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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control No. 220 Department or Agency Conservation and Natural Resources

Rule No.: 220-2-.146

Rule Title: **Antlered Buck and Turkey Harvest Record**

New  Amend  Repeal (of Existing Rule)  Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the rule? N/A

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

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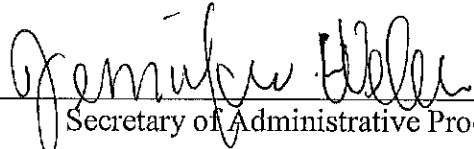
Does the proposed rule have any economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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**Certification of Authorized Official**

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975 and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Alabama Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of Certifying Officer   
Secretary of Administrative Procedure

Date 4-19-16

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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
RULE NO. & TITLE: 220-2-.146 Antlered Buck and Turkey Harvest Record  
INTENDED ACTION: Amendment.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To provide for a certain game check system, deer and turkey harvest record and reporting requirement.

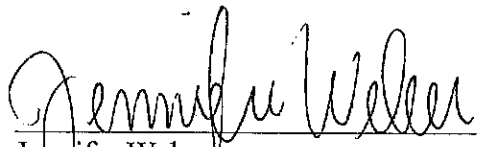
TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries at any time during the period stated below, or orally if requested in writing 48 hours in advance to the Director of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, by personally appearing at Room 474, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 3, 2016.

If ADA accommodations are needed, please contact Daisy Perry at (334) 242-3165 or [daisy.perry@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:daisy.perry@dcnr.alabama.gov). Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least seven days prior to the date of a personal appearance to present views regarding the proposed rules.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

June 3, 2016.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Chuck Sykes, Director, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, 5th Floor, 64 N. Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130, 334-242-3465.

  
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Secretary of Administrative Procedure

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220-2-.146 Antlered Buck Game Check System - Deer and Turkey Harvest Record and Reporting Requirement

- (1) For the purpose of ~~paragraph (2)~~ of this regulation, :
- a. "Deer" shall be defined as a white-tailed deer.
  - b. "a Antlered Buck Deer" shall be defined as a ~~male whitetail~~ white-tailed deer with antlers visible above the natural hairline,.
  - c. "Unantlered Deer" shall be defined as an ~~unantlered~~ all other white-tailed deer.

(2) DEER AND TURKEY HARVEST RECORD FORM :

- (a) Any person hunting deer or turkey, whether required to be licensed or not, shall maintain and have in his/her possession either:
- i. ~~an "Antlered Buck A "Deer and Turkey Harvest Record"~~ which shall be in substantially the following form and contain the same information:

<p><b>RECORD BEFORE FIELD DRESSING OR MOVING CARCASS DEER AND TURKEY HARVEST RECORD</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>License No. (if applicable) _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Antlered Buck Harvest Record</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>One of the three must have 4 pts, 1" or longer on one side</u></p> <p>Antlered-Buck _____ / _____ / _____ (date of harvest) Points: Right _____ Left _____</p> <p>Antlered-Buck _____ / _____ / _____ (date of harvest) Points: Right _____ Left _____</p> <p>Antlered-Buck _____ / _____ / _____ (date of harvest) Points: Right _____ Left _____</p> <p>Note: For Barbour County minimum of 3 points, 1 inch or longer, on one antler for all antlered bucks. Further restrictions apply on certain management areas. See Wildlife Management Area information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Turkey Harvest Record</u></p> <p>_____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____</p> <p>(-date of harvest) (date of harvest) (date of harvest) (date of harvest) (date of harvest)</p>
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## HARVEST RECORD

NAME: _____			<b>UNANTLERED DEER</b>		
LICENSE NO. (IF APPLICABLE): _____					
<u>ANTLERED DEER</u> — One of the three must have 4 pts, 1" or longer on one side			<u>USE BACK OR ATTACH HANDWRITTEN VERSION TO RECORD ADDITIONAL UNANTLERED DEER.</u>		
<u>Harvest Date</u>	<u>Points</u>		<b>2016-2017</b>		
___/___/___	R: _____	L: _____	<u>Harvest Date</u>		
___/___/___	R: _____	L: _____	___/___/___		
___/___/___	R: _____	L: _____	___/___/___		
<b>NOTE:</b> For Barbour County – minimum of 3 points, 1" or longer, on one antler for all antlered deer. Further restrictions apply on certain management areas. See Wildlife Management Area Information.			___/___/___		
			___/___/___		
<b>TURKEY</b>					
<u>Harvest Date</u>	___/___/___	___/___/___	___/___/___	___/___/___	___/___/___
<u>Confirmation #</u>					

- ii. The State of Alabama, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("DCNR") approved App on a hand-held device capable of recording the harvest in the Game Check System as set forth in paragraph (3).

**NOTE:** Harvest Record must be in possession when hunting. See paragraph 2(a).  
Hunter must record before field dressing or moving carcass. See paragraph 2(b).  
Hunter must obtain confirmation number within 48 hours. See paragraph 3.

