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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-.126 Public Shooting Range Regulation**

Rule Title: Public Shooting Range Regulation

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

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.

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 August 22, 2011

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: (1) 220-2-.151 Archery Range Regulation; (2) 220-2-.126 Public Shooting Range Regulation; (3) 220-2-.22 Wildlife Management Areas and Sanctuaries Established; (4) 220-2-.35 Daily Creel Limits, Possession Limits, and Size Limits; (5) 220-2-.110 Establishment of Physically Disabled Hunting Areas; (6) 220-2-.11 Prohibited Methods and Devices for Hunting.

INTENDED ACTION: (1)-(2), (4)-(6):Amendments. (3):New and repeal.


SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: (1)220-2-.151-To further regulate conduct at certain archery ranges and parks; to add names of additional archery parks; to further provide for the use of bows and arrows; and to provide for additional posted restrictions; (2)220-2-.126-To further regulate conduct at certain public shooting ranges; and to provide for additional posted restrictions; (3)220-2-.22-To further provide for the names, boundary lines, and maps of certain wildlife management areas, refuges, and a sanctuary; to also list certain Federal refuges in Alabama; and to repeal existing rule; (4)220-2-.35- To further provide for the creel, possession and size limits for certain fish; and to restrict the taking of, and to require the release of certain, species on certain areas; (5)220-2-.110-To further provide for and establish certain physically disabled hunting areas; to revise maps; to rename a certain area; and to add an additional area and map; (6)220-2-.11-To further provide for prohibited methods and devices for hunting; and to provide for a certain exception for certain range finders on bows.

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 advance by personally appearing at Room 469, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 6, 2011.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Thursday, October 6, 2011.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: M. N. "Corky" Pugh, Director, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, 5th Floor, 64 N. Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130.


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220-2-.126 Public Shooting Range Regulation

(1) It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms on the Etowah Public Shooting Range, the Marengo Public Shooting Range, or on any other Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries public shooting range existing now or in the future, except in accordance with the following rules. All range users shall abide by the listed rules. Permits for the excepted uses will be issued by the Hunter Education Coordinator or his designee. The range may be closed as necessary.

- (a) Range is open during daylight hours only, except by permit.
- (b) No alcoholic beverages allowed.
- (c) Any legal firearm and ammunition (except armor-piercing or tracer by permit only) may be used on target range.
- (d) Keep all firearms unloaded and muzzles pointed in a safe direction when not firing. Action on uncased guns shall be open when not on the firing line.
- (e) All persons are to remain behind the shooting line while firing is taking place. No firing shall be allowed while anyone is down range.
- (f) All firearms [except as noted below in (g).] shall only be fired from designated stations on the concrete shooting line into the embankment at stationary paper targets. The targets must be placed so that shots will impact the embankment no higher than 5' above ground level. Only one person may shoot from each designated location at any given time.
- (g) Shotguns with no. 4 shot or smaller may be fired at moving clay targets on designated clay target areas only.
- (h) All used targets, brass, shotgun hulls, and other trash shall be placed in a garbage can, or removed from the public shooting range.
- (i) It shall be unlawful to ~~To~~ violate any posted restriction.
- (j) **INFORMATIONAL NOTE:** All Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age using a public shooting range are required to have a valid state hunting license (issued pursuant to Sections 9-11-44 through 49, inclusive), a valid state wildlife management area license, or a valid wildlife heritage license. All non-residents 16 through 64 years of age using a public shooting range are required to have a valid state hunting license (issued pursuant to Sections 9-11-44 through 49, inclusive) or a valid state wildlife management area license. See Sections 9-11-45 and 9-11-71, Code of Alabama 1975 and Act 2007-418.

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

PENALTY: As provided by law.

9/28/2002; 4/21/2009; 10/15/2009;