**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**CURRENT NONCODE EMERGENCY RULES**

**DISCLAIMER:**
As an aid to legal research, this document provides a list of currently effective emergency rules adopted by state agencies in the manner set forth in [IC 4-22-2-37.1](#).

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the list, this list may not provide an exhaustive enumeration of currently effective emergency rules. This list is not intended to be a substitute for traditional legal research.

Exclusion of an emergency rule from this list does not affect the validity of the emergency rule. This list does not, itself, establish authority for the adoption of rules.

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<td>Temporarily modifies size and bag limits for sport fishing on J. C. Murphey Lake at Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area in Newton County. Effective May 1, 2021. This document expires on April 30, 2022.</td>
<td>20210421-IR-312210153ERA</td>
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<td>Temporarily amends 312 IAC 8-1-3(b) to allow firewood certified by another state's compliance agreement meeting minimum requirements set by the state entomologist to be brought into or possessed on a DNR property. Effective May 7, 2021. This document expires on May 6, 2022.</td>
<td>20210512-IR-312210169ERA</td>
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<td>Temporarily amends 312 IAC 4-5-2 to modify the prerequisites for a conservation officer application. Effective May 7, 2021. This document expires on May 6, 2022.</td>
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Temporarily establishes counties and the statewide quota for the trapping of river otters during the 2021-2022 river otter season. Effective November 15, 2021. This document expires on March 16, 2022.

Temporarily amends 312 IAC 9 to govern noncommercial hunts at Summit Lake State Park and Whitewater Memorial State Park. Under IC 4-22-2-37.1, IC 14-22-2-6, IC 14-10-2-5, and IC 14-22-6-13 (applicable to state parks), the director of the department of natural resources (DNR) adopts the emergency rule set forth in this document. This emergency rule is adopted with the awareness that the regulation of wild animals, as well as a responsibility for the welfare of flora and other fauna within Indiana state parks is the responsibility of DNR. The director finds that the densities of the Canada goose populations at Summit Lake State Park and Whitewater Memorial State Park have risen to levels that pose threats to the ecology of aquatic and terrestrial communities present, and the personal safety of park patrons. Current conditions that make this emergency rule necessary include eroded shorelines, increased sedimentation, and large amounts of goose waste in areas of high visitation and recreation. Effective October 15, 2021. This document expires at the close of the second hunting period on February 13, 2022.
Temporarily modifies the regulation of commercial fishing on the Ohio River for commercial fishers harvesting Asian Carp through the Ohio River Asian Carp Removal Program operated in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Kentucky under 301 KAR 1:152. Asian Carp and Scaled Rough Fish Harvest Program. Effective January 17, 2022. This document expires on January 17, 2023.

Temporarily amends 312 IAC 10-2-28 to add to the lowest floor definition to define the lowest floor for coastal high hazard areas. Effective January 13, 2022. This document expires on January 12, 2023.


Temporarily amends 312 IAC 8-1-3(b) to allow firewood certified by another state's compliance agreement meeting minimum requirements set by the state entomologist to be brought into or possessed on a DNR property. Effective May 10, 2022. This document expires on May 9, 2023.
Temporarily amends 312 IAC 9 to govern noncommercial hunts at specified state parks. Under IC 14-22-6-13, the director finds white-tailed deer have caused, and will continue to cause, measurable damage to the ecological balance within these properties, and the ecological balance within these properties will not be maintained unless action is taken to control their populations. Effective May 30, 2022. This document expires January 1, 2023.


Temporarily amends 312 IAC 9-3-2 governing wearing hunter orange in deer reduction zones and 312 IAC 9-3-4 governing the hunting of white-tailed deer by establishing deer reduction zones. Effective September 15, 2022. This document expires February 1, 2023.

Temporarily amends 312 IAC 9-3-4 to govern hunting white-tailed deer in a designated county under an extra deer license by identifying counties for herd reduction. Effective September 1, 2022. This document expire on February 1, 2023.
Temporarily amends 312 IAC 8-2-3 to remove the licensure requirement for a person to possess a handgun on a DNR property other than a reservoir owned by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and Falls of the Ohio State Park to reflect changes in Indiana law.
Effective July 1, 2022.