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Notice of Proposed Action

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The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to repeal and replace 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 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 hunting seasons for forest game, upland game, fur-bearing mammals, white-tailed deer, and sika deer. Season dates and bag limits for most species are similar to previous hunting seasons with some exceptions. A three-day deer hunting season has been added to the archery and muzzleloader seasons in February and only primitive weapons may be used during those days. Deer harvested during the February season count against the normal bag limits for archery and muzzleloaders, except in Region A where one additional antlerless deer may be harvested. A suburban deer management zone will be established in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties where the bag limit for antlerless deer will be unlimited during the archery season. It is clarified that when the archery and muzzleloader seasons for hunting deer overlap a hunter may only possess one of the weapons while deer hunting. In Region A, hunters will be able to use a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp to take a second antlered deer when the hunter already harvested one in Region B during the same weapon 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 hunting seasons, which will result in the continued expenditures by hunters for licenses, equipment and travel expenses. It is estimated that hunters will spend over \$250 million annually in Maryland.

II. Types of Economic Impact.

Revenue (R+/R-)

Expenditure (E+/E-) Magnitude

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:	(+)	high
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. continued expenditure of over \$250 million annually

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

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

Hunters will continue to spend money on equipment and travel expenses at similar levels to what was spent in 2011. A national survey of hunters in Maryland estimated that hunting-related expenditures in 2011 were \$264 million.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Karina Stonesifer, Associate Director, Wildlife and Heritage Service, 12512 Pleasant Valley Road, Flintstone, MD 21530, or call 301-777-2136, or email to karina.stonesifer@maryland.gov, or fax to 301-777-2029. Comments will be accepted through July 6, 2020. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Economic Impact Statement Part C

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 21

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:

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

Attached Document:

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

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

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§10-205, 10-405, 10-410 and 10-415, Annotated Code of Maryland

.03 Forest Game.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Open Season, Subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Bag Limits</i>	<i>Possession Limit</i>
<i>A. Black Bear (Permit Required).</i>	<i>October 26, 2020 - October 30, 2020 October 25, 2021 – October 29, 2021</i>	<i>In Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties</i>	<i>1 per day with no more than 1 per permitted bear hunting team</i>	<i>1 per season with no more than 1 per permitted bear hunting team</i>
<i>B. Ruffed Grouse.</i>				
<i>(1) In General.</i>	<i>October 3, 2020 - January 31, 2021 October 2, 2021 - January 31, 2022</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, 2020 - March 31, 2021 October 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022</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 5, 2020 - February 27, 2021 September 4, 2021 - February 28, 2022</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>6 per day</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>(b) Hunting with the Aid of</i>	<i>September 1, 2020 - March 31,</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>6 per day</i>	<i>12</i>

Raptors and a Falconry Permit.	2021 September 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022			
<i>(2) Red or Piney Squirrel.</i>				
(a) In General.	September 5, 2020 - February 27, 2021 September 4, 2021 - February 28, 2022	In all counties	No limit	No limit
(b) Hunting with the Aid of Raptors and a Falconry Permit.	September 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021 September 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022	In all counties	No limit	No limit
(3) Delmarva Fox Squirrel.	Closed season	In all counties		
<i>D. Wild Turkey</i>				
(1) Fall Season - Either Sex.	October 31, 2020 - November 8, 2020 October 30, 2021 - November 7, 2021	Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties only	1 turkey per season	1 turkey either sex per fall/winter season combined
(2) Winter Season - Either Sex.	January 21, 2021 - January 23, 2021 January 20, 2022 - January 22, 2022	In all counties	1 turkey per season provided none was taken in the fall season	
(3) Spring Season.	April 19, 2021 - May 24, 2021 April 18, 2022 - May 23, 2022	In all counties, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	1 bearded turkey per day	2 bearded turkeys per spring season
(4) Spring Season - Junior Hunt.	April 17, 2021 - April 18, 2021 April 16, 2022 - April 17, 2022	In all counties, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	1 bearded turkey per day	

.04 Upland Game.

