting through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System, the voided permit or proper label shall be attached to the turkey. Turkeys may be possessed and transported only by the taker until reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All turkeys taken shall be accurately reported by the taker or in the taker's immediate presence through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System by 10:00 p.m. on the day taken. The Telecheck confirmation number shall be recorded immediately on the turkey hunting permit. The head and plumage of the turkey shall remain intact until the turkey is reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All turkeys shall be reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System prior to processing or being removed from the state. After reporting through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System, turkeys may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone when labeled with the permit or any label that includes the full name and address of the taker, date taken, and Telecheck confirmation number.

(3) Bait shall mean grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to constitute an attraction or enticement to turkeys. An area shall be considered baited for ten (10) days following complete removal of the bait.

(4) Resident and nonresident landowners as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 may obtain landowner turkey hunting permits from any permit vendor, but only after application to and approval by the department in accordance with 3 CSR 10-7.412.

(A) Approved resident landowners may obtain the following permits at no-cost: one (1) Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit, one (1) Resident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit, and one (1) Resident Fall Turkey Hunting Permit.

(B) Approved nonresident landowners may obtain the following permits at a reduced-cost: one (1) Nonresident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit, one (1) Nonresident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit, and one (1) Nonresident Landowner Fall Turkey Hunting Permit.

(C) All landowner turkey hunting permits are valid only on qualifying property. Regardless of department approval to obtain or purchase landowner permits, all landowner turkey hunting permits are valid only if the holder is a resident or nonresident landowner as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805 at the time the permit is used.

(D) All landowners who take turkey on landowner permits may also purchase and fill other turkey hunting permits but must abide by seasons, limits, and restrictions.

(E) All landowners taking turkeys on a landowner turkey hunting permit shall report the turkeys through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System as required in this rule.

(5) Any person who kills or injures any wild turkey shall make a reasonable effort to retrieve the turkey and include it in his/her season limit.



(6) Turkeys (or parts thereof) reported in accordance with established procedures, when labeled with the full name and address of the taker, the date taken, and the Telecheck confirmation number of the turkey, may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone.

(7) Feral hogs may be taken in any number during the spring firearms turkey season and youth spring season only by the holder of a valid unused turkey hunting permit and only by methods and times prescribed for taking turkeys. During the fall firearms turkey season, feral hogs may be taken only by the holder of a valid, unused turkey hunting permit or a small game hunting permit and only by methods prescribed in Chapter 7 for taking wildlife and without the use of bait. Other restrictions may apply on public lands. Resident landowners as defined in this Code may take feral hogs on their own property at any time, by any method, and without permit.

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3 CSR 10-7.600 Deer Management Assistance Program

PURPOSE: This rule establishes general provisions for enrollment in the department's deer management assistance program and for hunting in the program.

(1) Landowners with property located in any county may enroll property in the department-sponsored deer management assistance program in accordance with the following:

(A) An enrolled property shall be at least two hundred fifty (250) acres, except inside the boundaries of cities or towns an enrolled property shall be at least twenty-five (25) acres. Individual parcels of land, regardless of ownership, may be combined to satisfy the acreage requirement for an enrolled property provided each parcel of land is no more than one-half (0.5) air miles from the boundary of another parcel being combined to form an enrolled property. An enrolled property, or parcels being combined to create an enrolled property, may be dissected by public roads.

(B) Landowners shall submit an application and have a deer management plan approved by the department to enroll property in the program. Application and deer management plan approval shall be on an annual basis.

(2) In addition to the take of deer in accordance with statewide deer hunting regulations, additional antlerless deer may be taken during the archery deer hunting season and the firearms deer hunting season on properties enrolled in the department-sponsored deer management assistance program in accordance with the following:

(A) Persons hunting or pursuing additional antlerless deer on enrolled properties must possess the prescribed deer management assistance program permit. Deer management assistance program permits may only be obtained by the persons and in quantities authorized by the participating landowner with property enrolled in the program. A Nonresident Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit, Nonresident Landowner Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit, Nonresident



