
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**Interim Final Rule**
LSA Document #24-225**DIGEST****DEER HUNTING; WILD TURKEY HUNTING**

Temporarily adds the definition of "youth". Supersedes [312 IAC 9-2-15](#) to make a technical and conforming change. Supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-2](#) regarding deer hunting to: (1) prohibit taking an antlerless deer with a firearm on certain department of natural resources (department) properties; (2) remove references to the special antlerless season; (3) change the dates in which ground or tree blinds may be placed on certain department properties; (4) allow infrared sensors to be used to retrieve a deer; and (5) make technical and conforming changes. Supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) to: (1) establish the number of antlerless deer a youth hunter may take during the youth hunting season on certain department properties; (2) set deer reduction zones; (3) set the antlerless bag limit by county; (4) remove the references to the special antlerless deer season; and (5) make technical and conforming changes. Supersedes [312 IAC 9-4-11](#) to make technical and conforming changes. Effective August 21, 2024. Expires August 21, 2025.

HISTORY

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SUMMARY/RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

The Natural Resources Commission (commission) requested public comment on the proposed interim rule from July 17, 2024, through August 16, 2024. The comments received the commission's responses to the comments are summarized as follows:

Comments on repealing the special antlerless season under [312 IAC 9-3-4\(h\)](#): Comments were received in support of and opposition to keeping the special antlerless only season that began December 26 and ends the first Sunday in January in counties with an antlerless quota of at least four (4).

Response: The purpose of the special antlerless season was to significantly increase the harvest of antlerless deer, but research found that individuals harvest antlerless deer later in the season in counties where the special antlerless season occurs. A 2021 survey of individuals found that twenty-four percent (24%) of respondents hunted during the special antlerless season during the previous calendar year, and thirty-eight percent (38%) of respondents hunted during the special antlerless season during the previous five (5) years, see the 2020 Indiana DNR Deer Report. When asked what the general level of opposition or support was for the special antlerless season, the department found that forty-three percent (43%) of individuals support the special antlerless season to some degree, and twenty-seven percent (27%) opposed the special antlerless season to some degree. Therefore, because of the split interest in the special antlerless season, the low turnout during the special antlerless season, the ineffectiveness of the special antlerless season to change the deer harvest, and the conflict with individuals who participate in the special antlerless season, the department proposes the removal of the season.

Comment opposed to the current deer firearm season dates. One (1) comment was received which suggested changing the start date of the deer firearms season in [312 IAC 9-3-4\(e\)](#).

Response: The department did not propose a change to the dates of when the firearms season begins and ends and is not proposing to change these dates at this time.

Comment opposed to a deer hunting season. One (1) comment was received which requested an open season for deer that would last the entire year.

Response: Under the Indiana Code, the division of fish and wildlife (division) is required to provide for the management and survival of deer in Indiana. The division is committed to managing the white-tailed deer resource for future generations by balancing ecological, recreational, and economic benefits. Proper management of the deer resource requires the cooperative actions of the division and the citizens of Indiana to produce healthy deer in a healthy environment as an indefinitely renewable resource. Within the above constraints, the division is

committed to maximizing the public's range of choices for both consumptive recreation through hunting and nonconsumptive recreation by viewing, photographing, and appreciating the deer resource. The goal of the division's deer management program is to maintain a healthy deer herd at a level that provides satisfactory hunting and viewing opportunities while minimizing vehicle accidents involving deer, agricultural crop damage, and other conflicts between deer and humans. Deer management in Indiana is a dynamic process of repeated surveys of farm operators, deer hunters, and the public, as well as adjusting deer population levels to comply with the evolving desires of residents. Deer control permits are available to landowners, farmers, and others experiencing economic loss due to damage caused by deer outside the deer hunting season. A deer control permit is free of charge and may be requested when damage begins to occur under [312 IAC 9-10-25](#).

INTERIM RULE

SECTION 1. (a) The definition in this SECTION applies throughout this document.

(b) "Youth" means an individual less than eighteen (18) years of age on the date of a hunt.

SECTION 2. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-2-15](#).

(b) An individual may not occupy a ground blind unless the blind has at least one hundred forty-four (144) square inches of hunter orange visible on each side of the blind from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset, when the hunter is required to wear hunter orange under [IC 14-22-38-7](#) or [312 IAC 9-3-2](#).

SECTION 3. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-2](#).

(b) This SECTION, SECTIONs 4 and 5 of this document, [312 IAC 9-3-8](#), [312 IAC 9-3-9](#), and [312 IAC 9-3-10](#) govern:

- (1) hunting;
- (2) transporting; and
- (3) disposing of;

a white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*).

(c) "Deer license bundle" means a deer hunting license that replaces a valid deer hunting license and allows an individual to take one (1) antlered deer and two (2) antlerless deer under this SECTION and SECTIONs 4 and 5 of this document during the following seasons, combined during one (1) license year:

- (1) Special youth season.
- (2) Archery season.
- (3) Firearms season.
- (4) Muzzleloader season.

(d) An individual who claims a deer taken is not a white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) shall prove the deer is not a white-tailed deer.

(e) An individual may apply for multiple licenses to hunt deer under this SECTION.

(f) Except as provided under [IC 14-22-11-1](#) and [IC 14-22-11-11](#), an individual may not hunt a deer:
(1) unless the individual possesses a valid license to hunt a deer under this SECTION bearing the name of the individual; or
(2) with a license to hunt a deer under this SECTION issued to another individual.

(g) A youth hunter may take a deer during the youth deer season under SECTION 5 of this document if the youth hunter:

- (1) is issued a license to hunt deer under:
 - (A) a resident youth consolidated hunting, trapping, and fishing license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#);
 - (B) a nonresident youth deer firearms license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(29\)](#);
 - (C) a nonresident youth deer muzzleloader license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(30\)](#);
 - (D) a nonresident youth deer archery license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(31\)](#);
 - (E) a nonresident youth extra deer crossbow license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
 - (F) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
 - (G) a nonresident youth extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);

- (H) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#) before its repeal;
 - (I) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#) before its repeal;
 - or
 - (J) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (G) under [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#); or
- (2) takes a deer without a license under [IC 14-22-11-1](#) and [312 IAC 9-2-14](#).

(h) An individual may take a deer with a long bow, recurve bow, compound bow, or crossbow during the archery season under SECTION 5 of this document if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer by bow and arrow under:
 - (A) a resident deer archery license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(a\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(14\)](#);
 - (B) a nonresident deer archery license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(17\)](#);
 - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting, trapping, and fishing license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#);
 - (D) a nonresident youth deer archery license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(31\)](#);
 - (E) a resident extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
 - (F) a nonresident extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
 - (G) a resident extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
 - (H) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
 - (I) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
 - (J) a nonresident youth extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
 - (K) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#) before its repeal;
 - (L) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#) before its repeal;
 - or
 - (M) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (I) under [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#); or
- (2) takes a deer without a license under [IC 14-22-11-1](#) and [312 IAC 9-2-14](#).