Species	Open Season, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	Location	Bag Limits	Possession Limit
A. Crow.	August 15 - March 15, hunting allowed Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only	In all counties	No limit	No limit

<i>B. Pheasant.</i>				
<i>(1) In General.</i>	<i>November 7, 2020 – February 28, 2021 November 6, 2021 – February 28, 2022</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>2 per day (either sex)</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>(2) Hunting with the Aid of Raptors and a Falconry Permit.</i>	<i>November 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021 November 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>2 per day (either sex)</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>C. Quail.</i>				
<i>(1) Western Zone - Private Land.</i>	<i>November 7, 2020 - January 15, 2021 November 6, 2021 - January 15, 2022</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>6 per day, no more than 3 per day on lands owned or managed by DNR</i>	<i>12 in all counties and zones combined</i>
<i>(2) Eastern Zone - Private Land.</i>	<i>November 7, 2020 - February 15, 2021 November 6, 2021 - February 15, 2022</i>	<i>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</i>		
<i>(3) Lands Owned or Managed by DNR.</i>	<i>November 7, 2020 - December 15, 2020 November 6, 2021 - December 15, 2021</i>	<i>In all counties, excluding Allegany and Garrett counties</i>		
<i>(4) Allegany and Garrett Counties.</i>	<i>Closed season</i>	<i>In Allegany and Garrett counties</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>(5) Hunting with the Aid of Raptors and a Falconry Permit.</i>	<i>November 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021 November 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>4 per day</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>D. Rabbits.</i>				
<i>(1) Eastern Cottontail Rabbit.</i>				
<i>(a) In General.</i>	<i>November 7, 2020 - February 27, 2021 November 6, 2021 - February 28, 2022</i>	<i>In all counties</i>	<i>4 per day</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>(b) Hunting with the Aid of Raptors and a Falconry Permit.</i>	<i>November 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021 November 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022</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>

E. Woodchuck	August 1 – July 31	In all counties	No limit	No limit
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.05 Fur-Bearing Mammals.

Species	Open Season, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	Location	Bag Limits	Possession Limit
A. Beaver.				
(1) In General.	December 15, 2020 - March 15, 2021 December 15, 2021 - March 15, 2022	In all counties, except Garrett and Allegany counties	No limit	No limit
(2) Allegany and Garrett Counties.	December 1, 2020 - March 15, 2021 December 1, 2021 - March 15, 2022	In Allegany and Garrett counties	No limit	No limit
B. Bobcat.	Closed season	In all counties	0	0
C. Coyote.				
(1) Firearms, Archery, and Airgun Hunting.	August 1 - July 31 (May be hunted day and night)	In all counties	No limit	No limit
(2) Trapping.	October 31, 2020 - February 1, 2021 November 1, 2021 - February 1, 2022	In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
	November 14, 2020 - February 15, 2021 November 15, 2021 - February 15, 2022	In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
D. Fisher.	October 31, 2020 - February 1, 2021 November 1, 2021 - February 1, 2022	In all counties	2 per day	2 per season
E. Fox (Red and Gray) - Firearms, Archery, and Airgun Hunting, and Trapping.	October 31, 2020 - February 1, 2021 November 1, 2021 - February 1, 2022	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 14, 2020 - February 15, 2021 November 15, 2021 - February 15, 2022	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 – Trapping only.	November 16, 2020 - February 15, 2021 November 15, 2021 - February 15, 2022	In Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, and Washington counties	No limit	No limit

	December 15, 2020 - March 15, 2021 December 15, 2021 - March 15, 2022	In Baltimore, Cecil, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, and Worcester counties	No limit	No limit
	January 1, 2021 - March 15, 2021 January 1, 2022 - March 15, 2022	In Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Talbot, and Wicomico counties	No limit	No limit
G. Nutria.	August 1 - July 31	In all counties	No limit	No limit
H. Otter – Trapping only.				
(1) In General.	December 15, 2020 - March 15, 2021	In Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, and Washington counties	2 per day	2 per season
	December 15, 2021 - March 15, 2022	In all other counties, except Allegany and Garrett counties	10 per day	10 per season
(2) Allegany and Garrett Counties.	December 1, 2020 - March 15, 2021 December 1, 2021 - March 15, 2022	In Allegany and Garrett counties	1 per day	1 per season
I. Raccoon and Opossum.				
(1) Chasing - No Kill.	August 1, 2020 - October 14, 2020 March 16, 2021 - July 31, 2021 August 2, 2021 - October 14, 2021 March 16, 2022 - July 31, 2022	In all counties		
(2) Firearms, Archery, Airgun, and Dog Hunting.	October 15, 2020 - March 15, 2021 October 15, 2021 – March 15, 2022 (May be hunted day and night)	In all counties	No limit	No limit
(3) Trapping.	October 31, 2020 - March 15, 2021 November 1, 2021 - March 15, 2022	In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
	November 14, 2020 - March 15, 2021 November 15, 2021 - March 15, 2022	In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
J. Skunk.				
(1) Firearms, Archery, and Airgun Hunting.	October 31, 2020 - March 15, 2021 November 1, 2021 - March 15, 2022	In all counties	No limit	No limit

