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3. Name of Promulgating Authority

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6. Check applicable items:  
X- New Regulations

Amendments to Existing Regulations  
Date when existing text was downloaded from COMAR online: .  
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 Recodification  
 Incorporation by Reference of Documents Requiring DSD Approval  
 Reproposal of Substantively Different Text:  
: Md. R  
(vol.) (issue) (page nos) (date)  
Under Maryland Register docket no.: --P.

**7. Is there emergency text which is identical to this proposal:**

Yes  No

**8. Incorporation by Reference**

Check if applicable: Incorporation by Reference (IBR) approval form(s) attached and 18 copies of documents proposed for incorporation submitted to DSD. (Submit 18 paper copies of IBR document to DSD and one copy to AELR.)

**9. Public Body - Open Meeting**

OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a sentence in the Notice of Proposed Action that proposed action was considered at an open meeting held pursuant to State Government Article, §10-506(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a paragraph that final action will be considered at an open meeting.

**10. Children's Environmental Health and Protection**

Check if the system should send a copy of the proposal to the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council.

**11. Certificate of Authorized Officer**

I certify that the attached document is in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act. I also certify that the attached text has been approved for legality by Shara Mervis Alpert, Assistant Attorney General, (telephone #410-260-8358) on April 23, 2014. A written copy of the approval is on file at this agency.

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April 23, 2014

**Title 08**

# **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

## **Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE**

### **08.03.03 Open Seasons, Bag Limits for Game Birds and Game Animals**

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§10-205, 10-405, and 10-406, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### **Notice of Proposed Action**

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The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to repeal Regulations .03, .04, .05, .07 and .08 under COMAR 08.03.03 Open Seasons, Bag Limits for Game Birds and Game Animals and adopt new Regulations .03, .04, .05, .07 and .08 under COMAR 08.03.03 Open Seasons, Bag Limits for Game Birds and Game Animals.

#### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this action is to establish the season dates and bag limits for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 hunting seasons for forest game, upland game, fur-bearing mammals, white-tailed deer, and sika deer. For forest game, the bear season has been changed to a four-day season instead of the previous approach of closing the season once a certain harvest level is reached. Also, a new three-day winter wild turkey season has been established. For upland game, the seasons and bag limits are similar to the past two hunting seasons. For fur-bearing mammals, the bag limits are unchanged but the season length has been extended for trapping red and gray foxes. The trapping seasons for coyotes, fishers, long-tailed weasels and skunks have also been extended to allow these seasons to occur concurrently with other terrestrial furbearers. The beaver and otter seasons have been changed to open two weeks earlier in Allegany and Garrett counties to allow trapping access prior to extensive ice cover on waterways. For white-tailed deer, we are requiring that no more than two antlered deer taken during the entire deer hunting season may have two or less points per antler. We also reduced the bag limit for antlerless deer in Deer Management Region A (western Maryland) from three to two per year. The bag limit for sika deer has been increased from two to three for each weapon season (archery, muzzleloader and firearm) with the bag limit no longer limited during the early portion of the muzzleloader season.

#### **Comparison to Federal Standards**

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

#### **Estimate of Economic Impact**

##### **I. Summary of Economic Impact.**

These regulations will allow for the continuation of hunting for the next two seasons, which will result in the continued expenditures by hunters for equipment and travel expenses. It is estimated that hunters spend over \$250 million annually in Maryland.

<b>II. Types of Economic Impact.</b>	Revenue (R+/R-)	Magnitude
	Expenditure (E+/E-)	
A. On issuing agency:	NONE	
B. On other State agencies:	NONE	
C. On local governments:	NONE	
	Benefit (+) Cost (-)	Magnitude
D. On regulated industries or trade groups:	NONE	
(1) hunting equipment and travel expenses	(+)	continued expenditure of \$250 million annually
E. On other industries or trade groups:	NONE	
F. Direct and indirect effects on public:	NONE	

**III. Assumptions.** (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

D(1). Hunters will continue to spend at similar levels to what was spent in 2011. A survey of hunters in Maryland estimated that hunting-related expenditures in 2011 were \$264 million.

**Economic Impact on Small Businesses**

The proposed action has a meaningful economic impact on small business. An analysis of this economic impact follows.

