301 KAR 2:178

Deer hunting on Wildlife Management Areas, state parks, other public lands, and federally controlled areas

This regulation establishes the deer hunting seasons, limits, and equipment restrictions under which deer may be taken on wildlife management areas, state parks, and other lands controlled by state or federal government agencies.

Significant Changes

This amendment establishes firearm deer hunting opportunity on two Wildlife Management Areas (and expands it on six others), creates archery and crossbow opportunity on some newly-added property at Dewey Lake Wildlife Management Area, enables the use of crossbows for deer hunting on the Higginson-Henry Wildlife Management Area, incentivizes the take of female deer on two additional Wildlife Management Areas, reduces the number of firearm quota deer hunts from two to one at the Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, and adjusts for calendar shifts for the December Yatesville Lake State Park Open hunt (and January Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Mobility-impaired hunt) and the January Taylorsville Lake Wildlife Management Area Quota Deer Hunts.

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4 301 KAR 2:178. Deer hunting on Wildlife Management Areas, state parks, other public lands,

5 and federally controlled areas.

6 RELATES TO: KRS 150.010, 150.170, 150.340, 150.370(1), 150.990

7 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 148.029(5), 150.025(1), 150.390(1), 150.620

8 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 148.029(5) authorizes the Department

9 of Parks, in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, to implement

10 wildlife management plans on state parks. KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to

11 promulgate administrative regulations to establish open seasons for the taking of wildlife, to

12 regulate bag limits, and to make these requirements apply to a limited area. KRS 150.390(1)

13 prohibits the taking of deer in any manner contrary to any provisions of KRS Chapter 150 or

14 Title 301 KAR. KRS 150.620 authorizes the department to promulgate administrative

15 regulations for the maintenance and operation of the lands it has acquired for public recreation.

16 This administrative regulation establishes deer hunting seasons, application procedures, and

17 other matters pertaining to deer hunting on Wildlife Management Areas, state parks, other public

18 lands, and federally controlled areas that differ from statewide requirements.

19 Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Bait" means a substance composed of grains, minerals, salt, fruits,

20 vegetables, hay, or any other food materials, whether natural or manufactured, that may lure,

21 entice, or attract wildlife.

1 (2) "Centerfire" means a type of firearm that detonates a cartridge by the firing pin striking a
2 primer in the middle of the end of the cartridge casing.
3 (3) "In-line muzzleloading gun" means a firearm:
4 (a) Capable of being loaded only from the discharging end of the barrel or cylinder; and
5 (b) That is equipped with an enclosed ignition system located directly behind the powder charge.
6 (4) "Mobility-impaired" means an individual who meets the requirements of 301 KAR 3:026,
7 Section 2(1).
8 (5) "Modern firearm season" means the ten (10) or sixteen (16) consecutive day period beginning
9 the second Saturday in November when breech-loading firearms may be used to take deer
10 pursuant to 301 KAR 2:172.
11 (6) "Quota hunt" means a hunt in which a participant is selected by a random drawing.
12 (7) "Statewide requirements" mean the season dates, zone descriptions, and other requirements
13 for deer hunting established in 301 KAR 2:172.
14 (8) "Wildlife management area" or "WMA" means a tract of land:
15 (a) Controlled by the department through ownership, lease, license, or cooperative agreement;
16 and
17 (b) That has "Wildlife Management Area" or "WMA" as part of its official name.
18 (9) "Youth" means a person under the age of sixteen (16) by the date of the hunt.
19 Section 2. General WMA Requirements. (1) Unless established in this administrative regulation,
20 statewide requirements shall apply.
21 (2) A hunter shall not take more than one (1) deer per day on a WMA in Zones 2, 3, or 4, except:
22 (a) During a quota hunt; or
23 (b) The Grayson Lake WMA open youth deer hunt.

1 (3) Except as established in Section 6 of this administrative regulation, if a WMA is in two (2) or
2 more deer hunting zones as established in 301 KAR 2:172, then the WMA shall be regulated by
3 the most liberal zone requirements of the zones in which it lies.
4 (4) Deer hunting on WMAs listed in Section 6 of this administrative regulation shall be
5 permitted only as established, except archery hunting shall be allowed pursuant to the statewide
6 archery requirements established in 301 KAR 2:172, unless otherwise noted.
7 (5) An antlerless deer shall not count against a person's statewide or zone bag limit if harvested
8 during:
9 (a) The Grayson Lake WMA open youth hunt;
10 (b) West Kentucky WMA firearms hunts; or
11 (c) Any WMA either-sex quota hunt.
12 (6) An open firearm deer hunt, beginning on the Wednesday following the third Monday in
13 January for ten (10) consecutive days, shall:
14 (a) Be limited to members of the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard and
15 reserve component who:
16 1. Are residents of Kentucky or nonresidents stationed in Kentucky; and
17 2. Were deployed out-of-country during any portion of the most recent regular statewide deer
18 season;
19 (b) Only be on a WMA designated as open for this special hunt; and
20 (c) Be according to statewide requirements established in 301 KAR 2:172.
21 (7) On all WMAs and Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, a person:
22 (a) Attaching a tree stand or climbing a tree shall not use a:
23 1. Nail;