(i) An individual may take a deer with a crossbow during the archery season established in SECTION 5(d) of this document only if:

- (1) issued a license to hunt deer with:
 - (A) a resident extra deer crossbow license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(a\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(14\)](#);
 - (B) a nonresident extra deer crossbow license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(17\)](#);
 - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting, trapping, and fishing license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#);
 - (D) a nonresident youth extra deer crossbow license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(31\)](#);
 - (E) a resident extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
 - (F) a nonresident extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
 - (G) a resident extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
 - (H) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
 - (I) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
 - (J) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#) before its repeal;
 - (K) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#) before its repeal;
 - or
 - (L) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (I) under [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#); or
- (2) hunting without a license under [IC 14-22-11-1](#) and [312 IAC 9-2-14](#).

(j) Except as provided in subsection (v), an individual may take a deer with a firearm during the firearms season under SECTION 5 of this document if the individual:

- (1) is issued a license to hunt deer with firearms under:
 - (A) a resident deer firearms license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(a\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(12\)](#);
 - (B) a nonresident deer firearms license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(15\)](#);
 - (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting, trapping, and fishing license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#);
 - (D) a nonresident youth deer firearms license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(29\)](#);
 - (E) a resident extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
 - (F) a nonresident extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
 - (G) a resident extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
 - (H) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
 - (I) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
 - (J) a nonresident youth extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
 - (K) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#) before its repeal;
 - (L) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#) before its repeal;

or

- (M) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (I) under [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#); or
- (2) takes a deer without a license under [IC 14-22-11-1](#) and [312 IAC 9-2-14](#).

(k) An individual may take a deer with a muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season under SECTION 5 of this document if the individual:

(1) is issued a license to hunt deer by a muzzleloader with:

- (A) a resident deer muzzleloader license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(a\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(13\)](#);
- (B) a nonresident deer muzzleloader license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(16\)](#);
- (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting, trapping, and fishing license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#);
- (D) a nonresident youth deer muzzleloader license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(30\)](#);
- (E) a resident extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
- (F) a nonresident extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
- (G) a resident extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
- (H) a nonresident extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
- (I) a nonresident youth extra deer license bundle under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
- (J) a nonresident youth extra deer bonus antlerless license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
- (K) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#) before its repeal;
- (L) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#) before its repeal;

or

- (M) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (I) under [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#); or
- (2) takes a deer without a license under [IC 14-22-11-1](#) and [312 IAC 9-2-14](#).

(l) An individual may take a deer during the deer reduction season under SECTION 5 of this document if the individual:

(1) is issued a license to hunt deer with:

- (A) a resident extra deer reduction zone license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(18\)](#);
- (B) a nonresident extra deer reduction zone license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(19\)](#);
- (C) a resident youth consolidated hunting, trapping, and fishing license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#);
- (D) a nonresident youth extra deer reduction zone license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(32\)](#);
- (E) an apprentice license of the types identified in clauses (A) through (D) under [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#);
- (F) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#) before its repeal; or
- (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#) before its repeal;

or

- (2) takes a deer without a license under [IC 14-22-11-1](#) and [312 IAC 9-2-14](#).

(m) An individual may take an antlerless deer with an extra deer bonus antlerless license during the special youth, archery, firearm, and muzzleloader seasons as authorized by SECTION 5 of this document. An individual may take one (1) antlerless deer using equipment authorized for a season under SECTION 4 of this document with an extra deer bonus antlerless deer license.

(n) Immediately after taking a deer, an individual shall record the following on a piece of paper:

- (1) The name and address of the individual who took the deer.
- (2) The number of the hunting license issued to the individual who took the deer, if applicable.
- (3) The sex of the deer.
- (4) The month and day the deer was taken.

An individual who takes a deer shall retain possession of the piece of paper under this subsection until the piece of paper is attached to the deer. The individual shall attach the piece of paper to the deer if that individual does not maintain direct physical control of, and constant visual contact with, the deer carcass.

(o) An individual who takes a deer shall ensure the deer carcass is delivered to an official checking station to register the deer, report the take, and provide accurate information required by the department of natural resources (department) electronic harvest reporting system on the earlier of the following:

- (1) Not later than forty-eight (48) hours after taking the deer.
- (2) Before the deer is removed from the state.

An individual delivering a deer carcass to an official checking station shall provide accurate information that includes the information on the piece of paper described in subsection (n).

(p) The head of a deer must remain attached to the deer carcass until the deer is registered either at an official checking station or through the electronic harvest reporting system.

(q) When a deer is registered:

(1) at an official deer checking station, the checking station operator shall:

(A) record the information from the piece of paper described in subsection (n);

(B) report the take on the electronic harvest reporting system; and

(C) give the individual the confirmation number, which the individual shall record on the piece of paper described in subsection (n); or

(2) using the electronic harvest reporting system, the individual who takes the deer shall record the confirmation number on the piece of paper described in subsection (n).

(r) An individual who takes a deer shall maintain the confirmation number provided under subsection (q) with the deer until the deer processing begins.

(s) An individual may hunt a deer beginning one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and ending one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(t) An individual shall wear hunter orange:

(1) in a season under SECTION 5(d), 5(g), and 5(h) of this document;

(2) in the archery season under SECTION 5 of this document that overlaps a season under SECTION 5(d), 5(g), and 5(h) of this document;

(3) when firearm use is authorized under [312 IAC 9-3-8\(b\)](#); or

(4) in the deer reduction season under SECTION 5 of this document when firearm use is authorized under SECTION 4(g) of this document.

(u) An individual may not take more than one (1) antlered deer during the special youth, archery, firearm, and muzzleloader seasons collectively under SECTION 5 of this document beginning the first day of the special youth deer season of one (1) calendar year and ending the last day of the archery season in the following calendar year.

(v) An individual may not take an antlerless deer with a firearm during the firearm season on the following properties operated by the department:

(1) A property operated by the division of fish and wildlife.

(2) Mississinewa Lake.

(3) Salamonie Lake.

(4) Patoka Lake.

(w) An individual may not take a deer with the use or aid of:

(1) bait, which includes:

(A) a food transported and placed for consumption, including a pile of corn or an apple in a field;

(B) a prepared solid or liquid that is manufactured and intended for consumption by livestock or wild deer, including commercial bait or a food supplement;

(C) salt; or

(D) a mineral supplement;

(2) a snare;

(3) a dog; or

(4) any other domesticated animal.