(2) Trapping.	October 31, 2020 - March 15, 2021 November 1, 2021 - March 15, 2022	In all counties	No limit	No limit
K. Long-Tailed Weasel - Trapping.	October 31, 2020 - February 1, 2021 November 1, 2021 - February 1, 2022	In that portion of the State west of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit
	November 14, 2020 - February 15, 2021 November 15, 2021 - February 15, 2022	In that portion of the State east of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River	No limit	No limit

L. On lands owned or controlled by the Department in Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties only leaseholders or their appointees can hunt or trap furbearers between November 15 and March 15.

.07 White-Tailed Deer.

A. The following lands are owned or controlled by the Department in Region A as defined in §08.03.03.06A:

- (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) McCoole Fishery Management Area;
- (8) Mount Nebo WMA;
- (9) Potomac-Garrett State Forest;
- (10) Prather's Neck WMA;
- (11) Rocky Gap State Park (designated areas only);
- (12) Savage River State Forest;
- (13) Sideling Hill WMA;
- (14) Warrior Mountain WMA;
- (15) Woodmont;
- (16) Youghiogheny Reservoir CWMA; and
- (17) Youghiogheny Scenic Wild River.

B. The Suburban Deer Management Zone is defined as the area that encompasses Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties.

	Season Dates, subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	Season Bag Limits
C. Antlered.		
(1) Archery Season.		
(a) Region A as defined in §08.03.03.06A.		
	January 8, 2021 - January 10, 2021 February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation) January 7, 2022 - January 9, 2022 February 1, 2022 - February 3, 2022 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation)	1 antlered
(b) Statewide.		

	<p>September 11, 2020 - October 21, 2020 October 25, 2020 (Sunday counties only) October 26, 2020 - November 27, 2020 December 14, 2020 - December 18, 2020 January 3, 2021 (Sunday counties only) January 4, 2021 - January 7, 2021 January 11, 2021 - January 13, 2021 January 17, 2021 (Sunday counties only) January 18, 2021 - January 30, 2021 February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation) September 10, 2021 - October 20, 2021 October 24, 2021 (Sunday counties only) October 25, 2021 - November 26, 2021 December 13, 2021 - December 17, 2021 January 2, 2022 (Sunday counties only) January 3, 2022 - January 6, 2022 January 10, 2022 – January 12, 2022 January 16, 2022 (Sunday counties only) January 17, 2022 - January 31, 2022 February 1, 2022 - February 3, 2022 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation)</p>	
(2) Muzzleloader Season.		
	<p>October 22, 2020 - October 24, 2020 December 19, 2020 – January 2, 2021 February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation) October 21, 2021 - October 23, 2021 December 18, 2021 – January 1, 2022 February 1, 2022 - February 3, 2022 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation)</p>	<p>1 antlered, except during the October segment in Region A as defined in §08.03.03.06A , a total of 1 deer, antlered or antlerless may be taken.</p>
(3) Firearms Season.		
(a) Region B as defined in §08.03.03.06A.		
	<p>January 8, 2021 - January 9, 2021 January 10, 2021 (Sunday counties only) January 7, 2022 - January 8, 2022 January 9, 2022 (Sunday counties only)</p>	<p>1 antlered</p>
(b) Statewide.		
	<p>November 28, 2020 - December 12, 2020 November 27, 2021 - December 11, 2021</p>	
(4) All Seasons Combined.		
<p>(a) No more than one antlered white-tailed deer having less than three antler points one inch or longer on each antler present may be taken per license year. Hunters that possess, or are eligible to possess, a Resident or Nonresident Junior Hunting License are exempt from this requirement. Hunters that are 16 years of age or younger and possess an Apprentice Hunting License are exempt from this requirement.</p>	<p>No more than 2 antlered deer may be taken per license year with any combination of bow, muzzleloader, and firearms bag limits.</p>	

