

tion district of Washington County, the Commission may reduce the deer population in areas suffering from crop damage after thorough investigation shows that such action is justified. The method of reducing the deer population shall be at the discretion of the Commission except that wherever feasible trapping shall be preferred. The deer which may be taken under this provision shall be disposed of by the Director of the Commission as he may deem advisable and for the best interests of the State. In Dorchester, St. Mary's, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties, there shall be a three-day open season for antlerless deer including the Saturday immediately prior to November 15 of each year, as established from time to time by the Commission for residents and landowners of said counties only and no permits are required for this privilege in said counties. In Allegany County, there shall be no period for hunting antlerless deer unless the member of the Commission from the geographical section embracing the county agrees to such a period.]

May be hunted, pursued, or killed for a period of ~~nine~~ EIGHT hunting days beginning on that Monday in November or December nearest in time to, or on, December 1, FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING in each and every year.

Antlerless deer

The Commission may prescribe an open season for antlerless deer, by special permit, of not more than three days duration to begin in the week immediately following the week containing the last day of the male deer season, at such times and in such counties as the Commission shall in its discretion prescribe by regulation; SAID ANTLERLESS DEER SEASON TO BE CONCLUDED ON THE THIRD SATURDAY IN DECEMBER and the Commission may consider, among other factors, the deer population surveys, crop damage, kill of previous seasons, car kill, and size, weight, health, age and doe-fawn ratios of deer in the said counties in reaching such decision.