An individual may use a manufactured scent, lure, or a similar chemical or natural attractant.

(x) An area is considered baited for ten (10) days after the bait and the baited soil is removed. An individual may hunt an area that may be attractive to a deer resulting from normal agricultural activity.

(y) Notwithstanding subsection (w), an individual may use a dog on a leash to track or trail a wounded deer.

(z) Notwithstanding subsection (w), an individual may use a:

(1) donkey;

(2) mule; or

(3) horse;

to transport a deer. An individual may not use a donkey, a mule, or a horse under this subsection while

hunting.

(aa) An individual may possess a handgun under [IC 35-47](#) while hunting a deer.

SECTION 4. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-3](#).

(b) During the youth special deer season established under SECTION 5 of this document, a youth hunter may hunt a deer with the following equipment:

- (1) A bow and arrow as described in subsection (c)(1) through (c)(4).
- (2) A crossbow as defined in [312 IAC 9-1-5.3](#).
- (3) A shotgun as described in subsection (e)(1).
- (4) A muzzleloading long gun as described in subsection (e)(3).
- (5) A rifle, with the use of cartridges described in subsection (e)(4).
- (6) An air gun as defined in [312 IAC 9-1-1.2](#).

(c) During the archery season under SECTION 5 of this document, an individual may hunt a deer with the following equipment:

- (1) A long bow, recurve bow, or compound bow that has at least thirty-five (35) pounds pull, and a license to hunt a deer under SECTION 3 of this document.
- (2) A crossbow and a license to hunt a deer under SECTION 3 of this document.
- (3) An arrow or a bolt must be equipped with:
 - (A) a metal or metal-edged;
 - (B) a flint;
 - (C) a chert; or
 - (D) an obsidian napped;

broadhead.

- (4) A long bow, recurve bow, or compound bow with:
 - (A) a track;
 - (B) a trough;
 - (C) a channel;
 - (D) an arrow rest; or
 - (E) any other device;

that attaches to the riser of the bow must not contact, support, or guide the arrow from a point rearward of the brace height of the bow. Use of a poisoned or an explosive arrow or bolt is unlawful.

(d) During the firearms season under SECTION 5 of this document, an individual may take a deer with the following equipment:

- (1) A shotgun.
- (2) A shotgun with rifled barrel.
- (3) A handgun.
- (4) A muzzleloading long gun.
- (5) A muzzleloading handgun.
- (6) A rifle, with the use of a cartridge described in subsection (e)(4).
- (7) An air gun as defined in [312 IAC 9-1-1.2](#).

(e) As provided in SECTIONS 3 and 5 of this document, [312 IAC 9-3-8](#), and this SECTION, a firearm must meet the following specifications:

- (1) A shotgun must have a bore of:
 - (A) 10 gauge;
 - (B) 12 gauge;
 - (C) 16 gauge;
 - (D) 20 gauge;
 - (E) 28 gauge; or
 - (F) .410 caliber;

loaded with a single projectile.

(2) A handgun must:

- (A) conform to the requirements of [IC 35-47-1-6](#);
- (B) have a barrel at least four (4) inches long;
- (C) fire a bullet at least two hundred forty-three thousandths (.243) of an inch in diameter; and
- (D) not be a rifle that has a barrel less than eighteen (18) inches.

A handgun cartridge case, without a bullet, must be at least one and sixteen-hundredths (1.16) inches

long. Use of a full metal jacketed bullet is unlawful. Use of .25-20 Winchester, .32-20 Winchester, .30 Carbine ammunition, or .38 Special ammunition is unlawful.

(3) A muzzleloading long gun must be at least .44 caliber, loaded with a bullet at least three hundred fifty-seven thousandths (.357) of an inch. A muzzleloading handgun must be single shot, .50 caliber or larger, loaded with a bullet at least .44 caliber, and have a barrel at least twelve (12) inches long. The length of a muzzleloading handgun barrel is determined by measuring from the base of the breech plug to the end of the barrel, including the muzzle crown, excluding a tang or another projection. During the muzzleloading season under SECTION 5 of this document, a muzzleloading gun must be capable of loading only from the muzzle, including the powder and bullet.

(4) A rifle must fire a cartridge that meets the following specifications:

(A) Fire a bullet of at least three hundred fifty-seven thousandths (.357) of an inch in diameter.

(B) Have a case length of at least one and sixteen-hundredths (1.16) inches.

(C) Have a case length of not more than one and eight-tenths (1.8) inches.

Use of a full metal jacketed bullet is unlawful.

(f) During the muzzleloader season under SECTION 5 of this document, an individual may take a deer with a muzzleloading:

(1) long gun; or

(2) handgun;

as described in subsection (e)(3).

(g) During the deer reduction season established in SECTION 5 of this document, an individual may take a deer with a:

(1) bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt described in subsection (c) beginning September 15 through January 31; or

(2) firearm described in subsection (d) or (e) beginning the first Saturday after November 11 through January 31.

(h) An individual may not erect, place, or hunt from a permanent tree or ground blind on land owned or leased by the state. An individual may erect, place, or hunt from a temporary tree or ground blind that may be left overnight and placed on a:

(1) department of natural resources (department) property as defined at [312 IAC 8-1.5-6](#);

(2) U.S. Forest Service land; or

(3) national wildlife refuge;

beginning noon September 15 through January 10, or beginning noon September 1 through February 8 on a department property within a deer reduction zone under SECTION 5 of this document. An individual may not use a fastener with a tree blind and a tree or pole climber that penetrates a tree more than one-half (1/2) inch. A tree or ground blind must be legibly marked with the name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the tree or ground blind in the English language, or the customer identification number issued to the owner by the department.

(i) An individual may not use an infrared sensor to aid in taking a deer. An individual may retrieve deer with the aid of an infrared detector.

(j) An individual may not use an electronic deer call while hunting deer.

SECTION 5. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-3-4](#).

(b) Except as provided in SECTION 3 of this document, an individual may take not more than one (1) deer with a license to hunt a deer.

(c) The special youth deer season is two (2) consecutive days beginning on the Saturday immediately before October 1, or as approved annually by the director of the division of fish and wildlife as follows:

(1) The seasonal limit for taking a deer under this subsection is one (1) antlered deer, and the number of antlerless deer under subsection (h). A youth hunter may take not more than one (1) antlerless deer under this subsection on the following properties operated by the department of natural resources:

(A) A property operated by the division of fish and wildlife.

(B) Salamonie Lake.

(C) Mississinewa Lake.

(D) Patoka Lake.

(2) A youth hunter who takes an antlered deer under this subsection may not take another antlered deer during the:

- (A) archery season under subsection (d);
- (B) firearm season under subsection (f); or
- (C) muzzleloader season under subsection (g).

