

**CERTIFICATION OF PEREMPTORY RULES  
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The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
(Name of Agency, Commission, Board, or Department)

certifies that the attached hereto is a true and correct copy of:

Rule No. and Title: 220-2-.125 Special Hunting Seasons For Certain Forever  
Wild And State Lands Division Lands

which was duly amended by peremptory rule making

On this: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12, 9-11-235,  
9-11-240.

Dated this: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

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**Special Hunting Seasons For Certain Forever Wild  
And State Lands Division Lands.**

(1) The following special hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established for the following Forever Wild and State Lands Division lands:

**Lillian Swamp Complex** - Lillian Swamp South, Caney Bayou, and Lillian Swamp West tracts, Baldwin County;

**Pike County Pocosin Complex**, Pike County Pocosin and the Sellers addition, Pike County;

**Sipsey River Complex** - North and South Zones, Sipsey Sullivan, Sipsey Randolph, and Sipsey Robertson tracts, Pruet, TH Robertson, Springer and Sipsey River Swamp 2012, Tuscaloosa County;

**Splinter Hill Bog Complex** - Splinter Hill Bog Ben May, Splinter Hill Bog International Paper Addition, and Splinter Hill Bog Ben May Charitable Trust tracts, Baldwin County; and

**Old Cahawba Prairie, Complex** - East and West Zone, Old Cahawba Prairie Tract, Dallas County.

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rules 220-2-.01, 220-2-.77, and 220-2-.29 as they apply to said lands and to "Open Permit-Public Land" in the particular portions of the counties in which the tracts are located, shall apply except as otherwise provided herein:

1. Hunting of waterfowl shall be restricted to thirty (30) minutes prior to sunrise until 12 noon during the state waterfowl seasons.

2. ~~Hunting of feral swine (wild hogs) shall be~~ Feral Swine - No closed season. No bag limit (no dog hunting allowed). Legal weapons limited to October 1 through May 31 for Pike County Pocosin Complex in Pike County, Splinter Hill Bog Complex in Baldwin County, Lillian Swamp Complex in Baldwin County, Sipsey River Complex in Tuscaloosa County, and Old Cahawba Prairie Tract in Dallas County, (no bag limit). those allowed during otherwise listed open season on area. Outside of any listed open season on area, legal weapons shall follow 220-2-.02(6).

3. Deer hunting shall be limited to shotgun with slugs, muzzle-loading rifles, muzzle-loading handguns, muzzle-

loading shotguns, pre-charged pneumatic arrow shooting rifles using an arrow equipped with a broadhead which has a minimum cutting diameter of 7/8" and 2 sharpened edges, pre-charged pneumatic air-powered guns .30 caliber or larger, bow and arrow, or crossbow. Muzzleloading rifles and handguns to be .40 caliber or larger, shotguns to use single round balls only. ~~Firearms must be incapable of holding more than one charge for each barrel.~~

4. No centerfire rifles or buckshot shall be allowed for any type of hunting; other than feral swine during otherwise listed closed seasons on area.

5. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs);

6. Special muzzleloader season for Deer: By muzzleloader only - Stalk hunting only (no dogs). During the special muzzleloader deer season, two (2) deer per day only one (1) of which may be an antlered buck (see 9.) and only one (1) may be an unantlered deer (except spotted fawns), is permitted November ~~18~~0 to November ~~22~~14.

7. Turkey hunting ~~shall be legal~~ on Old Cahawba Prairie complex (East and West Zones) shall be as follows: (Thursday-Sunday) April 2 through May 3 from daylight until 1:00 ~~pm~~.p.m. No decoys allowed.

8. ~~Hunting~~ Deer and Small Game hunting on Old Cahawba Prairie Complex shall be as follows: (East Zone, Thursday - Sunday) and (West Zone, open daily) during open public hunting seasons.

9. Old Cahawba Prairie Complex (East and West Zones) Deer: antlered bucks must have at least (3) antler points (1" or longer) on at least one main beam to be legal for harvest.

10. Old Cahawba Prairie Complex East Zone - Deer hunting limited to archery only.

11. It shall be illegal for any unauthorized person to possess or use any game camera/device capable of monitoring remotely and/or capable of automatically transmitting photos and/or videos from March 1- May 31 without first obtaining written permission from the Alabama State Lands Division.

12. It shall be illegal for any unauthorized person launch, land, possess, or use any unmanned aerial vehicle

(UAV)/drone without first obtaining written permission from the Alabama State Lands Division.

(2) The following special hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established for the following Forever Wild lands:

**Coon Creek Tract**, Tallapoosa County;

**Indian Mountain Complex** - Indian Mountain, Indian Mountain Garner, and Simmons addition, Cherokee County; **Shoal Creek Preserve Tract**, and Lauderdale County; ~~and **Old Cahawba Prairie Complex** - East Zone, Dallas County:.~~

~~(a)~~The hunting seasons are established in Rules 220-2-.01, and 220-2-.77 as they apply to said lands and to "Open Permit-Public Land" in the particular portions of the counties in which the tracts are located, shall apply except as otherwise provided herein:

1. ~~Hunting of feral swine (wild hogs) shall be~~Feral Swine - No closed season, no bag limit (no dog hunting allowed). Legal weapons limited to ~~October 1 through April 3~~those allowed during otherwise listed open season on area. Outside of any listed open season on area, legal weapons shall follow 220-2-.0~~(no bag limit).~~2(6).

2. Deer hunting shall be limited to bow and arrow, or crossbow.

3. No firearms permitted except for shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.

**Note:** This prohibition shall not apply to the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized person for their personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.

4. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs).

5. ~~No trapping shall be allowed.~~

~~Turkey hunting shall be legal on the Old Cahawba Prairie Complex - East Zone in Dallas County from daylight until 1:00pm~~Trapping is allowed in accordance with State season and regulations.

6. It shall be illegal for any unauthorized person to possess or use any game camera/device capable of monitoring remotely and/or capable of automatically transmitting photos and/or videos from March 1- May 31 without first obtaining written permission from the Alabama State Lands Division.

~~7. Rimfire rifles shall be legal on the Old Cahawba Prairie Complex -- East Zone in Dallas County for hunting small game.~~  
It shall be illegal for any unauthorized person to launch, land, possess, or use any unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)/drone without first obtaining written permission from the Alabama State Lands Division.

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