~~— (3) Hunting license holders whose licenses have a harvest record form on their licenses shall be required to utilize the harvest record form located on their licenses. All other persons shall utilize a form substantially identical to the form shown in paragraph (2) above.~~

~~(b) (4) All antlered bucks, deer or turkey harvested shall be recorded completely on either the harvest record form as identified in paragraph (2)(a) above or the DCNR approved App by the hunter harvesting the antlered buck deer or turkey, before the antlered buck deer or turkey is moved or field dressed; provided however, that confirmation numbers for each deer or turkey harvested shall be obtained by following the procedures set forth in paragraph (3) hereof, and shall be entered on the harvest record within forty-eight (48) hours of harvest.~~

~~(c) (5) Any person who harvests an antlered buck, deer or turkey, shall have in their possession either the completed harvest record of that antlered buck deer or turkey form as identified in paragraph (2)(a) above or the DCNR approved App until it is processed and stored in a cooler or freezer at one's residence or delivered to a commercial processing plant; provided however, that confirmation numbers for each deer or turkey harvested shall be obtained by following the procedures set forth in paragraph (3) hereof, and shall be entered on the harvest record form within forty-eight (48) hours of harvest. In addition, any other person who is in possession of an antlered buck deer or turkey not~~

harvested by that person shall have in their possession written documentation including the name, address, license number (if applicable), telephone number, date of harvest and signature of the person who harvested the ~~antlered-buck~~ deer or turkey; until it is processed and stored in a cooler or freezer at one's residence or delivered to a commercial processing plant.

~~(6) It shall be a violation of this regulation to obtain, possess, or utilize duplicate harvest record forms, or to provide false information on harvest record forms, for the purpose of avoiding the requirements of this regulation.~~

### (3) DEER AND TURKEY HARVEST REPORTING REQUIREMENT:

(a) All hunters shall report to the DCNR, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, their harvest of each and every deer or turkey within forty-eight (48) hours of harvest, by using one of the following methods, as further described herein: (1) the DCNR "Game Check" reporting site at [www.OutdoorAlabama.com/Gamecheck](http://www.OutdoorAlabama.com/Gamecheck); (2) the *OutdoorAlabama* App on a hand-held device; or (3) the DCNR approved Toll-Free Number.

(b) Online reporting shall be done by: (1) accessing the web site stated above; (2) using the *OutdoorAlabama* App on a hand-held device; or (3) by any other means of accessing the DCNR "Game Check" reporting site on the internet.

On the Deer Harvest Reporting page, the hunter shall be required to provide: (1) his or her 16-digit hunting license number or lifetime license number or other authorized identification number; (2) whether the deer is an "antlered deer" or an "unantlered deer;" (3) whether the harvest location is public or private land; (4) the date of the harvest; and (5) the county of harvest.

On the Turkey Harvest Reporting page, the hunter shall be required to provide: (1) his or her 16-digit hunting license number or lifetime license number or other authorized identification number; (2) the turkey's age (whether a jake or adult); (3) whether the harvest location is public or private land; (4) the date of the harvest; and (5) the county of harvest.

A confirmation number shall be provided which shall be entered in the appropriate corresponding space on the harvest record form within forty-eight (48) hours of harvest or the DCNR approved App. Once data is submitted and a confirmation number provided, the data cannot be changed.

(c) Hunters may use a Toll-Free Voice Response Call by calling the DCNR approved toll-free number from a touchtone phone. The phone number will be provided on the DCNR website.

For deer harvest, the hunter, using the phone keypad, shall provide: (1) his or her 16-digit hunting license number or lifetime license number or other authorized identification number; (2) whether the deer is an "antlered deer" or an "unantlered deer;" (3) whether the harvest location is public or private land; (4) the date of the harvest; and (5) the county of harvest.

For turkey harvest, the hunter, using the phone keypad, shall provide: (1) his or her 16-digit hunting license number or lifetime license number or other authorized identification number; (2) the turkey's age (whether a jake or adult); (3) whether the harvest location is public or private land; (4) the date of the harvest; and (5) the county of harvest.

A confirmation number shall be provided at the end of the call, which shall be entered in the appropriate corresponding space on the harvest record form within forty-eight (48) hours of harvest. Once data is submitted and a confirmation number provided, the data cannot be changed.

(4) It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to fail to comply with the requirements of this regulation. Further, it shall be a violation of this regulation to present an incomplete deer and turkey harvest record for inspection, or to intentionally enter false information into the deer and turkey harvest record form provided for in paragraph (2) hereof or into the deer and turkey harvest reporting database provided for in paragraph (3) hereof.

**Statutory Authority:** §§ 9-2-7, 9-2-8, and 9-2-12,  
Code of Alabama 1975

**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

10/12/2007; 10/15/2009.