(3) A youth hunter who takes a deer under this subsection must be accompanied by an individual at least eighteen (18) years of age who:

- (A) does not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field, except for a handgun carried lawfully under [IC 35-47-2](#);
- (B) possesses a license to hunt a wild animal that is not an apprentice license, unless the individual is exempt from needing a license to hunt under [IC 14-22-11-1](#) and [312 IAC 9-2-14](#);
- (C) may not accompany more than two (2) youth hunters at one (1) time; and
- (D) is in proximity and able to communicate with the youth hunter during the hunt.

(d) The archery deer season begins October 1 and ends the first Sunday in January. An individual may take not more than two (2) deer, of which only one (1) may be antlered under this subsection.

(e) The deer reduction season is as follows:

(1) Begins September 15 and ends January 31 in a deer reduction zone.

(2) Under this subsection, an individual:

- (A) may take not more than ten (10) deer, of which only one (1) deer may be an antlered deer; and
- (B) shall take at least one (1) antlerless deer in a deer reduction zone before taking an antlered deer.

(3) A deer taken under this subsection does not count against a bag limit for deer under this SECTION.

(4) The Evansville deer reduction zone is the portion of Vanderburgh County south of East Boonville-New Harmony Road, except for the following areas:

- (A) The area south of Interstate 164/Veterans Memorial Parkway from the Warrick County line to the east to where it intersects Main Street along the Ohio River Shore to the west.
- (B) The area south of the intersection of Broadway Avenue and the Posey County line to the west, extending east to Bayou Creek Road and east to the Ohio River with Bayou Creek Road and extending east to the Ohio River.

(5) The Lafayette deer reduction zone is the portion of Tippecanoe County as follows:

- (A) The area to the east, beginning at the intersection of Interstate 65 and County Road 600 North following Interstate 65 south to the junction with State Road 38.
- (B) The area along State Road 38 from the intersection of Interstate 65 and State Road 38 west to Veterans Memorial Parkway/County Road 350 South, then south along Veterans Memorial Parkway west to the junction with U.S. Highway 231/State Road 52.
- (C) The area from the intersection of Veterans Memorial Parkway/County Road 350 South and U.S. Highway 231 following U.S. Highway 231/State Road 52 north to the junction with State Road 25.
- (D) The area from the intersection of State Road 25 and U.S. Highway 231 south along State Road 25 to the intersection of County Road 300 South and State Road 25 South.
- (E) The area from the intersection of State Road 25 South and County Road 300 South to the west along County Road 300 South to the intersection of County Road 300 South and County Road 700 West.
- (F) The area from the intersection of County Road 700 West and County Road 300 South to the north along County Road 700 West to the intersection of County Road 700 West and Division Road/South River Road.
- (G) The area from the intersection of County Road 700 West and Division Road/South River Road to the east along Division Road/South River Road to the intersection of Division Road/South River Road and South Newman Road.
- (H) The area from the intersection of South Newman Road and Division Road/South River Road to the north along South Newman Road to the intersection of South Newman Road and State Road 26/State Street.
- (I) The area from the intersection of South Newman Road and State Road 26/State Street to the east along State Road 26/State Street to the intersection of State Road 26/State Street and U.S. Highway 231/State Road 52.
- (J) The area to the north along U.S. Highway 231 from the intersection of State Road 26/State Street and U.S. Highway 231/State Road 52 to the intersection of U.S. Highway 231/State Road 52 and State Road 52/U.S. Highway 231.
- (K) The area to the west along State Road 52 from the intersection of State Road 52 and U.S.

Highway 231/State Road 52 to the intersection of State Road 52 and County Road 400 West.

(L) The area to the north along County Road 400 West from the intersection of State Road 52/U.S.

Highway 231 to the intersection of County Road 400 West and County Road 375 West.

(M) The area to the north along County Road 375 West from the junction with County Road 400 West to the intersection of County Road 375 West and County Road 600 North.

(N) The area to the east along County Road 600 North from the junction with County Road 375 West to the intersection of County Road 600 North and Interstate 65.

(6) The Michigan City/LaPorte deer reduction zone is the portion of LaPorte County between Lake Michigan and the following boundary:

(A) The area from the junction of the Porter/LaPorte County line and Interstate 94 to the east to the intersection of Interstate 94 and Johnson Road.

(B) The area from the intersection of Interstate 94 and Johnson Road to the south to the intersection of Johnson Road and County Road 500 West.

(C) The area from the south along County Road 500 West from the intersection at Johnson Road to the intersection of County Road 500 West and State Road 2.

(D) The area from the east along State Road 2 from the intersection at County Road 500 West to the intersection of State Road 2 and State Road 39/Longwood Drive.

(E) The area to the south along State Road 39/Longwood Drive from the intersection at State Road 2 to the intersection at County Road 400 South.

(F) The area to the east along County Road 400 South from the intersection at State Road 2 to the intersection at County Road 300 East.

(G) The area to the north along County Road 300 East from the intersection at County Road 400 South to the intersection at Division Road.

(H) The area to the west along Division Road from the intersection at County Road 300 East to the intersection at County Road 250 East.

(I) The area to the north along County Road 250 East from the intersection at Division Road to the intersection at County Road 150 North.

(J) The area to the west along County Road 150 North from the intersection at County Road 250 East to the intersection at Fail Road.

(K) The area to the north along North Fail Road from the intersection at County Road 150 North to the intersection at U.S. Highway 20.

(L) The area to the west along U.S. Highway 20 from the intersection at North Fail Road to the intersection of U.S. Highway 20 and Interstate 94.

(M) The area to the north along Interstate 94 from the intersection at U.S. Highway 20 to the junction with the Indiana/Michigan state line.

(7) The Muncie deer reduction zone is the portion of Delaware County as follows:

(A) The area at the intersection of Yorktown-Gaston Pike/County Road 600 West, extending east along State Road 332 East to the intersection at Nebo Road.

(B) The area to the north along Nebo Road from the intersection at State Road 332 to the intersection at County Road 500 North/Royerton Road.

(C) The area to the east along County Road 500 North/Royerton Road from the intersection at North Nebo Road to the intersection at U.S. Highway 35.

(D) The area to the south along U.S. Highway 35 from the intersection at County Road 500 North/Royerton Road to the intersection at State Road 67.

(E) The area to the south along State Road 67 from the intersection at U.S. Highway 35 to the intersection at County Road 400 South.

(F) The area to the west along County Road 400 South from the intersection at State Road 67 to the intersection at South Marsh Avenue/County Road 600 West.

(G) The area to the north along Marsh Avenue/County Road 600 West from the intersection at County Road 400 South to intersection at State Road 32.

