

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section §42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement for the below identified regulation, which was subject to a public hearing on May 6, 2021.

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Fish and Wildlife

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-60-00-9

RULE TITLE: Hunting and Trapping Regulations for the 2021 – 2022 and 2023 – 2024 Seasons

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of this filing is to govern the recreational hunting season dates, bag limits, regulations the manner of hunting, etc.

1. 9.7 - date changes to the Deer hunting seasons
2. 9.7(H) - Tagging Requirements for hunters
3. 9.7(I)(1) – Reducing the amount of days during muzzleloader season to check deer in
4. 9.7(K) – elimination of packages available for the All Outdoors Deer Permit Packages
5. 9.7.1(A)&(B) – Clarification language to bag limits
6. 9.7.4(A) – Clarification language to muzzleloader shot
7. 9.11(D)(2) – Limit the number of hens available for take
8. 9.12(9)(a)&(b) - updated season dates for 2021 – 2022 and 2022 - 2023 for pheasants
9. 9.12(E)(3)&(4) – permit clarification language
10. 9.12(E)(3)(b)(4) – additional game birds added to the list
11. 9.12(E)(3)(c) – New Section in regard to propagation permits
12. 9.12(G)(4) – removal of old language and clarification language
13. Additional language added to include the word inclusive throughout season dates
14. 9.15(A) – safety language added for hunters hunting reptiles and amphibians in RI
15. 9.15(C)(5) – removal of language
16. 9.15(C)(6) – Additional language for the take of reptiles
17. 9.15(D)(3) – removal of language
18. 9.15(E) – updating to scientific names of prohibited reptiles and amphibians
19. 9.16(G)(1) – Bringing over language from Park and Management Rules and Regulations so they read the same.
20. 9.16(H) – updated regulations in regard to quartering deer in the field.
21. 9.16(S) – new management Area closed for hunting

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS (for not adopting a proposed rule): N/A.

CHANGES TO TEXT (between proposed and final rule):

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: N/A