1 2. Spike;

2 3. Screw-in device;

3 4. Wire; or

4 5. Tree climber;

5 (b) May use a portable stand or climbing device that does not injure a tree;

6 (c) 1. Shall not place a portable stand in a tree more than two (2) weeks before opening day; and

7 2. Shall remove it within one (1) week following the last day of each hunting period;

8 (d) Shall plainly mark the portable stand with the hunter's name and address;

9 (e) Shall not use an existing permanent tree stand; and

10 (f) Shall not place, distribute, or hunt over bait.

11 (8) A person without a valid quota hunt confirmation number shall not enter a WMA during a

12 quota hunt on that area except:

13 (a) To travel through a WMA on an established road or to use an area designated open by a sign;

14 or

15 (b) One (1) assistant, who shall not be required to have applied for the quota hunt, may

16 accompany a mobility-impaired hunter who was drawn to hunt.

17 (9) Except for waterfowl or dove hunting, or legal hunting at night, a person who is hunting any

18 species or a person who is accompanying a hunter shall wear hunter orange clothing pursuant to

19 301 KAR 2:172 while:

20 (a) On a WMA while firearms deer hunting is allowed;

21 (b) Hunting within the sixteen (16) county elk zone when a firearms elk season is open, pursuant

22 to 301 KAR 2:132; or

23 (c) Hunting within the bear zone during a bear firearms season, pursuant to 301 KAR 2:300.

1 Section 3. General Quota Hunt Procedures. (1) A quota hunt applicant who is not selected and
2 applies to hunt the following year shall be given one (1) preference point for each year the
3 applicant was not selected.
4 (2) If selected for a quota hunt, a person shall lose all accumulated preference points.
5 (3) A random selection of hunters with preference points shall be made for each year's quota
6 hunts before those without preference points are chosen.
7 (4) A person shall forfeit all accumulated preference points if, in a given year, the person does
8 not apply for or is ineligible to apply for:
9 (a) A deer quota hunt; and
10 (b) The no-hunt option.
11 (5) A person who applies for the no-hunt option shall:
12 (a) Not be drawn for a quota hunt; and
13 (b) Be given one (1) preference point for each year the no-hunt option is selected.
14 (6) If applying as a party:
15 (a) Each applicant's preference points shall be independent of each other; and
16 (b) The entire party shall be selected if one (1) member of the party is selected.
17 (7) The commissioner may extend the application deadline if technical difficulties with the
18 automated application system prevent applications from being accepted for one (1) or more days
19 during the application period.
20 (8) A hunter may take up to two (2) deer on a quota hunt in Zones 2, 3, and 4, only one (1) of
21 which may be an antlered deer, except as authorized in Section 6 of this administrative
22 regulation.
23 (9) If a hunter has purchased the appropriate permits, a hunter may take unlimited antlerless deer

1 in:

2 (a) The West Kentucky WMA firearms season;

3 (b) WMA quota hunts in Zone 1; and

4 (c) State Park quota hunts in Zone 1, except as established in Section 7 of this administrative

5 regulation.

6 (10) One (1) person shall be drawn from the eligible quota hunt applicants who were not selected

7 in the original drawing, and shall receive one (1) deer permit that carries with it all the privileges

8 of the Special Commission Permit established in 301 KAR 3:100.

9 Section 4. Quota Hunt Application Process. A person applying for a quota hunt shall:

10 (1) Call the toll free number listed in the current fall hunting and trapping guide or apply online

11 at fw.ky.gov by completing the Quota Hunt Application: Deer Quota Hunt Form, between

12 September 1 and September 30;

13 (2) Enter each applicant's Social Security number;

14 (3) Select:

15 (a) A first and second choice of hunts; or

16 (b) The no-hunt option;

17 (4) Pay a three (3) dollar application fee for each applicant, prior to the draw by:

18 (a) Electronic funds transfer;

19 (b) Visa Card;

20 (c) Master Card; or

21 (d) Discover Card;

22 (5) Not apply more than one (1) time;

23 (6) Not apply as a group of more than five (5) persons; and

1 (7) Not be eligible to participate in a quota hunt unless:

2 (a) Selected pursuant to this administrative regulation; or

3 (b) Accompanying a mobility-impaired hunter.