(H) The area to the east along State Road 32 from the intersection at Marsh Avenue to the intersection at Tiger Drive/County Road 575 West.

(I) The area to the north along Tiger Drive/County Road 575 West from the intersection at State Road 32 to the intersection at River Road.

(J) The area to the west along River Road from the intersection at Tiger Drive to the intersection at Yorktown-Gaston Pike/County Road 600 West.

(K) The area to the north along Yorktown-Gaston Pike/County Road 600 West to the intersection at State Road 332.

(8) The South Bend/Mishawaka/Elkhart deer reduction zone is the portion of St. Joseph County and Elkhart County south of the Michigan state line as follows:

(A) The area at the junction of U.S. Highway 31 and the Indiana/Michigan state line to the south

along U.S. Highway 31 to the intersection at U.S. Highway 20.

(B) The area to the east along U.S. Highway 20/U.S. Highway 31 to the intersection at County Road 17.

(C) The area to the north along County Road 17 from the intersection at U.S. Highway 20 to the junction with the Indiana/Michigan state line.

(9) The Warsaw deer reduction zone is the portion of Kosciusko County as follows:

(A) The area at the intersection of State Road 15 and Levi Lee Road, extending east to the intersection of Levi Lee Road and County Road 100 East.

(B) The area to the south along County Road 100 East from the intersection at Levi Lee Road to the intersection at County Road 450 North.

(C) The area to the east along County Road 450 North from the intersection at County Road 100 East to the intersection at Chapman Lake Drive.

(D) The area to the south along Chapman Lake Drive from the intersection at County Road 450 North to the intersection at County Road 300 East.

(E) The area to the south along County Road 300 East from the intersection at Chapman Lake Road to the intersection at Old U.S. Highway 30/E. Old Road 30.

(F) The area to the east on Old U.S. Highway 30/E. Old Road 30 from the intersection at County Road 300 East to the intersection at County Road 450 East.

(G) The area to the south along County Road 450 East from the intersection at Old U.S. Highway 30/E. Old Road 30 to the intersection at U.S. Highway 30.

(H) The area to the east on U.S. Highway 30 from the intersection at County Road 450 East to the intersection at Van Ness Road.

(I) The area to the south along Van Ness Road from the intersection at U.S. Highway 30 to the intersection at Wooster Road.

(J) The area to the west along Wooster Road from the intersection at Van Ness Road to the intersection at County Road 500 East.

(K) The area to the south along County Road 500 East from the intersection at Wooster Road to the intersection at County Road 350 South.

(L) The area to the west along County Road 350 South from the intersection at County Road 500 East to the intersection at County Road 450 East.

(M) The area to the south along County Road 450 East from the intersection at County Road 350 South to the intersection at County Road 400 South.

(N) The area to the west along County Road 400 South from the intersection at County Road 450 East to the intersection at State Road 15.

(O) The area to the north along State Road 15 from the intersection at County Road 400 South to the intersection at County Road 350 South.

(P) The area to the west along County Road 350 South from the intersection at State Road 15 to the intersection at County Road 450 West.

(Q) The area to the north along County Road 450 West from the intersection at County Road 350 South to the intersection at County Road 400 West.

(R) The area to the north along County Road 400 West from the intersection at County Road 450 West to the intersection at Crystal Lake Road.

(S) The area to the east along Crystal Lake Road from the intersection at County Road 400 West to the intersection at Zimmer Road.

(T) The area to the north along Zimmer Road from the intersection at Crystal Lake Road to the intersection at Lincoln Highway/Old U.S. Highway 30.

(U) The area to the west along Lincoln Highway/Old U.S. Highway 30 from the intersection at Zimmer Road to the intersection at County Road 350 West.

(V) The area to the north along County Road 350 West from the intersection at Lincoln Highway/Old U.S. Highway 30 to the intersection at U.S. Highway 30.

(W) The area to the east along U.S. Highway 30 from the intersection at County Road 350 West to the intersection at County Road 150 West/Silveus Crossing.

(X) The area to the north along County Road 150 West/Silveus Crossing from the intersection at U.S. Highway 30 to the intersection at County Road 400 North.

(Y) The area to the east along County Road 400 North from the intersection at County Road 150 West/Silveus Crossing to the intersection at State Road 15.

(Z) The area to the north along State Road 15 from the intersection at County Road 400 North to the intersection at Levi Lee Road.

(10) The Allen County deer reduction zone is the portion of Allen County as follows:

(A) The area between Interstate 69 and Interstate 469.

(B) The area to the west of Interstate 69 that extends north of Lafayette Center Road and south of

State Road 14.

(C) The area west of Interstate 69 to the:

- (i) north of U.S. Highway 30;**
- (ii) east of O Day Road to the intersection at State Road 33;**
- (iii) south of State Road 33 to the intersection at Johnson Road;**
- (iv) east of Johnson Road north to the intersection at West Shoaff Road;**
- (v) south of West Shoaff Road east to the intersection at State Road 3; and**
- (vi) east of State Road 3 north to the junction with the DeKalb County line.**

(D) The area to the east of Interstate 69, to the north of Interstate 469, to the west of the St. Joseph River, and to the south of Schlatter Road.

(11) The Cordry-Sweetwater deer reduction zone is the portion of Brown County contained within the Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District.

(12) The Brown County deer reduction zone is the portion of Brown County as follows:

(A) The area not more than one-half (1/2) mile on either side of the centerline of State Road 46 from the Monroe County line to the Bartholomew County line.

(B) The area of Monroe Lake located not more than one-half (1/2) mile from the centerline of State Road 46.

(C) The area that is the management units of Yellowwood State Forest contained within the following tracts:

- (i) Compartment 2, Tracts 2 and 40.**
- (ii) Compartment 3, Tracts 1 and 2.**
- (iii) Compartment 4, Tract 2.**
- (iv) Compartment 5, Tracts 5, 9, 10, 11, and 15.**
- (v) Compartment 8, Tract 27.**
- (vi) Compartment 9, Tract 1.**

The Brown County deer reduction zone does not include any portion of Brown County State Park.

(13) The Dearborn County deer reduction zone is the portion of Dearborn County that includes a privately owned parcel of land that has a portion located not more than one-half (1/2) mile on either side of the centerline of the following road segments:

(A) The area of U.S. 50 from the Dearborn/Ripley County line east to the Indiana state line.

(B) The area of State Road 148 from the intersection at State Road 48, extending south to the intersection at U.S. 50.

(C) The area of State Road 48 from the intersection at State Road 148, extending south to the intersection at U.S. 50.