Archer's Hunting Permit, or a Nonresident Landowner Archer's Hunting Permit is required of nonresidents as a prerequisite to this permit. Nonresidents hunting or pursuing deer on a Nonresident Deer Management Assistance Program Permit shall be properly licensed for the season they are hunting. Properly licensed during the archery deer hunting season shall mean possession of one (1) of the archery permits (either filled or unfilled) required by this rule as a prerequisite for obtaining a Nonresident Deer Management Assistance Program Permit. Properly licensed during the firearms deer hunting season shall mean possession of one (1) of the firearms deer hunting permits (either filled or unfilled) required by this rule as a prerequisite for obtaining a Nonresident Deer Management Assistance Program Permit;

(B) All deer management assistance program permits are valid only on the enrolled property they were issued for, or in the case of multiple landowners of enrolled property, only on the portion of the enrolled property where the permit holder has obtained landowner permission to pursue and take deer; and

(C) Additional antlerless deer may be taken on enrolled properties only in accordance with the statewide deer hunting regulations in this chapter. All applicable statewide season, method, permit, limit, tagging, and checking requirements apply, except deer management assistance program permits filled while hunting on an enrolled property are not included in the antlerless permit limits established by 3 CSR 10-7.437.

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3 CSR 10-7.700 Elk Hunting Seasons: General Provisions

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the general provisions for hunting elk.

(1) Elk may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed, or transported only as permitted in this Code.

(2) Persons hunting or pursuing elk must possess a prescribed elk hunting permit.

(3) Elk may be pursued or taken only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(4) Elk Hunting Methods.

(A) Archery: longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, crossbows, and atlatl.

(B) Muzzleloader: muzzleloading firearms as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805, .40 caliber or larger.

(C) Any legal method: archery and muzzleloader methods; atlatl; shotguns; handguns or rifles firing expanding-type centerfire ammunition; and air-powered guns, .40 caliber or larger, charged only from an external high compression power source (external hand pump, air tank, or air compressor).

(D) Prohibited, in use or possession –

1. Methods restricted by local ordinance;

2. Self-loading firearms with capacity of more than eleven (11) cartridges in magazine and chamber combined with the exception of concealable firearms, as defined in Chapter 571, RSMo. Firearms possessed under this exception may not be used to take wildlife while elk hunting;

3. Ammunition propelling more than one (1) projectile at a single discharge, such as buckshot;

4. Full hard metal case projectiles;

5. Fully automatic firearms; and

6. Electronic calls or electronically activated calls.

(5) Elk may not be hunted, pursued, taken, or killed –

(A) While in a stream or other body of water;

(B) From a boat with a motor attached;

(C) With the aid of a motor-driven land conveyance or aircraft, except unmanned motor-driven air conveyances may be used to recover wounded elk as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410;

(D) With the aid of dogs, in use or possession, except for the recovery of wounded elk as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410;

(E) With the aid of artificial light or night vision equipment;

(F) Within any area enclosed by a fence greater than seven feet (7') in height that could contain or restrict the free range of elk. Exceptions are provided in other rules or by written authorization of the director; and

(G) With the aid of bait (grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to constitute an attraction or enticement to elk). Scents and minerals, including salt, are not regarded as bait; however, mineral blocks with food additives are prohibited. An area is considered baited for ten (10) days following complete removal of bait. A person shall be in violation of this provision if they take or attempt to take elk by the aid of bait, where the person knows or reasonably should know the area is or has been baited. It is illegal to place bait in a way that causes others to be in violation of the baiting rule.

(6) During the firearm portion of the elk hunting season, all persons hunting elk and their companions must wear a cap or hat and a shirt, vest, or coat of the color commonly known as hunter orange, which must be plainly visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments do not meet this requirement.

(7) Hunters who kill or injure an elk must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and tag it, but this does not authorize trespass.

(8) Hunters who take an elk shall void their permit immediately by notching the month and date of harvest and shall keep the elk separate or distinctly identifiable from elk taken or possessed by another. When the elk is not personally attended and prior to reporting through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System, the voided permit or proper label shall be attached to the elk. Elk may be possessed and transported only by the taker until reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All elk taken shall be accurately reported by the taker or in the taker's immediate presence through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System by 10 p.m. on the day taken. The Telecheck confirmation number shall be recorded immediately on the elk hunting permit. The elk shall remain intact, as a field-dressed carcass, or be quartered with evidence of sex retained until the elk is reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All elk shall be reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System prior to processing (except field dressing or quartering as specified in this section), prior to transportation outside the county of harvest, or prior to being removed from



the state. After reporting through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System, elk may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone when labeled with the permit or any label that includes the full name and address of the taker, date taken, and Telecheck confirmation number.