4 Section 5. Quota Hunt Participant Requirements. Except as otherwise established in this

5 administrative regulation, a person selected to participate in a quota hunt shall:

6 (1) Possess, unless exempted pursuant to KRS 150.170:

7 (a) A valid annual Kentucky hunting license; and

8 (b) A deer permit that authorizes the taking of deer with the equipment being used and in

9 accordance with the zone restrictions where the hunt will occur;

10 (2) Hunt on the assigned dates and in assigned areas selected by a random drawing of applicants

11 if applicable;

12 (3) Comply with hunting equipment restrictions specified by the type of hunt;

13 (4) Check in at the designated check station prior to hunting:

14 (a) Either:

15 1. On the day before the hunt, between noon and 8 p.m. local time; or

16 2. On the day of the hunt, between 5:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern time; and

17 (b) With documentation of the participant's:

18 1. Social Security number or draw confirmation number; and

19 2. Purchase of a current license or permit which allows or includes statewide deer hunting

20 privileges;

21 (5) Check out at the designated check station:

22 (a) If finished hunting;

23 (b) If the hunter's bag limit is reached; or

1 (c) By 8 p.m. Eastern time on the final day of the hunt;

2 (6) Take a harvested deer to the designated check station by 8 p.m. Eastern time the day the deer

3 was harvested;

4 (7) Be declared ineligible to apply for the next year's drawing if the hunter fails to check out

5 properly; and

6 (8) Comply with all species quota hunt requirements or be ineligible to apply for any quota hunt

7 or no-hunt option for these species the following year.

8 Section 6. Wildlife Management Area Requirements. (1) Dr. Norman and Martha Adair WMA.

9 The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

10 (2) Ballard WMA.

11 (a) On the main tract, the quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning on the first

12 Saturday in November.

13 (b) On the main tract, the archery, crossbow, and youth firearm seasons shall be open pursuant to

14 statewide requirements through October 14, except that the two (2) mile driving loop marked by

15 signs shall be closed to all hunting;

16 (c) The crossbow, modern firearm, youth firearm, and muzzleloader seasons shall be open

17 pursuant to statewide requirements only on the 400 acre tract south of Sallie Crice Road.

18 (d) A hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread less than fifteen (15)

19 inches.

20 <u>(e) A quota hunt participant shall be given one (1) preference point for each female deer checked</u>

21 <u>in, up to a maximum of four (4) points.</u>

22 (3) Barren River WMA. The area shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements except that on

23 the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose, and Grass Islands, a person shall not hunt deer

1 with a modern firearm.

2 (4) Beaver Creek WMA.

3 (a) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in

4 November.

5 (b) The limit shall be one (1) antlered deer during the quota hunt.

6 (c) The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

7 (5) Big Rivers WMA.

8 (a) The crossbow and youth firearms seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements;

9 and

10 (b) There shall be a quota hunt for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in

11 November.

12 (6) Boatwright WMA. The area shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements, except that:

13 (a) On the Swan Lake Unit the archery and crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide

14 requirements through October 14; and

15 (b) The October youth deer season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

16 (7) Cedar Creek Lake WMA. The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide

17 requirements.

18 (8) Clay WMA.

19 (a) On the main tract, crossbow, [~~October~~] muzzleloader, and youth firearm seasons shall be

20 open pursuant to statewide requirements, except archery hunting shall be prohibited during the

21 quota fox hunting field trials as established in 301 KAR 2:049.

22 (b) The remainder of the WMA shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements for the archery,

23 crossbow, [~~October~~] muzzleloader, and youth seasons, except during the quota deer hunt.

(c) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in November.

(d) A quota hunt participant shall be given one (1) preference point for each female deer checked-in.

(e) Hunters drawn for the quota hunt may harvest up to four (4) deer, only one (1) of which may be antlered.

(9) Dewey Lake WMA.

(a) The crossbow and youth firearm seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

(b) The use of firearms shall be prohibited for deer hunting on the:

1. Western side of the lake north of the Terry Boat Ramp; and

2. Eastern side of the lake, north of the ridge that begins across the lake from the Terry Boat Ramp, and extends eastward to the WMA boundary [~~portion of the area extending southward from the dam to Shoreline Campground Number One, including all property from the WMA boundary downslope to the lake edge~~].

(c) A deer hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread less than fifteen (15) inches.

(d) There shall be a quota hunt for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in December.

(e) There shall be a one (1) deer limit during the quota hunt.

(10) Dix River WMA. The crossbow, youth firearm, and muzzleloader seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

(11) Fishtrap Lake WMA.

(a) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning on the Saturday before

1 Thanksgiving.

2 (b) The limit for the quota hunt shall be one (1) deer.

3 (c) The crossbow and youth firearm season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

4 (12) Grayson Lake WMA.