<i>(b) One additional Bonus antlered white-tailed deer may be taken in Region B, as defined in §08.03.03.06A, per license year for all seasons combined subject to §§G–H of this regulation.</i>		
D. Antlerless.		
<i>(1) Region A as defined in §08.03.03.06A.</i>		
<i>(a) Archery Season.</i>		
	<i>September 11, 2020 - October 21, 2020 October 25, 2020 - November 27, 2020 December 14, 2020 - December 18, 2020 January 3, 2021 - January 13, 2021 January 17, 2021 - January 30, 2021 February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation) September 10, 2021 - October 20, 2021 October 24, 2021 - November 26, 2021 December 13, 2021 - December 17, 2021 January 2, 2022 - January 12, 2022 January 16, 2022 - January 31, 2022 February 1, 2022 - February 3, 2022 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation)</i>	<i>1 antlerless</i>
<i>(b) Muzzleloader Season.</i>		
<i>(i) Lands Owned or Controlled by the Department as described in §A of this regulation.</i>		
	<i>October 22, 2020 - October 24, 2020 January 2, 2021 February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation) October 21, 2021 - October 23, 2021 January 1, 2022 February 1, 2022 - February 3, 2022 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation)</i>	
<i>(ii) Other Lands.</i>		
	<i>October 22, 2020 - October 24, 2020 December 31, 2020 – January 2, 2021 October 21, 2021 - October 23, 2021 December 30, 2021 – January 1, 2022</i>	<i>1 antlerless, except during the October segment, a total of 1 deer, antlered or antlerless, may be taken.</i>
<i>(c) Firearms Season.</i>		
<i>(i) Lands Owned or Controlled by the Department as described in §A of this regulation.</i>		
	<i>December 12, 2020 December 11, 2021</i>	
<i>(ii) Other Lands.</i>		
	<i>December 11, 2020 - December 12, 2020 December 10, 2021 - December 11, 2021</i>	<i>1 antlerless</i>
<i>(d) All Seasons Combined.</i>		

	<p>No more than 2 antlerless deer may be taken in Region A, as defined in §08.03.03.06A, per license year with any combination of bow, muzzleloader, and firearms bag limits. One additional antlerless deer may be taken in Region A during the February dates.</p>
<p>(2) Region B as defined in §08.03.03.06A.</p>	
<p>(a) Archery Season.</p>	
	<p>September 11, 2020 - October 21, 2020 October 25, 2020 (Sunday counties only) October 26, 2020 - November 27, 2020 December 14, 2020 - December 18, 2020 January 3, 2021 (Sunday counties only) January 4, 2021 - January 7, 2021 January 11, 2021 - January 13, 2021 January 17, 2021 (Sunday counties only) January 18, 2021 - January 30, 2021 February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation) September 10, 2021 - October 20, 2021 October 24, 2021 (Sunday counties only) October 25, 2021 - November 26, 2021 December 13, 2021 - December 17, 2021 January 2, 2022 (Sunday counties only) January 3, 2022 - January 6, 2022 January 10, 2022 - January 12, 2022 January 16, 2022 (Sunday counties only) January 17, 2022 - January 31, 2022 February 1, 2022 - February 3, 2022 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation)</p> <p>15 antlerless (Unlimited antlerless in the Suburban Deer Management Zone as defined in §B of this regulation)</p>
<p>(b) Muzzleloader Season.</p>	
	<p>October 22, 2020 - October 31, 2020 December 19, 2020 – January 2, 2021 February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation) October 21, 2021 - October 30, 2021 December 18, 2021 – January 1, 2022 February 1, 2022 - February 3, 2022 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §F of this regulation)</p> <p>10 antlerless</p>
<p>(c) Firearms Season.</p>	

	November 28, 2020 - December 12, 2020 January 8, 2021 - January 9, 2021 January 10, 2021 (Sunday counties only) November 27, 2021 - December 11, 2021 January 7, 2022 - January 8, 2022 January 9, 2022 (Sunday counties only)	10 antlerless
E. Junior Deer Hunt.		
(1) Region A as defined in §08.03.03.06A.		
Antlered or Antlerless	November 14, 2020 - November 15, 2020 November 13, 2021 - November 14, 2021	1 deer
(2) Region B as defined in §08.03.03.06A.		
Antlered or Antlerless	November 14, 2020 November 15, 2020 (Sunday counties only) November 13, 2021 November 14, 2021 (Sunday counties only)	3 deer, no more than 1 antlered