(14) The DeKalb County deer reduction zone is the portion of DeKalb County that includes a privately owned parcel of land that has a portion located not more than one-half (1/2) mile on either side of the centerline of Interstate 69 from the DeKalb/Steuben County line south to the DeKalb/Allen County line.

(15) The Fulton County deer reduction zone is a privately owned parcel of land that has a portion located not more than one-half (1/2) mile on either side of the centerline of U.S. Highway 31 from the Fulton/Marshall County line to the south to the intersection at State Road 14.

(16) The LaGrange County deer reduction zone is a privately owned parcel of land that has a portion located not more than one-half (1/2) mile on either side of the centerline of the following road segments:

(A) The area of U.S. Highway 20 from the intersection at State Road 9 to the east to the LaGrange/Steuben County line.

(B) The area of State Road 9 from the intersection at U.S. Highway 20 to the south to the LaGrange/Noble County line.

(C) The area of State Road 3 from the intersection at U.S. Highway 20 to the south to the LaGrange/Noble County line.

(17) The Lake County deer reduction zone is the portion of Lake County as follows:

(A) The area from north of the junction of the Indiana state line and 151st Avenue.

(B) The area from 151st Avenue east to the intersection at U.S. Highway 41.

(C) The area from U.S. Highway 41 south to the intersection at State Road 2.

(D) The area from State Road 2 east to the intersection at Interstate 65.

(E) The area from Interstate 65 north to the intersection at 145th Avenue.

(F) The area from 145th Avenue east to the intersection at U.S. Highway 231.

(G) The area from U.S. Highway 231 south to the junction with the Porter County line.

(18) The Madison County deer reduction zone is the portion of Madison County that includes a privately owned parcel of land that has a portion located not more than one-half (1/2) mile on either side of the centerline of Interstate 69 from the Madison/Hamilton County line east to the

Madison/Delaware County line.

(19) The Griffy Lake Nature Preserve deer reduction zone is the portion of Monroe County contained in the Griffy Lake Nature Preserve.

(20) The Monroe County deer reduction zone is the portion of Monroe County that includes a privately owned parcel of land that has a portion located not more than one-half (1/2) mile on either side of the centerline of State Road 37 from the Interstate 69 split south to the junction with the Monroe/Lawrence County line.

(21) The Porter County deer reduction zone is the portion of Porter County as follows:

(A) The area from north of the junction of U.S. Highway 231 and the Porter/Lake County line.

(B) The area to the east along U.S. Highway 231 to the intersection at State Road 2.

(C) The area to the north along State Road 2 north to the intersection at Division Road.

(D) The area to the east along Division Road to the junction with the LaPorte County line.

(22) The Steuben County deer reduction zone is the portion of Steuben County that includes a privately owned parcel of land that has a portion located not more than one-half (1/2) mile on either side of the centerline of the following road segments:

(A) The area of Interstate 69 from the Indiana state line south to the junction with the Steuben/DeKalb County line.

(B) The area of Interstate 80/90 Toll Road from the Steuben/LaGrange County line east to the intersection at Interstate 69.

(C) The area of U.S. Highway 20 from the Steuben/LaGrange County line east to the intersection at Interstate 69.

(23) The Wabash County deer reduction zone is the portion of Wabash County that includes a privately owned parcel of land that has a portion located not more than one-half (1/2) mile on either side of the centerline of State Road 114 from the junction with the Wabash/Fulton County line east to the intersection at State Road 13.

(24) The Warrick County deer reduction zone is the portion of Warrick County extending south of State Road 62 from the junction with the Warrick/Vanderburgh County line, then to the intersection at State Road 61 as follows:

(A) The area to the south along State Road 61 to the intersection at State Road 66.

(B) The area to the west along State Road 66 to the intersection at the French Island Trail.

(C) The area to the west along the French Island Trail to the intersection at Jennings Street.

(D) The area to the west along Jennings Street to the intersection at Old State Road 662.

(E) The area to the west along Old State Road 662 to the intersection at State Road 662.

(F) The area to the west along State Road 662 to the junction with the Warrick/Vanderburgh County line.

(25) The deer reduction zones in central Indiana are as follows:

(A) Marion County.

(B) The area in Johnson County to the south from the Marion County line as follows:

(i) The area to the west of Interstate 65 and south to the intersection of Interstate 65 and Whiteland Road.

(ii) The area to the west along Whiteland Road to the intersection at State Road 144.

(iii) The area to the west along State Road 144 to the intersection at State Road 37.

(iv) The area to the south along State Road 37 to the junction with the Johnson/Morgan County line.

(C) The area in Morgan County to the north of the junction of State Road 37 and the Morgan/Johnson County line as follows:

(i) The area to the west of State Road 37 South to the intersection of State Road 37 and State Road 39/Morton Avenue.

(ii) The area to the north along State Road 39/Morton Avenue from the intersection at State Road 37 to the intersection at State Road 67.

(iii) The area to the north along State Road 67 from the intersection at State Road 39 to the intersection at Indiana Street/State Road 267.

(iv) The area to the north along Indiana Street/State Road 267 from the intersection at State Road 67 to the intersection at State Road 42/High Street.

(v) The area to the west along State Road 42/High Street from the intersection at Indiana Street/State Road 267 to the intersection at State Road 267.

(vi) The area to the north along State Road 267 to the junction with the Morgan/Hendricks County line.

(D) The area in Hendricks County to the east of State Road 267 from the Morgan County line north to the Boone County line.

(E) The area in Boone County to the east of State Road 267 from the Hendricks County line north to

the intersection at Interstate 65 as follows:

- (i) The area from Interstate 65 south to the intersection at State Road 334.
 - (ii) The area to the east to the intersection at Ford Road/County Road 975 East/Pleasantview Road.
 - (iii) The area to the north to the intersection at County Road 300 South.
 - (iv) The area from County Road 300 South east to the junction with the Hamilton County line.
- (F) The area in Hamilton County to the south of State Road 32 from the Boone County line east to the junction with U.S. Highway 31 as follows:
- (i) The area to the north along U.S. Highway 31 to the intersection at 236th Street.
 - (ii) The area to the east along 236th Street to the intersection at State Road 19.
 - (iii) The area to the south along State Road 19 to the intersection at State Road 32.
 - (iv) The area to the east along State Road 32 to the junction with the Madison County line.

(f) The firearms deer season begins the first Saturday after November 11 and ends after an additional fifteen (15) days. An individual may take not more than one (1) antlered deer under this subsection with a firearms license.

(g) The deer hunting season to use a muzzleloading long gun or muzzleloading handgun begins the first Saturday after the closing day of firearms season under subsection (f) and ends after an additional fifteen (15) days. An individual may take not more than one (1) deer of either sex under this subsection.

(h) The bag limit by county to take a bonus antlerless deer is as follows:

- (1) One (1) deer in Adams County.
- (2) Two (2) deer in Allen County.
- (3) Two (2) deer in Bartholomew County.
- (4) One (1) deer in Benton County.
- (5) One (1) deer in Blackford County.
- (6) Two (2) deer in Boone County.
- (7) Three (3) deer in Brown County.
- (8) Two (2) deer in Carroll County.
- (9) Two (2) deer in Cass County.
- (10) Three (3) deer in Clark County.
- (11) Three (3) deer in Clay County.
- (12) Two (2) deer in Clinton County.
- (13) Three (3) deer in Crawford County.
- (14) Two (2) deer in Daviess County.
- (15) One (1) deer in Dearborn County.
- (16) Two (2) deer in Decatur County.
- (17) Two (2) deer in DeKalb County.
- (18) Two (2) deer in Delaware County.
- (19) Two (2) deer in Dubois County.
- (20) Two (2) deer in Elkhart County.
- (21) One (1) deer in Fayette County.
- (22) Three (3) deer in Floyd County.
- (23) Two (2) deer in Fountain County.
- (24) One (1) deer in Franklin County.
- (25) Two (2) deer in Fulton County.
- (26) Two (2) deer in Gibson County.
- (27) Two (2) deer in Grant County.
- (28) Three (3) deer in Greene County.
- (29) Two (2) deer in Hamilton County.
- (30) Two (2) deer in Hancock County.
- (31) Three (3) deer in Harrison County.
- (32) Two (2) deer in Hendricks County.
- (33) One (1) deer in Henry County.
- (34) Two (2) deer in Howard County.
- (35) Two (2) deer in Huntington County.
- (36) Three (3) deer in Jackson County.
- (37) Two (2) deer in Jasper County.
- (38) One (1) deer in Jay County.
- (39) Three (3) deer in Jefferson County.

- (40) Two (2) deer in Jennings County.
- (41) Two (2) deer in Johnson County.
- (42) Two (2) deer in Knox County.
- (43) Two (2) deer in Kosciusko County.
- (44) Three (3) deer in LaGrange County.
- (45) Two (2) deer in Lake County.
- (46) Two (2) deer in LaPorte County.
- (47) Three (3) deer in Lawrence County.
- (48) Two (2) deer in Madison County.
- (49) Two (2) deer in Marion County.
- (50) Two (2) deer in Marshall County.
- (51) Three (3) deer in Martin County.
- (52) Two (2) deer in Miami County.
- (53) Three (3) deer in Monroe County.
- (54) Two (2) deer in Montgomery County.
- (55) Three (3) deer in Morgan County.
- (56) Two (2) deer in Newton County.
- (57) Three (3) deer in Noble County.
- (58) One (1) deer in Ohio County.
- (59) Three (3) deer in Orange County.
- (60) Three (3) deer in Owen County.
- (61) Three (3) deer in Parke County.
- (62) Three (3) deer in Perry County.
- (63) Two (2) deer in Pike County.
- (64) Two (2) deer in Porter County.
- (65) Two (2) deer in Posey County.
- (66) Two (2) deer in Pulaski County.
- (67) Three (3) deer in Putnam County.
- (68) Two (2) deer in Randolph County.
- (69) One (1) deer in Ripley County.
- (70) Two (2) deer in Rush County.
- (71) Three (3) deer in St. Joseph County.
- (72) Two (2) deer in Scott County.
- (73) Two (2) deer in Shelby County.
- (74) Two (2) deer in Spencer County.
- (75) Two (2) deer in Starke County.
- (76) Three (3) deer in Steuben County.
- (77) Three (3) deer in Sullivan County.
- (78) Two (2) deer in Switzerland County.
- (79) Two (2) deer in Tippecanoe County.
- (80) One (1) deer in Tipton County.
- (81) One (1) deer in Union County.
- (82) Two (2) deer in Vanderburgh County.
- (83) Three (3) deer in Vermillion County.
- (84) Three (3) deer in Vigo County.
- (85) Two (2) deer in Wabash County.
- (86) Two (2) deer in Warren County.
- (87) Two (2) deer in Warrick County.
- (88) Three (3) deer in Washington County.
- (89) One (1) deer in Wayne County.
- (90) One (1) deer in Wells County.
- (91) Two (2) deer in White County.
- (92) Two (2) deer in Whitley County.

SECTION 6. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-4-11](#).

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d), an individual may hunt wild turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) in the spring beginning the first Wednesday after April 20 and ending after an additional eighteen (18) consecutive days. On property managed by the division of fish and wildlife (division), an individual may hunt wild turkeys under this subsection only until noon (central time) or 1:00 p.m. (Eastern time).

(c) An individual may hunt wild turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) during the fall as follows:
(1) With firearms beginning the first Wednesday after October 14 and ending after an additional eleven (11) consecutive days in the following counties only:

- (A) Bartholomew.**
- (B) Brown.**
- (C) Clark.**
- (D) Clay.**
- (E) Crawford.**
- (F) Daviess.**
- (G) Dearborn.**
- (H) DeKalb.**
- (I) Dubois.**
- (J) Elkhart.**
- (K) Fayette.**
- (L) Floyd.**
- (M) Fountain.**
- (N) Franklin.**
- (O) Gibson.**
- (P) Greene.**
- (Q) Harrison.**
- (R) Jackson.**
- (S) Jefferson.**
- (T) Jennings.**
- (U) Knox.**
- (V) Kosciusko.**
- (W) LaGrange.**
- (X) LaPorte.**
- (Y) Lawrence.**
- (Z) Marshall.**
- (AA) Martin.**
- (BB) Monroe.**
- (CC) Morgan.**
- (DD) Noble.**
- (EE) Ohio.**
- (FF) Orange.**
- (GG) Owen.**
- (HH) Parke.**
- (II) Perry.**
- (JJ) Pike.**
- (KK) Posey.**
- (LL) Putnam.**
- (MM) Ripley.**
- (NN) Scott.**
- (OO) Spencer.**
- (PP) St. Joseph.**
- (QQ) Starke.**
- (RR) Steuben.**
- (SS) Sullivan.**
- (TT) Switzerland.**
- (UU) Union.**
- (VV) Vanderburgh.**
- (WW) Vermillion.**
- (XX) Vigo.**
- (YY) Warren.**
- (ZZ) Warrick.**
- (AAA) Washington.**

(2) With a bow and arrows beginning:

- (A) October 1 to the end of the fall turkey season with firearms as established in subdivision (1); and**
- (B) the first Saturday after the closing day of deer firearms season as established in SECTION 5 of this document and ending the first Sunday in January.**

(d) The division's director shall determine the spring and fall seasons for hunting and possessing wild turkeys on Camp Atterbury on an annual basis to prevent interference with military training exercises.

(e) An individual may take one (1):

- (1) bearded or male wild turkey during the spring season; and
- (2) wild turkey of either sex during the fall season.

(f) An individual shall not do the following:

- (1) Hunt wild turkeys except between one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and sunset.
- (2) Take a wild turkey except by using:

(A) a shotgun or muzzleloading shotgun with a barrel length of at least eighteen (18) inches (forty-six (46) cm):

- (i) of 28, 20, 16, 12, and 10 gauge; or
- (ii) .410 caliber;

loaded only with shot of size 4, 5, 6, 7, 7 1/2, or smaller. Shot size smaller than size 7 1/2 must be comprised of tungsten super shot or equivalent pellet density only. Shot sizes of equal or greater diameter than six (6) shot (diameter equal to eleven-hundredths (0.11) inch) up through and including four (4) shot (diameter equal to thirteen-hundredths (0.13) inch) must have a density composition equal to or less than fifteen (15) grams per cubic centimeter; or

(B) a bow and arrows, including crossbows as defined in [312 IAC 9-1-5.3](#), with the following restrictions:

(i) An individual may not use a:

- (AA) long bow; or
- (BB) compound bow;

of less than thirty-five (35) pounds pull.

(ii) Arrows must be equipped with metal or metal-edged, flint, chert, or obsidian napped broadheads.

(iii) An individual may not use:

- (AA) a crossbow of less than one hundred twenty-five (125) pounds pull;
- (BB) a crossbow without a mechanical safety; or
- (CC) a poisoned or an explosive arrow.

(iv) No portion of a bow's riser (handle) or:

- (AA) track;
- (BB) trough;
- (CC) channel;
- (DD) arrow rest; or
- (EE) other device;

that attaches to the bow's riser shall contact, support, or guide the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height.

(3) Hunt wild turkeys in the fall season that takes place during the deer muzzleloader season, as established in SECTION 5 of this document, unless that individual wears hunter orange.

(4) Call wild turkeys for another individual unless licensed under subsection (k) or (l). The individual who calls the wild turkey may have already harvested a wild turkey.

(g) The special youth season for hunting wild turkeys under this subsection is two (2) consecutive days beginning the Saturday immediately before the spring turkey season begins as established in subsection (b). A youth who hunts a wild turkey under this SECTION must be accompanied by an adult who is at least eighteen (18) years of age. An adult accompanying a youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field. The seasonal limit for hunting wild turkeys under this subsection is one (1) bearded or male wild turkey. A youth hunter who takes a wild turkey under this subsection must not take another wild turkey during the spring turkey season in the same year.

(h) An individual may not use or possess:

- (1) a dog;
- (2) another domesticated animal;
- (3) a live decoy;
- (4) a recorded call;
- (5) an electronically powered or controlled decoy; or
- (6) bait;

while hunting a wild turkey. An area is considered baited for ten (10) days after the removal of the bait, but an area is not considered to be baited that is attractive to wild turkeys resulting from normal agricultural practices.

(i) An individual may possess a handgun while hunting wild turkeys under [IC 35-47](#).

(j) Except as provided under [IC 14-22-11-1](#) and [IC 14-22-11-11](#), an individual may not hunt:

- (1) wild turkeys unless possessing a completed and signed license bearing the individual's name; or
- (2) with a wild turkey license issued to another individual.

(k) An individual may take a wild turkey during the spring season established under subsection (b) only if:

(1) issued a license to hunt wild turkeys with:

- (A) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#);
 - (B) a resident spring turkey license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(a\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(20\)](#);
 - (C) a nonresident spring turkey license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(21\)](#);
 - (D) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#);
 - (E) a nonresident youth spring turkey license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(27\)](#);
 - (F) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#) before its repeal;
 - (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#) before its repeal;
- or
- (H) an apprentice spring turkey hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#); or

(2) hunting under [IC 14-22-11-1](#).

(l) An individual may take a wild turkey during the fall season established under subsection (c) only if:

(1) issued a license to hunt wild turkeys with:

- (A) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(b\)](#);
 - (B) a resident fall turkey license under [IC 14-22-11-10\(a\)](#) or [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(22\)](#);
 - (C) a nonresident fall turkey license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(23\)](#);
 - (D) a resident youth consolidated hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(24\)](#);
 - (E) a nonresident youth fall turkey license under [IC 14-22-12-1\(a\)\(28\)](#);
 - (F) a lifetime comprehensive hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(4\)](#) before its repeal;
 - (G) a lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing license under [IC 14-22-12-7\(a\)\(5\)](#) before its repeal;
- or
- (H) an apprentice fall turkey hunting license under [IC 14-22-12-1.7](#); or

(2) hunting under [IC 14-22-11-1](#).

(m) Immediately after taking a wild turkey, an individual must attach a piece of paper, to a leg of the turkey directly above the spur, stating the following:

- (1) The name and address of the individual who took the turkey.
- (2) The number of the hunting license issued to the individual who took the turkey, if applicable.
- (3) The date the wild turkey was taken.
- (4) The sex of the wild turkey taken.

(n) An individual who takes a wild turkey must do one (1) of the following:

(1) Ensure the wild turkey is delivered to an official turkey checking station within forty-eight (48) hours after the take as follows:

- (A) Register the wild turkey in the name of the individual who took the wild turkey.
- (B) Provide the check station with accurate information that includes the information on the piece of paper described in subsection (m).
- (C) Record the confirmation number provided by the department of natural resources (department) electronic harvest reporting system on the piece of paper described in subsection (m).

(2) Ensure the take is reported by providing accurate information required on the department's electronic harvest reporting system within forty-eight (48) hours after the take. The individual who took the wild turkey, or the individual reporting the take of the turkey, must record the department's electronic harvest confirmation number on the piece of paper described in subsection (m). This confirmation number must be maintained with the turkey until processing of the turkey begins.

(o) The department's electronic harvest confirmation number must be maintained with a wild turkey gifted to another individual until processing of the wild turkey begins.

(p) The official wild turkey checking station operator shall accurately report the taking of a wild turkey on the department's electronic harvest reporting system and give the individual the confirmation number.

(q) The feathers and beard of a wild turkey must remain attached while the wild turkey is in transit from the site where taken.

(r) As used in this SECTION, "bait" means to:

- (1) place;**
- (2) expose;**
- (3) deposit;**
- (4) distribute; or**
- (5) scatter;**

grain, salt, or other feed to lure, attract, or entice a wild turkey to an area where a person may take the wild turkey.

SECTION 7. This document takes effect on the date and time the publisher accepts the Interim Final Rule for filing.

SECTION 8. This document expires three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the publisher accepts the Interim Final Rule for filing.

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