5 (a) An open youth hunt shall:

6 1. Be the first Saturday in November for two (2) consecutive days; and

7 2. Have a two (2) deer bag limit, only one (1) of which may be an antlered deer.

8 (b) A person who has not checked in shall not enter the Grayson Lake WMA during the open

9 youth hunt, except to:

10 1. Travel through the WMA on an established public road; or

11 2. Use an area designated as open by signs.

12 (c) The property of Camp Webb shall be open for a mobility-impaired deer hunting event during

13 the first weekend of October.

14 (d) The crossbow hunt shall be from the first Saturday in September through the third Monday in

15 January, except during the November open youth hunt.

16 (e) The statewide youth firearm season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

17 (13) Green River Lake WMA and Dennis-Gray WMA.

18 (a) The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

19 (b) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in

20 November.

21 (c) Fifteen (15) openings shall be reserved in the quota hunt for mobility-impaired persons.

22 (d) A deer hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread less than fifteen

23 (15) inches.

1 (e) The Green River Lake and Dennis-Gray WMAs shall be considered to be located in the
2 Eastern Time Zone.
3 (14) Griffith Woods WMA. The crossbow and youth firearms seasons shall be open pursuant to
4 statewide requirements.
5 (15) Higginson-Henry WMA.
6 (a) The youth firearm and crossbow deer seasons [~~season~~] shall be open pursuant to statewide
7 requirements.
8 (b) A hunter shall not take more than one (1) deer from the WMA per license year.
9 (16) J.C. Williams WMA. The crossbow and youth firearm seasons shall be open pursuant to
10 statewide requirements.
11 (17) Kentucky River WMA.
12 (a) The crossbow and youth firearm seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.
13 (b) There shall be a quota hunt for two (2) consecutive days beginning on the first Saturday in
14 November.
15 (18) Kleber WMA.
16 (a) The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements, except during a quota
17 hunt.
18 (b) The quota hunts shall be for:
19 1. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in November; and
20 2. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in December.
21 (c) The youth firearm season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.
22 (19) Knobs State Forest WMA. The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide
23 requirements.

1 (20) Lake Barkley WMA shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements except:

2 (a) The North Refuge shall be [~~is~~] closed from November 1 to February 15; and

3 (b) Duck Island shall be [~~is~~] closed from October 15 to March 15, except that it shall be open for

4 the October muzzleloader season, pursuant to statewide requirements.

5 (21) [~~Lewis County WMA.~~

6 ~~(a) The modern firearm and youth firearm seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide~~

7 ~~requirements, except the use of centerfire rifles and handguns shall be prohibited.~~

8 ~~(b) The crossbow and muzzleloader seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.~~

9 ~~(22)~~] Livingston County WMA. The crossbow, youth firearm, muzzleloader, and modern firearm

10 seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements, except a person shall not hunt deer

11 with a modern gun during the modern firearm deer season.

12 (22) [~~(23)~~] Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA. The crossbow and youth firearms seasons shall be open

13 pursuant to statewide requirements.

14 (23) [~~(24) Marion County WMA.~~

15 ~~(a) The crossbow, muzzleloader, and youth firearm seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide~~

16 ~~requirements.~~

17 ~~(b) There shall be a quota hunt for:~~

18 ~~1. Five (5) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in November; and~~

19 ~~2. Five (5) consecutive days beginning the Thursday following the second Saturday in~~

20 ~~November.~~

21 ~~(c) A quota hunt participant shall not be required to check in and out of the WMA, but shall~~

22 ~~telecheck or internet check harvested deer as established in 301 KAR 2:172.~~

23 ~~(25)~~] Mill Creek WMA.

1 (a) The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

2 (b) The quota hunt shall:

3 1. Be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in November; and

4 2. Have a one (1) deer bag limit.

5 (24) [~~(26)~~] Miller-Welch Central Kentucky WMA. The archery and crossbow seasons shall be

6 open pursuant to statewide requirements:

7 (a) On Monday through Thursday, from the first Saturday in September through December 17,

8 except during scheduled field trials as posted on the area bulletin board; and

9 (b) December 18 through the third Monday in January.

10 (25) [~~(27)~~] Mud Camp Creek WMA. The crossbow, youth firearm, and muzzleloader seasons

11 shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

12 (26) [~~(28)~~] Mullins WMA. The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide deer

13 requirements.

14 (27) [~~(29)~~] Ohio River Islands WMA, Stewart Island Unit.

15 (a) The muzzleloader season shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the third Saturday

16 in October.

17 (b) The archery season shall be from the first Saturday in September through October 14.

18 (c) The crossbow season shall be from October 1 through October 14.

19 (d) The October youth season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

20 (e) The remainder of the WMA shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

21 (28) [~~(30)~~] Paintsville Lake WMA.