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**Impact on Individuals with Disabilities**

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Comments may be sent to Peter Jayne, Associate Director, Wildlife and Heritage Service, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 68, Wye Mills, MD 21679, or call 410-827-8612, or email to [pjayne@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:pjayne@dnr.state.md.us), or fax to 410-827-5186. Comments will be accepted through June 30, 2014. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

**Economic Impact Statement Part C**

- A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 15
- B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?
- Yes
- C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used: special (Wildlife Management and Protection Fund)
- D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:
- E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly:
- F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.
- G. Small Business Worksheet:

It is estimated that hunters spend over \$250 million annually in Maryland. Most of these expenditures are for hunting equipment and ammunition. Many hunters purchase this equipment and ammunition from small businesses specializing in hunting and fishing equipment. It is estimated that hunters spend, on average, \$41 per day on gasoline, food and other trip-related expenses. Nonresident hunters also stay at local motels and eat at local restaurants.

Attached Document:

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## **Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE**

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§10-205, 10-405, and 10-406, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### **.03 Open Seasons, Bag Limits for Game Birds and Game Animals**

*.03 Forest Game.*

<i>Species</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Bag Limits</i>	<i>Possession Limit</i>
<i>A. Black bear (permit required)</i>	<i>October 20, 2014 — October 23, 2014 October 26, 2015 — October 29, 2015</i>	<i>In Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>1 per day with no more than 1 per permitted bear</i>	<i>1 per season with no more than 1 per permitted</i>

			<i>hunting team</i>	<i>bear hunting team</i>
<i>B. Ruffed grouse</i>				
<i>(1) In General</i>	<i>October 4, 2014 — January 31, 2015 October 3, 2015 — January 31, 2016</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>2 per day</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>(2) Hunting with the aid of raptors and a falconry permit</i>	<i>October 1, 2014 — March 31, 2015 October 1, 2015 — March 31, 2016</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>2 per day</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>C. Squirrels</i>				
<i>(1) Gray, black, and eastern fox squirrel — total</i>				
<i>(a) In General</i>	<i>September 6, 2014 — February 28, 2015 September 5, 2015 — February 29, 2016</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>6 per day</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>(b) Hunting with the aid of raptors and a falconry permit</i>	<i>September 1, 2014 — March 31, 2015 September 1, 2015 — March 31, 2016</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>6 per day</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>(2) Red or piney squirrel</i>				
<i>(a) In General</i>	<i>September 6, 2014 — February 28, 2015 September 5, 2015 — February 29, 2016</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(b) Hunting with the aid of raptors and a falconry permit</i>	<i>September 1, 2014 — March 31, 2015 September 1, 2015 — March 31, 2016</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(3) Delmarva fox squirrel</i>	<i>Closed season — endangered species</i>	<i>In all counties</i>		
<i>D. Wild turkey</i>				
<i>(1) Fall season — either sex</i>	<i>November 1, 2014 — November 8, 2014 October 31, 2015 — November 7, 2015</i>	<i>Allegany, Garrett, and Washingt</i>	<i>1 turkey per season</i>	<i>1 turkey per fall/winter season</i>

		<i>on counties only</i>		<i>combined</i>
<i>(2) Winter season – either sex</i>	<i>January 22, 2015 — January 24, 2015 January 21, 2016 — January 23, 2016</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>1 turkey per season provided none was taken in the fall season</i>	
<i>(3) Spring season</i>	<i>April 11, 2015— April 12, 2015 (Junior Hunt) April 16, 2016— April 17, 2016(Junior Hunt) April 18, 2015 — May 23, 2015 April 18, 2016 — May 23, 2016 Subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D</i>	<i>In all counties, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D</i>	<i>1 bearded turkey per day</i>	<i>2 bearded turkeys per spring season</i>

*.04 Upland Game.*

<i>Species</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Bag Limits</i>	<i>Possession Limit</i>
<i>A. Crow</i>	<i>August 15 — March 15, hunting allowed Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>B. Pheasant</i>				
<i>(1) In general, male only</i>	<i>November 1, 2014— December 31, 2014 November 7, 2015 — December 31, 2015</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>1 per day</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>(2) Hunting with the aid of raptors and a falconry permit</i>	<i>November 1, 2014 — March 31, 2015 November 1, 2015 — March 31, 2016</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>1 per day (either sex)</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>C. Quail</i>				

