

## 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):** The only change made between proposed and final was to remove Section 9.12(E)(3)(c) due to public comment and the Department will continue to evaluate implementation of this regulation pending further investigation and public coordination.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:** N/A