22 (a) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in

23 November.

1 (b) The crossbow and youth firearm seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

2 (c) A person shall not use firearms for deer hunting on:

3 1. The area extending eastward from the drainage of Glade Branch, along the north edge of the

4 lake, to the No Hunting Area surrounding Rocky Knob Recreation Area and enclosing all

5 property from the WMA boundary downslope to the lake edge; and

6 2. The islands to the south and that portion of the area extending eastward along the south edge

7 of the lake from the drainage of Shoal Branch to the No Hunting Area surrounding the dam and

8 ranger station, and extending downslope to the edge of the lake.

9 (d) A deer hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread less than fifteen

10 (15) inches.

11 (29) [~~(31)~~] Peabody WMA.

12 (a) The crossbow, youth firearms, and muzzleloader seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide

13 requirements.

14 (b) The modern firearm season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements for ten (10)

15 consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in November.

16 (30) [~~(32)~~] Pennyrile State Forest-Tradewater WMA.

17 (a) The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

18 (b) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in

19 November.

20 (c) A deer hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread less than fifteen

21 (15) inches.

22 (31) [~~(33)~~] Pioneer Weapons WMA. Statewide requirements shall apply except that a person:

23 (a) Shall not use a modern firearm;

1 (b) Shall not use an in-line muzzleloading gun;

2 (c) Shall not use a scope;

3 (d) May use a crossbow during the entire archery season; and

4 (e) Shall use only open or iron sights on any weapon.

5 (32) [~~(34)~~] Redbird WMA.

6 (a) The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

7 (b) The modern firearm season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements for two (2)

8 consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in November.

9 (33) [~~(35)~~] Dr. James R. Rich WMA.

10 (a) The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements, except during a quota

11 hunt.

12 (b) The quota hunts shall be for:

13 1. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in November; and

14 2. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in December; and

15 (c) The youth firearm season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

16 (34) [~~(36)~~] Robinson Forest WMA.

17 (a) A person shall not hunt deer on the main block of Robinson Forest.

18 (b) The remainder of the WMA shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

19 (35) [~~(37)~~] Sinking Valley WMA. The crossbow and youth firearms seasons shall be open

20 pursuant to statewide requirements.

21 (36) [~~(38)~~] Sloughs WMA.

22 (a) On the Sauerheber Unit, the archery, crossbow, muzzleloader, and youth firearm seasons

23 shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements through October 31, except that the Crenshaw

1 and Duncan II Tracts shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements through the end of
2 modern firearm season.
3 (b) The remainder of the WMA shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.
4 (37) [~~(39)~~] South Shore WMA.
5 (a) The youth firearm, October muzzleloader, and modern firearm seasons shall be open pursuant
6 to statewide requirements through November 14, except that the use of centerfire rifles and
7 handguns shall be prohibited.
8 (b) The archery and crossbow seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements, except
9 the area shall be closed November 15 through January 15.
10 (38) [~~(40)~~] T.N. Sullivan WMA. The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide
11 requirements.
12 (39) [~~(41)~~] R.F. Tarter WMA. The crossbow, youth firearm, and muzzleloader seasons shall be
13 open pursuant to statewide requirements.
14 (40) [~~(42)~~] Taylorsville Lake WMA.
15 (a) There shall be a quota hunt for:
16 1. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in November for antlerless deer;
17 2. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in December; and
18 3. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the second [~~first~~] Saturday in January.
19 (b) Seven (7) openings shall be reserved in each quota hunt for mobility-impaired persons.
20 (c) The youth firearm season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.
21 (d) The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.
22 (e) A participant in the November antlerless-only quota hunt shall be given one (1) preference
23 point for each female deer checked in, up to four (4).

1 (41) [~~(43)~~] Twin Eagle WMA. The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide
2 requirements.
3 (42) [~~(44)~~] Paul Van Booven WMA. The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide
4 requirements.
5 (43) [~~(45)~~] Veteran's Memorial WMA.
6 (a) The crossbow and youth firearms seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.[~~;~~
7 ~~and~~]
8 (b) There shall be a quota hunt for:
9 1. two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in November; and
10 2. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in December for antlerless deer.
11 (c) A participant in the December antlerless-only quota hunt shall be given one (1) preference
12 point for each female deer checked in, up to a maximum of four (4) points.
13 (44) [~~(46)~~] West Kentucky WMA.
14 (a) All tracts shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements for the archery and crossbow
15 seasons, except that all tracts shall be closed to archery and crossbow hunting during department
16 administered quota and firearm deer hunts.
17 (b) Tracts 1-6 shall be open to shotgun and muzzleloader hunters participating in the quota and
18 open firearm deer hunts.
19 (c) Tract 7 and "A" Tracts shall not be open for department administered quota or firearm deer
20 hunts.
21 (d) The quota hunt shall be for five (5) consecutive days beginning the Saturday prior to
22 Thanksgiving.
23 (e) The firearms season shall:

