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-.02 Legal Arms, Ammunition, and Methods for Hunting; (2) 220-2-.10 The Possession of Firearms by Bow Hunters Prohibited; (3) 220-2-.21 Possession of Firearms or Bow and Arrow in Any Wildlife Management Area, Refuge or Sanctuary Prohibited; (4) 220-2-.55 Wildlife Management Areas, Community Hunting Areas, Public Hunting Areas, and Refuges of Alabama; (5) 220-2-.142 Turtle Catcher/Dealer/Farmer Regulation

INTENDED ACTION: Amendments.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: (1) 220-2-.02 - To further provide for and regulate the legal arms, ammunition and methods for hunting; and to provide for a certain exception provided for in 220-2-.03 relating to bows; (2) 220-2-.10 - To further provide for and regulate the possession of firearms by bow hunters; and to provide for a certain exception; (3) 220-2-.21 To further provide for and regulate the possession of firearms or bow and arrow in state sanctuaries; to delete certain reference to wildlife management areas; and to delete certain language; (4) 220-2-.55 - To further provide for and regulate certain conduct and activities on wildlife management areas, community hunting areas, public hunting areas, and refuges of Alabama; to further provide for certain possession of handguns for personal protection; to further provide for use of handguns for hunting squirrel, crow, and rabbit; to further provide for and regulate the possession of firearms while hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow; and to further provide for and regulate certain waterfowl hunting; (5) 220-2-.142 - To further provide for and regulate certain activities relating to certain turtles in Alabama; to further define "Turtle Farmer" and "Turtle Dealer" and delete the term "Turtle Catcher"; to prohibit certain taking, sale, or possession of turtles or turtle eggs; to provide for certain removal of turtles; to provide for certain taking of turtles; to further provide for certain permitting of turtle farmers and turtle dealers; to delete certain provisions; to prohibit certain importation of turtle species; to require certain turtle farmer reports; and to further regulate and provide for possession of certain box turtles.

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, May 7, 2012.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Monday, May 7, 2012.

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

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