- F. Use of primitive weapons during the February dates:**
- (1) A hunter may only use a primitive weapon as defined in COMAR 08.03.01.01B(29) and in accordance with COMAR 08.03.04.05I.
 - (2) Hunters may not harvest more than one antlered deer per day within the prescribed bag limit.
 - (3) A deer taken with a primitive weapon shall count towards the respective bow or muzzle loader season's bag limits, except in Region A as defined in §08.03.03.06A one additional antlerless deer may be taken.
- G. A hunter may only harvest one antlered deer per license year, including the Bonus antlered deer, that has antlers with less than three antler points one inch or longer on each antler. Hunters that possess, or are eligible to possess, a Resident or Nonresident Junior Hunting License are exempt from this requirement. Hunters that are 16 years of age or younger and possess an Apprentice Hunting License are exempt from this requirement.**
- H. Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp.**
- (1) Before taking a Bonus antlered white-tailed deer, hunters must first purchase a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp.
 - (2) Persons exempt from needing a hunting license under Natural Resources Article, §10-301(c), Annotated Code of Maryland, do not need to purchase a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp.
 - (3) One Bonus antlered white-tailed deer may be taken per license year, for all seasons combined. The Bonus antlered white-tailed deer cannot be taken on the same day that another antlered deer is taken under the prescribed bag limit.
 - (4) In accordance with the defined regions in COMAR §08.03.03.06A, the Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp may be used in Region A, provided that prior to the use of the Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp:
 - (a) No more than two antlered deer were taken statewide and no more than one antlered deer was taken in Region A; and
 - (b) Any previously harvested antlered deer in Region A was taken in a different weapon season than the bonus deer.
 - (5) The Bonus antlered white-tailed deer may be taken in any weapon season except the October muzzleloader season.

.08 Sika Deer.

	Season Dates Subject to COMAR 08.03.03.01D	Season Bag Limits
A. Archery Season.		
Statewide	September 11, 2020 - October 21, 2020 October 25, 2020 (Sunday counties only) October 26, 2020 - November 27, 2020 December 14, 2020 - December 18, 2020 January 3, 2021 (Sunday counties only) January 4, 2021 - January 7, 2021 January 11, 2021 - January 13, 2021 January 17, 2021 (Sunday counties only) January 18, 2021 - January 30, 2021	3 deer Not more than 1 antlered.

	<p>February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §E of this regulation)</p> <p>September 10, 2021 - October 20, 2021</p> <p>October 24, 2021 (Sunday counties only)</p> <p>October 25, 2021 - November 26, 2021</p> <p>December 13, 2021 - December 17, 2021</p> <p>January 2, 2022 (Sunday counties only)</p> <p>January 3, 2022 - January 6, 2022</p> <p>January 10, 2022 - January 12, 2022</p> <p>January 16, 2022 (Sunday counties only)</p> <p>January 17, 2022 - January 31, 2022</p> <p>February 1, 2022 - February 3, 2022 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §E of this regulation)</p>	
B. Muzzleloader Season.		
(1) Region B as defined in §08.03.03.06A.		
Antlerless	<p>October 26, 2020 - October 31, 2020</p> <p>February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §E of this regulation)</p> <p>October 25, 2021 - October 30, 2021</p> <p>February 1, 2022 - February 3, 2022 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §E of this regulation)</p>	
(2) Statewide.		
Antlered or antlerless	<p>October 22, 2020 - October 24, 2020</p> <p>December 19, 2020 – January 2, 2021</p> <p>February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §E of this regulation)</p> <p>October 21, 2021 - October 23, 2021</p> <p>December 18, 2021 - January 1, 2022</p> <p>February 1, 2022 - February 3, 2022 (use of primitive weapons only subject to §E of this regulation)</p>	3 deer Not more than 1 antlered.
C. Firearms Season.		
Statewide	<p>November 28, 2020 - December 12, 2020</p> <p>January 8, 2021 – January 9, 2021</p> <p>January 10, 2021 (Sunday counties only)</p> <p>November 27, 2021 - December 11, 2021</p> <p>January 7, 2022 – January 8, 2022</p> <p>January 9, 2022 (Sunday counties only)</p>	3 deer Not more than 1 antlered.
D. Junior Deer Hunt.		
Statewide	<p>November 14, 2020</p> <p>November 15, 2020 (Sunday counties only)</p> <p>November 13, 2021</p> <p>November 14, 2021 (Sunday counties only)</p>	1 antlered or 1 antlerless

E. Use of primitive weapons during the February dates:
(1) A hunter may only use a primitive weapon as defined in COMAR 08.03.01.01B(29) and in accordance with COMAR 08.03.04.05I.
(2) Hunters may not harvest more than one antlered deer per day within the prescribed bag limit.

(3) A deer taken with a primitive weapon shall count towards the respective bow or muzzle loader season's bag limits, except in Region A as defined in §08.03.03.06A one additional antlerless deer may be taken.