1. Be for three (3) consecutive days beginning the Saturday preceding the third Monday in January;

2. [~~Be limited to the first 200 hunters;~~

~~3.~~] Require a hunter to check-in at a designated check station from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time on the day before the hunt or between 4:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Central Time on hunt days;

3. [~~4. Shall~~] require a hunter to check out at the designated check station:

a. When finished hunting; or

b. By 7 p.m. Central time on the final day of the hunt;

4. [~~5.~~] Have an unlimited bag limit, only one (1) of which may be an antlered deer; and

5. [~~6.~~] Require every person to check in during the firearms season, except for:

a. A person traveling on an established public road; or

b. A person in an area designated as open by signs.

(f) Firearm hunters shall not use centerfire rifles or handguns.

(g) All persons shall check in daily at the designated check-in locations before entering the "A" tracts.

(h) A deer hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread of less than fifteen (15) inches.

(i) A participant in the quota hunt or open firearms season shall:

1. Sign in for the hunting tract of his or her choice at check-in prior to each day's hunt; and

2. Except after noon, not hunt outside of that tract.

(45) ~~(47)~~ Yatesville WMA.

(a) The crossbow, youth firearm, and muzzleloader[~~, and modern firearm~~] seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements[~~, except a person shall not take antlerless deer with a firearm~~

1 ~~during the modern firearm deer season~~].

2 (b) The modern firearm season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements for ten (10)

3 consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in November.

4 (46) [~~(48)~~] Yellowbank WMA. The crossbow and youth firearm deer seasons shall be open

5 pursuant to statewide requirements.

6 Section 7. State Park Deer Seasons. (1) A state park may allow archery and crossbow hunting

7 from the first Saturday in September through the third Monday in January for antlered or

8 antlerless deer.

9 (2) A state park may allow up to sixteen (16) days of firearm hunting and up to eleven (11) days

10 of muzzleloader hunting from the first Saturday in September through the third Monday in

11 January for antlered or antlerless deer.

12 (3) A state park shall be open to deer hunting as established in this subsection and Section 8 of

13 this administrative regulation.

14 (a) Lake Barkley State Resort Park. Deer hunting shall be permitted on the first Tuesday of

15 January for two (2) consecutive days.

16 (b) Greenbo Lake State Resort Park. Deer hunting shall be permitted on the first Tuesday of

17 January for two (2) consecutive days.

18 (c) Green River Lake State Park.

19 1. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be permitted beginning the second Thursday of

20 December for four (4) consecutive days.

21 2. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be permitted beginning the third Thursday of

22 December for four (4) consecutive days.

23 3. A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with antlers having an outside spread less than

1 fifteen (15) inches.

2 (d) Yatesville Lake State Park. Muzzleloading firearm, archery, and crossbow deer hunting shall

3 be permitted pursuant to statewide deer requirements on the second [~~third~~] Monday of December

4 for three (3) consecutive days.

5 (e) Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

6 1. Deer hunting shall be permitted on the second [~~first~~] Saturday of January for two (2)

7 consecutive days.

8 2. The bag limit shall be two (2) deer, only one (1) of which may be antlered.

9 3. The hunt shall be open to the first fifteen (15) mobility-impaired persons who check in at the

10 park on the day before the hunt.

11 4. A person who participates in the hunt shall comply with the requirements established in 301

12 KAR 3:026.

13 5. A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with antlers having an outside spread less than

14 fifteen (15) inches.

15 Section 8. State Park Deer Hunt Requirements. (1) Except for the open hunts at Jenny Wiley

16 State Resort Park and Yatesville Lake State Park, a person shall not hunt on a state park unless:

17 (a) Selected by a random drawing as established in Section 3 of this administrative regulation;

18 (b) The person is a member of a successful applicant's hunting party; or

19 (c) The person was selected as part of a process administered by the Department of Parks,

20 pursuant to Section 7 of this administrative regulation.

21 (2) A person participating in a state park hunt, except for the quota hunts at Green River Lake

22 State Park and the Yatesville Lake State Park open deer hunt, shall:

23 (a) Check in and check out as required in Section 5 of this administrative regulation;

1 (b) Furnish at check-in a driver's license or other form of government-issued identification;

2 (c) Check in:

3 1. Between noon and 8 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the hunt at the state park campground if

4 hunting in the Yatesville Lake State Park open deer hunt; or

5 2. At the park the day before the hunt if hunting in the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park deer hunt;

6 and

7 (d) Not be eligible to apply for a quota hunt the following year if the person does not check out

8 as required in Section 5 of this administrative regulation.