(9) Elk (or parts thereof) reported in accordance with established procedures, when labeled with the full name and address of the taker, the date taken, and the Telecheck confirmation number of the elk, may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone. Commercially processed elk meat may be donated to not-for-profit charitable organizations under guidelines established by the director.

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**Original authority: 252.040, RSMo 1945, amended 1989.*

3 CSR 10-7.705 Elk: Hunting Season

PURPOSE: This rule establishes seasons, limits, and provisions for hunting elk.

(1) The elk hunting season is comprised of two (2) portions within Carter, Shannon, and Reynolds counties.

(A) Archery portion: October 17 through 25, 2026; use archery methods only to take elk in open counties; firearms may not be possessed except any person may carry concealable firearms, as defined in Chapter 571, RSMo, on or about his/her person while hunting. Firearms possessed under this exception may not be used to take wildlife while archery hunting.

(B) Firearms portion: December 12 through 20, 2026; use any legal elk hunting method to take elk in open counties.

(2) Other wildlife may be hunted during the firearms portion of the elk hunting season except as further restricted in this section:

(A) During the firearms portion of the elk hunting season in open counties, other wildlife may be hunted only with pistol, revolver, or rifle firing a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire cartridge, or a shotgun and shot not larger than No. 4; except that waterfowl hunters, trappers, or landowners on their land may use other methods as specified in 3 CSR 10-7.410(1)(G); and except that deer hunters may use other methods as specified in 3 CSR 10-7.431(5) during the antlerless portions of the firearms deer season; and

(B) During the firearms portion of the elk hunting season in open counties, persons holding an unfilled elk hunting permit and a Resident Small Game Hunting Permit may take furbearers during daylight hours using any legal elk hunting method.

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**Original authority: 252.040, RSMo 1945, amended 1989.*

3 CSR 10-7.710 Elk: Application and Draw Process

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for resident landowners to hunt elk on their property within the resident landowner permit zone during the elk hunting season.

(1) Missouri residents, as defined in 3 CSR 10-5.220, may apply for elk hunting permits.

(A) Quotas for elk hunting permits are established annually by the Conservation Commission. For the 2026 season, five (5) Resident Antlered Elk Hunting Permits and zero (0) Resident Antlerless Elk Hunting Permits will be awarded. At least ten (10) percent of the Resident Antlered Elk Hunting Permit quota and ten (10) percent of the Resident Antlerless Elk Hunting Permit quota will be awarded annually to approved resident landowners, as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805, whose qualifying property is in Carter, Reynolds, or Shannon counties. If the number of qualifying landowner applicants is less than the percentage of the permits allocated for landowners, that portion of the quota not issued to a qualifying landowner will be reallocated to other applicants.

(B) To be eligible for the Resident Antlered Elk Hunting Permit(s) or the Resident Antlerless Elk Hunting Permit(s) awarded to approved resident landowners, an application must have been submitted to and have been approved by the department as described in 3 CSR 10-7.412 prior to applying for a Resident Antlered Elk Hunting Permit or a Resident Antlerless Elk Hunting Permit.

(C) Permit Draw.

1. The application period will be from May 1-31 annually and results will be available by July 1 annually.

2. Application fee for Resident Antlered Elk Hunting Permit: ten dollars (\$10).

3. Application fee for Resident Antlerless Elk Hunting Permit: ten dollars (\$10).

4. Only one (1) application per elk hunting permit type is allowed per year.

5. Only one (1) person is allowed per application.

6. Only one (1) elk hunting permit may be awarded to a person per year. Antlered elk hunting permits will be awarded before antlerless elk hunting permits.

7. Persons drawn for a Resident Antlered Elk Hunting Permit will not be eligible to apply for that permit again for ten (10) years. Persons drawn for a Resident Antlerless Elk Hunting Permit will not be eligible to apply for that permit again for five (5) years.

8. Permits are nontransferable.

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**Original authority: 252.040, RSMo 1945, amended 1989.*

3 CSR 10-7.715 Elk: Regulations for Department Areas

PURPOSE: This rule incorporates elk hunting on department areas into Chapter 7.

Elk may be hunted on department areas located within Carter, Reynolds, and Shannon counties in accordance with statewide regulations, except as further restricted in Chapter 11.

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**Original authority: 252.040, RSMo 1945, amended 1989.*

3 CSR 10-7.900 Black Bear Hunting Season: General Provisions

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the general provisions for hunting black bear.

(1) Black bears may be pursued, taken, possessed, or transported only as permitted in this Code.

(2) Persons hunting or pursuing black bears must possess a prescribed black bear hunting permit.

(3) The black bear hunting season will begin the Saturday preceding the third Monday in October and will run for fourteen (14) consecutive days or until the Black Bear Management Zone-specific harvest quota is reached. If the zone-specific harvest quota is reached prior to the close of the black bear hunting season, that zone will be closed to hunting the following day. If the harvest is equivalent to or exceeds eighty percent (80%) of the Black Bear Management Zone-specific harvest quota, the director may close hunting within that Black Bear Management zone on the following day.

(4) Black bears may be pursued or taken only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(5) Black bear hunting permits are valid only for the Black Bear Management Zone specified on the permit. Black Bear Management Zone boundaries are as follows:

(A) Black Bear Management Zone One shall be that portion of Missouri west of a line running north from the Arkansas border on U.S. Highway 63 to U.S. Highway 60; west on U.S. Highway 60 to MO-360; west on MO-360 to Interstate 44; west on Interstate 44 to the Oklahoma border;

(B) Black Bear Management Zone Two shall be that portion of Missouri east of a line running north from the Arkansas border on U.S. Highway 63 to Interstate 44; east on Interstate 44 to State Highway 47; north on State Highway 47 to the Missouri River; east along the Missouri River to the Illinois border; and

(C) Black Bear Management Zone Three shall be that portion of Missouri south of a line running east from the Kansas border along the Missouri River to State Highway 47; south on State Highway 47 to Interstate 44; west on Interstate 44 to U.S. Highway 63; south on U.S. Highway 63 to U.S. Highway 60; west on U.S. Highway 60 to MO-360; west on MO-360 to Interstate 44; west on Interstate 44 to the Oklahoma border.

(6) Black Bear Management Zone-specific harvest quotas are established annually by the Conservation Commission. Harvest quotas for the 2026 black bear season will be set as follows:

(A) Bear Management Zone 1: thirty (30) black bears;
(B) Bear Management Zone 2: twenty two (22) black bears;
and

(C) Bear Management Zone 3: eight (8) black bears.

(7) Black Bear Hunting Methods.

(A) Archery: longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows. Atlatls may not be used to take black bear.

(B) Muzzleloader: muzzleloading firearms as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805, .40 caliber or larger.

(C) Any legal method: archery as described in 3 CSR 10-7.900(7)(A) and muzzleloader methods; shotguns; handguns or rifles firing expanding-type centerfire ammunition; and air-powered guns, .40 caliber or larger, charged only from an external high compression power source (external hand pump, air tank, or air compressor).

(D) Prohibited, in use or possession:

1. Methods restricted by local ordinance;

2. Self-loading firearms with capacity of more than eleven (11) cartridges in magazine and chamber combined with the exception of concealable firearms, as defined in Chapter 571, RSMo. Firearms possessed under this exception may not be used to take wildlife while black bear hunting;

3. Ammunition propelling more than one (1) projectile at a single discharge, such as buckshot;

4. Full hard metal case projectiles;

5. Fully automatic firearms; and

6. Electronic calls or electronically activated calls.

(8) Black Bear may not be hunted, pursued, taken, or killed –

(A) While in a stream or other body of water;

(B) From a boat with a motor attached;

(C) With the aid of a motor-driven land conveyance or aircraft, except unmanned motor-driven air conveyances may be used to recover wounded black bear as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410;

(D) With the aid of dogs, in use or possession, except for the recovery of wounded black bear as specifically authorized by 3 CSR 10-7.410;

(E) With the aid of artificial light or night vision equipment;

(F) With the aid of telemetry equipment, in use or possession; and

(G) With the aid of bait. Bait is considered any type of food lure (including, but not limited to grain, feed, bird food, pet food, food produced or manufactured for consumption by humans or domestic animals, or concentrated food powder which may be consumed or attempted to be consumed by black bears) which is placed or scattered so as to constitute an enticement to black bears. Scents and minerals, including salt, are not regarded as bait; however, mineral blocks with food additives are prohibited. An area is considered baited for ten (10) days following complete removal of bait. A person shall be in violation of this provision if they take or attempt to take black bears by the aid of bait, where the person knows or reasonably should know the area is or has been baited. It is illegal to place bait in a way that causes others to be in violation of the baiting rule.

(9) Black bears that have taken refuge in a den may not be disturbed, pushed, harassed, or taken in any manner by any person acting either singly or as one (1) of a group of persons.



(10) Only lone black bears may be taken. No person shall take a black bear they know or reasonably should have known is in the presence of one (1) or more other bears, including female black bears with cubs.

(11) During the black bear hunting season, all persons hunting black bears and their companions must wear a cap or hat and a shirt, vest, or coat of the color commonly known as hunter orange, which must be plainly visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments do not meet this requirement.

(12) Hunters who kill or injure a black bear must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and tag it, but this does not authorize trespass.

(13) Hunters who take a black bear shall void their permit immediately by notching the month and date of harvest and shall keep the black bear separate or distinctly identifiable from black bears taken or possessed by another person. When the black bear is not personally attended and prior to reporting through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System, the voided permit or proper label shall be attached to the black bear. Black bears may be possessed and transported only by the taker until reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. Any black bear taken shall be accurately reported by the taker or in the taker's immediate presence through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System by 10:00 p.m. on the day taken. The Telecheck confirmation number shall be recorded immediately on the black bear hunting permit. Black bears shall remain intact, as a field-dressed carcass, or be quartered with evidence of sex retained, until the black bear is reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All black bears shall be reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System prior to processing (except field dressing or quartering as specified in this section) or being removed from the state. After reporting through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System, black bears may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone when labeled with the permit or any label that includes the full name and address of the taker, date taken, and Telecheck confirmation number.

(14) Regardless of the state of harvest, extracted black bear gallbladders may not be transported into or within Missouri. Black bear gallbladders may not be bought, sold, offered for sale, transferred, or given away.

(15) Black bears (or parts thereof excluding the gall bladder) reported in accordance with established procedures, when labeled with the full name and address of the taker, the date taken, and the Telecheck confirmation number of the black bear, may be possessed, transported, and stored by anyone.

(16) Hunters who take a black bear shall submit either an upper or lower premolar from the harvested bear to the department within ten (10) days of harvest. The tooth required by this section shall be mailed, shipped, or delivered in-person to: Furbearer Program, Missouri Department of Conservation, 3500 East Gans Road, Columbia, MO 65201. Regardless of the method of submission, the tooth must be placed in an envelope and labeled with the full name and address of the taker, the date taken, and the Telecheck confirmation number of the black bear. If sent via the U.S. Postal Service or other common carrier, the envelope containing the tooth must be placed inside a separate mailing envelope. All submissions postmarked within ten (10) days of harvest shall be deemed to have complied with

the provisions of this section.

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3 CSR 10-7.905 Black Bear Hunting Season: Application and Draw Process

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the application and draw process for black bear hunting in Missouri.

(1) Missouri residents, as defined in 3 CSR 10-5.220, may apply for black bear hunting permits.

(A) Bear Management Zone-specific permit quotas for black bear hunting permits are established annually by the Conservation Commission. At least ten (10) percent of the Resident Black Bear Hunting Permit Black Bear Management Zone-specific permit quota will be awarded annually to approved resident landowners, as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805, whose qualifying property is in the specific Black Bear Management Zone for which they are applying. If the number of qualifying landowner applicants is less than the percentage of the permits allocated for landowners, that portion of the quota not issued to a qualifying landowner will be reallocated to other applicants. Permit quotas for the 2026 black bear season will be set as follows:

1. Bear Management Zone 1: one thousand (1,000) Resident Black Bear Hunting Permits.
2. Bear Management Zone 2: seven hundred fifty (750) Resident Black Bear Hunting Permits.
3. Bear Management Zone 3: two hundred fifty (250) Resident Black Bear Hunting Permits.

(B) To be eligible for the Resident Black Bear Hunting Permit(s) awarded to approved resident landowners, an application must have been submitted to and have been approved by the department as described in 3 CSR 10-7.412 prior to applying for a Resident Black Bear Hunting Permit.

(C) Permit Draw.

1. The application period will be from May 1-31 annually and results will be available by July 1 annually.
2. Application fee for Resident Black Bear Hunting Permit: ten dollars (\$10).
3. Only one (1) application is allowed per year.
4. Only one (1) person is allowed per application.
5. Permits are nontransferable.

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