

may select and mark in October of each year any point on [his] THE OWNER'S OR ASSIGNEE'S shoreline as reserved for [his] THE OWNER'S OR ASSIGNEE'S gunning. The owner or [his] THE OWNER'S assignee shall have exclusive right during open season to station a gunning rig or craft, or set decoys, and gun within one-quarter mile from the shoreline. The [quarter] ONE-QUARTER mile line shall run at right angles to the shoreline from the point so designated or selected by the landowner.

(e) (1) In addition to any other penalty provided in this title, any person who operates or possesses a gunning rig in violation of this section, including bag limit restrictions provided by this title, shall have his rig excluded from the Flats for [three] 3 legal gunning days. The period of exclusion shall include any gunning days the rig may have been excluded prior to determination of the case.

10-701.

(b) The Secretary may grant a permit to field trial clubs and associations to hold field trials with raccoon, opossum, bird, or rabbit dogs in the State any time during the closed season. Field trials shall be held pursuant to [rules and] regulations the Secretary adopts to safeguard the interests of wildlife in the State.

10-801.

(A) The Department may acquire, by purchase, lease, condemnation, or gift, title or control of any area of land or water in the State suitable to protect, propagate, or manage wildlife or for hunting purposes. The area of land or water shall be known as a wildlife management area. Any area of land or water greater than 100 acres may be acquired in Garrett or Allegany County only with the approval of that county. This requirement does not apply to any areas which have previously been authorized for acquisition by the General Assembly.

(B) The Department may purchase or erect any structure necessary for wildlife management and may purchase or lease any area of land or water excluding the ownership of and the right to drill any mineral, oil, or gas.

10-802.

(A) The title to any land or water acquired by purchase, gift, or condemnation shall be taken in the name of the State for the Department's use. The entire control of the area of land and water shall be under the State's direction.

(B) The Secretary may expend from the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund any amount necessary to purchase or condemn the area of land or water.

10-803.

(a) If the Department considers it in the State's best interests and the Governor consents, [it] THE DEPARTMENT may exchange any area of land or water or part [it] THE DEPARTMENT owns together with any improvement on [it,] THE AREA OF LAND OR WATER for any privately owned area of land or water equal to or greater in value than the area of land or water the Department exchanges and adapted for