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(n) (1) "Open season" means the time[,] when a person lawfully may hunt game birds and mammals.

(2) [and it] "OPEN SEASON" includes both the first and last day of the season or period designated by this title.

(aa) (1) "Wildlife" means every living creature, not human, wild by nature, endowed with sensation and power of voluntary motion.

(2) [and including] "WILDLIFE" INCLUDES mammals, birds, amphibians, and reptiles which spend a majority of their life cycle on land or any part, egg, offspring, or dead body of any of them.

10-203.

Every right, power, duty, obligation, and function previously conferred upon or exercised by the Department of Game and Inland Fish or the Fish and Wildlife Administration is transferred to and may be exercised by the Department. Every reference to the Department of Game and Inland Fish or the Fish and Wildlife Administration which appears in the Code, in any other State law, or in any ordinance, resolution, regulation, legal action, directive, or document[,] means the Department.

10-204.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission as of June 30, 1972[,] may serve the unexpired remainder of [his] THE MEMBER'S term as a member of an advisory commission created by law.

10-205.

(a) Having a due regard for the distribution, abundance, economic value, and breeding habits of wildlife, the Secretary may adopt [rules and] regulations to enlarge, extend, restrict, or prohibit hunting, possessing, selling, purchasing, shipping, carrying, transporting, or exporting wildlife.

(b) Upon written petition, 50 residents of the State, at least 25 of whom shall hold valid hunter's licenses and at least 25 of whom are farmers actually residing on farms, may propose to the Secretary for adoption of [rules and] regulations pertaining to wildlife. The full text of the proposed [rules and] regulations shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in every county affected by the [rule or] regulation at least [ten] 10 days prior to its consideration. The published notice shall state the date, time, and place the proposed [rule or] regulation is to be considered and that any interested person may be heard on the proposal. [If] IF, upon considering the advisability of the proposed [rule or] regulation[,] or any part of [it,] THE REGULATION, the Secretary adopts [it, he] THE REGULATION, THE SECRETARY shall give notice of the effective date of the [rule or] regulation in the same manner as [it] THE REGULATION was proposed.

(c) In case of fire hazard or other emergency, the Secretary may adopt any [rule