TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. 220 Department or Agency Conservation and Natural Resources Rule No.: 220-2-.151 Archery Range Regulation

New x_AmendRepeal (of Existing Rule)Adopt by Reference	
Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm	
or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?	<u>YES</u>
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
	<u>NO</u>
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?	<u>NO</u>
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?	
	<u>YES</u>

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 fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 19 Certification of Authoris 1 OCC 11	
Certification of Authorized Official	*
I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirement Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975 and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirement the Alabama Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.	ents of ments of
Signature of Certifying Officer	
Date	

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-.35 Daily Creel Limits, Possession Limits and Size Limits; (2) 220-2-.73 The Alabama Cooperative Deer Management Assistance Program; (3) 220-2-.55 Wildlife Management Areas, Community Hunting Areas, Public Hunting Areas, and Refuges of Alabama; (4) 220-2-.151 Archery Range Regulation; (5) 220-2-.29 Open Trapping Seasons on Fur-Bearers; (6) 220-2-.143 Alligator Hunting Season and Regulations; (7) 220-2-.02 Legal Arms, Ammunition, and Methods for Hunting.

INTENDED ACTION: Amendments.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: (1)220-2-.35 -To further provide for and regulate the daily creel limits, possession limits and size limits for certain fish; to further provide for certain creel and size limits; to prohibit certain cullings; (2)220-2-.73 -To further provide for and regulate the Alabama Cooperative Deer Management Assistance Program; to require certain minimum number of contiguous acres; and to delete certain provisions relating to certain fees; (3) 220-2-.55-To further provide for and regulate conduct at such areas; to further provide for certain youth hunting, use of certain firearms, transportation of certain turkey, wearing of hunter orange, waterfowl hunting, and to further specify the areas to which certain provision apply; (4)220-2-.151- To further provide for and regulate certain archery ranges; to specify certain additional archery parks; and to further provide for certain requirements to use the archery ranges; (5)220-2-.29 -To further provide for and regulate trapping seasons and methods; to set the season and to delete certain provisions relating to trapping of certain woodchuck (groundhog); (6)220-2-.143 -To further provide for and regulate alligator hunting season and methods; to set the season and to provide for an application process, training requirements, and certain check station requirements, reporting and tagging; (7) 220-2-.02 To further provide for and regulate legal arms, ammunition, and equipment for hunting, including, but not limited to, certain hunting for deer, turkey, migratory birds, bobcat, groundhog, unprotected wildlife, fox, coyote, feral swine, and falconry; and to amend the title of the rule.

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., Monday, August 6, 2012.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Monday, August 6, 2012.

242-3465.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Fred Harders, Acting Director, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, 5th Floor, 64 N. Unjon Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130, (334)

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220-2-.151 Archery Range Regulation

- (1) It shall be unlawful to shoot any type of bow or crossbow on the Athens Community Archery Park, the Cullman Community Archery Park, Decatur Community Archery Park, Demopolis Community Archery Park, Dothan Community Archery Park, Heflin Community Archery Park, Lincoln Community Archery Park, Ozark Community Archery Park, Tuscaloosa Community Archery Park, or any other archery range operated now or in the future by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, except in accordance with the following rules. All range users shall abide by the posted rules. Permits for excepted uses will be issued by the Hunter Education Coordinator or his designee. The range may be closed as necessary.
 - (a) The range is open during daylight hours only, except by permit.
 - (b) No alcoholic beverages allowed.
 - (c) Arrows may only be nocked onto the bowstring when standing on the shooting line preparing to shoot.
 - (d) Shooting allowed only from the shooting line and only into the designated targets.
 - (e) Shooters are allowed to bring and shoot at a paper face placed on an existing target as long as it is removed from the range once an individual has finished shooting. Personal targets are not allowed on range, except by permit.
 - (f) Bows must be hung on the bowhanger behind the shooting line when waiting to shoot or while archers are down range retrieving arrows. No shooting shall be allowed while anyone is down range.
 - (g) All persons are to remain behind the shooting line while shooting is taking place.
 - (h) Arrows from bows of 30 pound draw weight or more may only be shot into the targets on the adult range. Arrows from bows less than 30 pound draw weight may be shot into targets on the youth or adult range.
 - (i) Only arrows with field or target points may be used or possessed on range. No broadheads may be possessed on the range, except by permit.
 - (j) All individuals standing on or utilizing the elevated platform must wear a full body harness, including shoulder and leg straps, and attach themselves to the appropriate safety cable carabineer.
 - (k) All used paper target faces and other trash shall be placed in a trash receptacle or removed from the range.
 - (l) Use of Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries archery ranges is limited to the following persons: All Alabama residents 16 through 64 years of age are required to have a valid state hunting license, a valid state wildlife management area license, or a valid wildlife heritage license to use the range. All non-residents 16 through 64 years of age and over are required to have a valid state hunting license or a valid state wildlife management area license to use the range.
 - (m) Bows will only be drawn in such a manner as to prevent accidental or intentional loss of an arrow from range property. Arrows will only be released into designated targets.
 - (n) It shall be unlawful to violate any posted restriction.

(2) The penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this regulation shall be as provided by law.

Statutory Authority:

§§ 9-2-7, 9-2-8, and 9-2-12

Code of Alabama 1975

PENALTY: As provided by law. 4/21/2009; 10/15/2009; 11/17/2011;