9 (3) A person participating in a state park deer hunt shall:

10 (a) Comply with the provisions of 301 KAR 2:172; and

11 (b) Check harvested deer daily at the designated park check station, except that deer taken in the

12 Green River Lake State Park quota hunts and the open hunts at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park

13 and Yatesville Lake State Park shall be telechecked or checked in on the department's Web site

14 at fw.ky.gov, pursuant to 301 KAR 2:172.

15 (4) A person participating in a state park deer hunt shall not:

16 (a) Take more than two (2) deer in a quota hunt, only one (1) of which may be antlered;

17 (b) Hunt over bait;

18 (c) Injure a tree by using:

19 1. A tree stand except a portable stand;

20 2. Climbing devices that nail or screw to the tree; or

21 3. Climbing spikes;

22 (d) Leave a deer stand unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours;

23 (e) Discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a maintained road or building; and

1 (f) Hunt:

2 1. In an area posted as closed by signs; or

3 2. Outside park boundaries.

4 (5) A person participating in a state park deer hunt, other than the open hunts at Jenny Wiley

5 State Resort Park and Yatesville Lake State Park and any department administered state park

6 quota hunt, may take up to two (2) bonus deer per hunt that shall not count toward the statewide

7 limit if the person:

8 (a) Takes no more than one (1) bonus antlered deer per license year; and

9 (b) Obtains the valid bonus deer tag from the state park hunt administrators.

10 Section 9. Other Public Lands. (1) On Daniel Boone National Forest, Jefferson National Forest,

11 and Land Between the Lakes, a person shall not use bait, feed, minerals, or other attractants.

12 (2) The areas established in paragraphs (a) through (g) of this subsection may schedule a firearm,

13 crossbow, or archery deer hunting season between September 1 and January 31:

14 (a) Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area;

15 (b) Clark's River National Wildlife Refuge;

16 (c) Daniel Boone National Forest;

17 (d) Jefferson National Forest;

18 (e) Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area;

19 (f) Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge; and

20 (g) Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge.

21 (3) An area listed in subsection (2) of this section may issue a bonus permit for antlered or

22 antlerless deer, which shall:

23 (a) Not count against a hunter's statewide bag limit; and

1 (b) Only be issued for a hunt that is open to the general public.

2 (4) At Land Between the Lakes, a person:

3 (a) Shall not take more than:

4 1. Two (2) deer during archery hunts; and

5 2. One (1) deer during quota hunts;

6 (b) Who is a quota deer hunter shall:

7 1. Apply in advance at Land Between the Lakes; and

8 2. Only hunt from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset; and

9 (c) Who harvests a deer shall:

10 1. Check in the carcass pursuant to U.S. Forest Service requirements; and

11 2. Affix a game check card pursuant to U.S. Forest Service requirements.

12 (5) At Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge:

13 (a) Zone 1 bag limits shall apply during the open archery season;

14 (b) A person shall not take more than two (2) deer by firearm, only one (1) of which shall be

15 antlered;

16 (c) A quota hunt participant shall:

17 1. Tag deer with a tag issued by the Refuge; and

18 2. Comply with the Refuge check-in requirements; and

19 (d) A person who is archery hunting shall:

20 1. Only take deer using the appropriate statewide or additional deer permit; and

21 2. Check harvested deer through the department's telephone or online check-in systems.

22 (6) At Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area:

23 (a) The archery and crossbow seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements; and

1 (b) There shall be a quota hunt for[~~:~~

2 ~~1.~~] Two (2) consecutive days beginning the [~~third Saturday in November; and~~

3 ~~2. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the~~] second Saturday in December.

4 (7) At Twin Knobs Campground, the area shall be closed to all statewide seasons, except that

5 there shall be a quota hunt on the second Saturday in December during odd-numbered years for

6 mobility-impaired persons.

7 (8) At Zilpo Campground, the area shall be closed to all statewide seasons, except that there

8 shall be a quota hunt on the second Saturday in December during even-numbered years for

9 mobility-impaired persons.

10 Section 10. Special Areas under Federal Control. (1) The areas established in paragraphs (a)

11 through (e) of this subsection may schedule a firearm, archery, or crossbow deer hunting season

12 between September 1 and January 31:

13 (a) Bluegrass Army Depot;

14 (b) Fort Campbell;

15 (c) Fort Knox;

16 (d) Hidden Valley Training Center; and

17 (e) Wendell Ford Regional Training Center.

18 (2) An area listed in subsection (1) of this section may issue a bonus permit for antlered or

19 antlerless deer, which shall:

20 (a) Not count against a hunter's statewide bag limit; and

21 (b) Only be issued for a hunt that is open to the general public.