(1) <i>Western Zone – Private Land</i>	November 1, 2014 — January 15, 2015 November 7, 2015 — January 15, 2016	In that portion of the State west of I-83 from the Pennsylvania line south to I-695 to I-95 south to the Virginia line, excluding Allegany and Garrett counties	6 per day, no more than 3 per day on lands owned or managed by DNR	12 in all counties and zones combined
(2) <i>Eastern Zone – Private Land</i>	November 1, 2014 — February 14, 2015 November 7, 2015 — February 15, 2016	In that portion of the State east of I-83 from the Pennsylvania line south to I-695 to I-95 south to the Virginia line		
(3) <i>Lands owned or managed by DNR</i>	November 1, 2014 — January 15, 2015 November 7, 2015 — January 15, 2016	In all counties, excluding Allegany and Garrett counties		
(4) <i>Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>Closed season</i>	<i>In Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	0	0
(5) <i>Hunting with the aid of raptors and a falconry permit</i>	November 1, 2014 — March 31, 2015 November 1, 2015 — March 31, 2016	<i>In all counties</i>	4 per day	8
<i>D. Rabbits</i>				
<i>(1) Eastern Cottontail Rabbit</i>				
(a) <i>In general</i>	November 1, 2014 — February 28, 2015 November 7, 2015 — February 29, 2016	<i>In all counties</i>	4 per day	8

<i>(b) Hunting with the aid of raptors and a falconry permit</i>	<i>November 1, 2014 — March 31, 2015 November 1, 2015 — March 31, 2016</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>4 per day</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>(2) Snowshoe hare</i>	<i>Closed season</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>E. Woodchuck</i>	<i>August 1 — July 31</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>

*.05 Fur-bearing Mammals.*

<i>Species</i>	<i>Open Season</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Bag Limits</i>	<i>Possession Limit</i>
<i>A. Beaver (closed to nonresidents)</i>				
<i>(1) In general</i>	<i>December 15, 2014 — March 16, 2015 December 15, 2015 — March 15, 2016</i>	<i>In all counties, except Garrett and Allegany counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(2) Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>December 1, 2014 — March 16, 2015 December 1, 2015 — March 15, 2016</i>	<i>In Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>B. Bobcat</i>	<i>Closed season</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>C. Coyote</i>				
<i>(1) Firearms, bow and crossbow</i>	<i>August 1 — July 31 (May be hunted from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset)</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
	<i>October 15, 2014 — March 16, 2015 October 15, 2015 — March 15, 2016 (May be hunted from sunset to sunrise only)</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(2) Trapping</i>	<i>November 1, 2014— February 2, 2015 October 31, 2015 — February 1, 2016</i>	<i>In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>

	November 15, 2014 — February 16, 2015 November 14, 2015 — February 13, 2016	In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
D. Fisher	November 1, 2014 — February 2, 2015 October 31, 2015 — February 1, 2016	In all counties	2 per day	2 per season
E. Fox (red and gray) — firearms, bow, crossbow and trapping	November 1, 2014 — February 2, 2015 October 31, 2015 — February 1, 2016	In Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Washington counties	No limit	No limit
	November 15, 2014 — February 16, 2015 November 14, 2015 — February 13, 2016	In Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties	No limit	No limit
	August 1 — July 31	In Charles and Dorchester counties	No limit	No limit
F. Muskrat and mink	November 15, 2014 — February 14, 2015 November 16, 2015 — February 15, 2016	In Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, and Washington counties	No limit	No limit
	December 15, 2014 — March 14, 2015 December 15, 2015 — March 15, 2016	In Baltimore, Cecil, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, and Worcester	No limit	No limit

		<i>counties</i>		
	<i>January 1, 2015 — March 14, 2015 January 1, 2016 — March 15, 2016</i>	<i>In Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Talbot, and Wicomico counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>G. Nutria</i>	<i>August 1 — July 31</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>H. Otter (closed to nonresidents)</i>				
<i>(1) In general</i>	<i>December 15, 2014 — March 16, 2015 December 15, 2015 — March 15, 2016</i>	<i>In Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, and Washington counties</i>	<i>2 per day</i>	<i>2 per season</i>
		<i>In all other counties, except Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>10 per day</i>	<i>10 per season</i>
<i>(2) Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>December 1, 2014 — March 16, 2015 December 1, 2015 — March 15, 2016</i>	<i>In Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>1 per day</i>	<i>1 per season</i>
<i>I. Raccoon and Opossum</i>				
<i>(1) Chasing — no kill</i>	<i>August 1 — October 14 March 16 — July 31</i>	<i>In all counties</i>		
<i>(2) Firearms, bow, crossbow and dog</i>	<i>October 15, 2014 — March 14, 2015 October 15, 2015 — March 15, 2016 (May be hunted from sunset to sunrise only)</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>
<i>(3) Trapping</i>	<i>November 1, 2014 — March 16, 2015 October 31, 2015 — March</i>	<i>In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake</i>	<i>No limit</i>	<i>No limit</i>

	15, 2016	Bay and Susquehanna River		
	November 15, 2014 — March 16, 2015 November 14, 2015 — March 15, 2016	In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
J. Skunk	November 1, 2014 — March 16, 2015 October 31, 2015 — March 15, 2016	In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
	November 15, 2014 — March 16, 2015 November 14, 2015 — March 15, 2016	In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
K. Weasel (Long-tailed only)	November 1, 2014— February 2, 2015 October 31, 2015 — February 1, 2016	In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
	November 15, 2014 — February 16, 2015 November 14, 2015 — February 13, 2016	In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit

**.07 White-Tailed Deer.**

A. The following lands are owned or controlled by the Department in Region A:

- (1) Billmeyer—Belle Grove; WMA;
- (2) Cunningham Swamp WMA;
- (3) Dan's Mountain WMA;
- (4) Deep Creek Lake State Park (designated areas only);
- (5) Green Ridge State Forest;
- (6) Indian Springs WMA;
- (7) Mount Nebo WMA;
- (8) Potomac—Garrett State Forest;
- (9) Prather's Neck WMA;
- (10) Rocky Gap State Park (designated areas only);

- (11) *Savage River State Forest;*
- (12) *Sideling Hill WMA;*
- (13) *Warrior Mountain WMA;*
- (14) *Woodmont;*
- (15) *Youghiogheny Reservoir CWMA; and*
- (16) *Youghiogheny Scenic Wild River.*

	<i>Season Dates, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D</i>	<i>Season Bag Limits</i>
<i>B. Antlered.</i>		
<i>(1) Bow Season.</i>		
<i>(a) Region A.</i>		
	<i>January 9, 2015—January 10, 2015 January 8, 2016—January 9, 2016</i>	<i>1 antlered</i>
<i>(b) All lands.</i>		
	<i>September 5, 2014—October 15, 2014 October 19, 2014—November 28, 2014 December 15, 2014—December 19, 2014 January 5, 2015—January 8, 2015 January 12, 2015—January 31, 2015 September 11, 2015—October 21, 2015 October 25, 2015—November 27, 2015 December 14, 2015—December 18, 2015 January 4, 2016—January 7, 2016 January 11, 2016—January 30, 2016</i>	
<i>(2) Muzzleloader Season.</i>		
	<i>October 16, 2014—October 18, 2014 December 20, 2014—January 3, 2015 October 22, 2015—October 24, 2015</i>	<i>1 antlered, except during the October segment in Region A, a total of 1 deer, antlered or antlerless may be taken.</i>

	<i>December 19, 2015—January 2, 2016</i>	
<i>(3) Firearms Season.</i>		
<i>(a) Region B.</i>		<i>1 antlered</i>
	<i>January 9, 2015—January 11, 2015 January 8, 2016—January 10, 2016</i>	
<i>(b) All lands.</i>		
	<i>November 29, 2014— December 13, 2014 November 28, 2015— December 12, 2015</i>	
<i>(4) All seasons combined.</i>		
		<i>(a) No more than two antlered deer having less than three antler points one inch or longer on each antler present may be taken per license year.  (b) One additional Bonus antlered deer may be taken per license year in Region B only, for all seasons combined subject to Section E of this regulation .</i>
<i>C. Antlerless.</i>		
<i>(1) Region A.</i>		
<i>(a) Bow Season.</i>		
	<i>September 5, 2014—October 15, 2014 October 19, 2014—November 28, 2014 December 15, 2014—December 19, 2014 January 5, 2015—January 31,</i>	<i>1 antlerless</i>

	<p>2015  September 11, 2015—October 21, 2015  October 25, 2015—November 27, 2015  December 14, 2015—December 18, 2015  January 4, 2016—January 30, 2016</p>	
<i>(b) Muzzleloader Season.</i>		
<i>(i) Lands owned or controlled by the Department.</i>		<i>1 antlerless, except during the October segment, a total of only 1 deer, antlered or antlerless may be taken.</i>
	<p>January 3, 2015  January 2, 2016</p>	
<i>(ii) Other lands.</i>		
	<p>October 16, 2014—October 18, 2014  January 1, 2015 — January 3, 2015  October 22, 2015—October 24, 2015  December 31, 2015 — January 2, 2016</p>	
<i>(c) Firearms Season.</i>		
<i>(i) Lands owned or controlled by the Department.</i>		<i>1 antlerless</i>
	<p>December 13, 2014  December 12, 2015</p>	
<i>(ii) Other lands.</i>		
	<p>December 12, 2014—December 13, 2014  December 11, 2015—December 12, 2015</p>	
<i>(d) All seasons combined.</i>		
		<i>No more than 2 antlerless deer may be taken in Region A per license year with any combination of bow, muzzleloader, and firearms bag limits.</i>

<i>(2) Region B.</i>		
<i>(a) Bow Season.</i>		
	<i>September 5, 2014—October 15, 2014</i> <i>October 19, 2014—November 28, 2014</i> <i>December 15, 2014—December 19, 2014</i> <i>January 5, 2015—January 8, 2015</i> <i>January 12, 2015—January 31, 2015</i> <i>September 11, 2015—October 21, 2015</i> <i>October 25, 2015—November 27, 2015</i> <i>December 14, 2015—December 18, 2015</i> <i>January 4, 2016—January 7, 2016</i> <i>January 11, 2016—January 30, 2016</i>	<i>No limit for antlerless deer.</i>
<i>(b) Muzzleloader Season.</i>		
	<i>October 16, 2014—October 25, 2014</i> <i>December 20, 2014— January 3, 2015</i> <i>October 22, 2015—October 31, 2015</i> <i>December 19, 2015— January 2, 2016</i>	<i>10 antlerless</i>
<i>(c) Firearms Season.</i>		
	<i>November 29, 2014—December 13, 2014</i> <i>January 9, 2015—January 11, 2015</i> <i>November 28, 2015—December 12, 2015</i> <i>January 8, 2016—January 10, 2016</i>	<i>10 antlerless</i>
<i>D. Junior Deer Hunt.</i>		

<i>(1) Region A.</i>		
<i>Antlered or antlerless</i>	<i>November 15, 2014—November 16, 2014 November 14, 2015—November 15, 2015</i>	<i>1 deer</i>
<i>(2) Region B.</i>		
<i>Antlered or antlerless</i>	<i>November 15, 2014—November 16, 2014 November 14, 2015—November 15, 2015</i>	<i>3 deer, no more than 1 antlered.</i>

*E. A hunter may only harvest two antlered deer per license year, including the Bonus antlered deer, that have antlers with less than three antler points one inch or longer on each antler.*

*F. Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp*

*(1) Before taking a Bonus antlered deer, hunters must first purchase a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp and harvest two antlerless deer in Region B in any weapon season.*

*(2) Persons exempt from needing a hunting license under Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article § 10-301(c) do not need to purchase a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp but must harvest two antlerless deer in Region B in any weapon season, prior to taking a Bonus antlered deer.*

*(3) One Bonus antlered deer may be taken per license year, for all seasons combined.*

*(4) A Bonus antlered deer may only be taken in Region B.*

*(5) The Bonus antlered deer may be taken in any weapon season except the October muzzleloader season.*

**.08 Sika Deer.**

*A. Sika deer may only be hunted in Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.*

<i>Species</i>	<i>Season Dates, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D</i>	<i>Season Bag Limits</i>
<i>B. Bow Season.</i>		
<i>Antlered or antlerless</i>	<i>September 5, 2014—October 15, 2014 October 19, 2014—November 28, 2014 December 15, 2014—December 19, 2014 January 5, 2015—January 8, 2015 January 12, 2015—January 31, 2015 September 11, 2015—October 21, 2015 October 25, 2015—November 27, 2015 December 14, 2015—December 18, 2015 January 4, 2016—January 7, 2016 January 11, 2016—January 30, 2016</i>	<i>3 deer, not more than 1 antlered.</i>

<i>C. Muzzleloader Season.</i>		
<i>(1) Antlered or antlerless</i>	<i>October 16, 2014 — October 18, 2014 October 22, 2015 — October 24, 2015</i>	<i>3 deer, not more than 1 antlered.</i>
<i>(2) Antlerless</i>	<i>October 20, 2014 — October 25, 2014 October 26, 2015 — October 31, 2015</i>	
<i>(3) Antlered or antlerless</i>	<i>December 20, 2014 — January 3, 2015 December 19, 2015 — January 2, 2016</i>	
<i>D. Firearms Season.</i>		
<i>Antlered or antlerless</i>	<i>November 29, 2014—December 13, 2014 January 9, 2015—January 11, 2015 November 28, 2015—December 12, 2015 January 8, 2016—January 10, 2016</i>	<i>3 deer, not more than 1 antlered.</i>
<i>E. Junior Deer Hunt.</i>		
<i>Antlered or antlerless</i>	<i>November 15, 2014—November 16, 2014 November 14, 2015—November 15, 2015</i>	<i>1 antlered or 1 antlerless</i>