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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 and 10-410, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Emergency Action

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The Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review has granted emergency status to amend Regulation .01 under COMAR 08.03.03 Open Seasons, Bag Limits for Game Birds and Game Animals.

Emergency status began:

Emergency status expires:

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this emergency action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The emergency action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The emergency action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

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:
This proposal will have minimal impact to the Department. We do not anticipate any material increase in hunting license sales or operational costs associated with allowing hunting on these Sundays in these counties.

F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.

Small businesses will realize a slight increase in sales as a result of this legislation. Increased hunting opportunities will result in additional revenue for those industries and groups that support hunting, including sporting goods shops, restaurants and motels.

G. Response to small business worksheet:

Attached Document:

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.01 Bag Limits and Possession Limits.

- A. — C. (text unchanged)
- D. Hunting on Sunday.
 - (1) Except as provided in §D(2) of this regulation, an individual may not hunt any game bird or game mammal on Sunday.
 - (2) An individual may hunt on Sunday, if the individual is:
 - (a) — (c) (text unchanged)
 - (d) Hunting white-tailed or sika deer on private property as described in Regulations .07 and .08 of this chapter:
 - (i) (text unchanged)
 - (ii) On the last three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in November during the deer bow season and the first Sunday of the deer firearms season in [Allegheny,] Dorchester, [Frederick, Garrett,] Talbot, [Washington,] and Wicomico counties;

(iii) — (iv) (text unchanged)

(v) 16 years of age or younger when participating in the Junior Deer Hunt on private lands only in Anne Arundel, [Allegany,] Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, [Frederick, Garrett,] Harford, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, [Washington,] Wicomico, and Worcester counties;

[(e) Hunting wild turkeys as described in Regulation .03 of this chapter on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, except Easter Sunday, of the spring season in Allegany and Garrett counties;]

(e) 16 years of age or younger when participating in the Junior Deer Hunt on private property in Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties or a designated Wildlife Management Area listed in §G of this regulation;

(f) Hunting deer on private property or a designated Wildlife Management Area listed in §G of this regulation on the last three Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in November during the deer bow season, all Sundays in December and January during the deer muzzleloader season, and all Sundays in the deer firearms season in Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties;

[(f)] (g) Hunting wild turkeys as described in Regulation .03 of this chapter on private property on any Sunday during the Junior Hunt and spring season in Calvert, Caroline, Charles, and St. Mary's counties; [and]

[(g)] (h) Hunting wild turkeys as described in Regulation .03 of this chapter on public or private land on any Sunday during the Junior Hunt and spring season in Dorchester County[.]; *and*

(i) Hunting any game mammal or any game bird, except deer, migratory game birds or wetland game birds, in Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties on private property or a designated Wildlife Management Area listed in §G of this regulation during the open seasons for those game animals.

E. — F. (text unchanged)

G. The Wildlife Management Areas designated for Sunday hunting in accordance with §D of this regulation are as follows:

- (1) Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA;*
- (2) Cunningham Swamp WMA;*
- (3) Dan's Mountain WMA;*
- (4) Indian Springs WMA;*
- (5) Mount Nebo WMA;*
- (6) Prather's Neck WMA;*
- (7) Sideling Hill WMA; and*
- (8) Warrior Mountain WMA.*