22 (3) Except on the Hidden Valley Training area, on the areas listed in subsection (1) of this

23 section, a deer hunter shall:

1 (a) Obtain a permit from the area before hunting;

2 (b) Only hunt on assigned dates;

3 (c) Remain in assigned areas;

4 (d) Tag deer with tags issued on the area, unless otherwise established in this section;

5 (e) Keep the area tag attached to the deer until the carcass is processed; and

6 (f) Check deer at a designated check station before leaving the area.

7 (4) At Bluegrass Army Depot, a person shall not take an antlered deer whose outside antler

8 spread is less than fifteen (15) inches.

9 (5) At Fort Knox, a person shall not take an antlered deer whose outside antler spread is less than

10 twelve (12) inches.

11 (6) At Hidden Valley Training Area, a person shall not use a firearm to hunt deer.

12 Section 11. Incorporation by Reference. (1) "Quota Hunt Application: Deer Quota Hunt Form",

13 March 2014, is incorporated by reference.

14 (2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at

15 the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky

16 40601, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission

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Date

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on February 23, 2015, at 1 p.m. at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in the Commission Room of the Arnold L. Mitchell Building, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in attending this hearing shall notify this agency in writing five business days prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled.

This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made.

If you do not wish to attend the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation by close of business March 2, 2015.

Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to:

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

301 KAR 2:178. Deer hunting on Wildlife Management Areas, state parks, other public lands, and federally controlled areas.
Contact Person: Rose Mack

(1) Provide a brief summary of:
(a) What this administrative regulation does: This regulation establishes the deer hunting seasons, limits, and equipment restrictions under which deer may be taken on wildlife management areas, state parks, and other lands controlled by state or federal government agencies.
(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: To establish deer hunting seasons, limits, and methods of taking deer to control and manage deer populations and hunting pressure on wildlife management areas, state parks, and other public lands.
(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to promulgate administrative regulations to establish open seasons for the taking of wildlife, to regulate bag limits, and to make these requirements apply to a limited area. KRS 150.390(1) prohibits the taking of deer in any manner contrary to any provisions of KRS Chapter 150 or its administrative regulations. KRS 150.620 authorizes the department to manage public lands for hunting and fishing.
(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation will assist in the administration of the statute by establishing guidelines for effectively managing deer herds on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), state parks, and other public lands, including the establishment of guidelines to ensure safe, orderly hunting practices on public lands.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:
(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: This amendment establishes firearm deer hunting opportunity on two WMAs (and expands it on six others), creates archery and crossbow opportunity on some newly-added property at Dewey Lake WMA, enables the use of crossbows for deer hunting on the Higginson-Henry WMA, incentivizes the take of female deer on two additional WMAs, reduces the number of firearm quota deer hunts from two to one at the Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, and adjusts for calendar shifts for the December Yatesville Lake State Park Open hunt (and January Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Mobility-impaired hunt) and the January Taylorsville Lake WMA Quota Deer Hunts.
(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: This amendment is necessary to maximize hunter opportunity without harm to the deer resource.
(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: See (1)(c) above.
(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: See (1)(d) above.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: Additional deer hunting opportunity will be created (and existing opportunities expanded) in all five of Kentucky's Wildlife Management Regions. The loss of two days of November quota firearm deer hunting at the Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area in Meade County should be more than off-set by the gain of ten days of

open firearm hunting on the nearby Marion County WMA.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:
(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: Those who hunt deer on WMAs and state parks must comply with the individual hunt requirements for those sites, as listed in the fall hunting guide produced by the department.
(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): There will be no direct cost to hunters as a result of this amendment to the administrative regulation.
(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): Deer hunters will benefit from the increased hunting opportunities that will be created and also from the expansion of existing opportunity.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:
(a) Initially: There will be no additional cost to the agency to implement this regulation.
(b) On a continuing basis: There will be no additional cost on a continuing basis.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The source of funding is the State Game and Fish Fund.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: It will not be necessary to increase a fee or funding to implement this administrative regulation.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees: This administrative regulation does not establish or increase any fees directly or indirectly.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? Tiering was not used because all persons who hunt deer on WMAs, state parks, or other public lands are required to abide by these guidelines.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Regulation Number: 301 KAR 2:178
Contact Person: Rose Mack
Phone number: (502) 564-3400

(1) What units, parts, or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Wildlife and Law Enforcement Divisions will be affected by this regulation.

(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 148.029(5), 150.025(1), 150.390(1) and 150.620.

(3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? No revenue will be generated for the first year.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? No revenue will be generated in subsequent years.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? There will be no additional costs to administer this program for the first year.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? There will no additional costs to administer this program in subsequent years.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-):
Expenditures (+/-):
Other Explanation: