

Kind of Game

Open Season

antler three or more inches long, with the points measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

Antlerless deer

The Commission may prescribe an open season for antlerless deer, by special permit when deemed advisable, at such times and in such counties as the Commission shall in its discretion prescribe by regulation.

Deer, both sexes (bow and arrow)

In counties having a bow and arrow season, deer of either sex may be hunted for a period to be fixed annually by the Commission.

In any county or election district OR OTHER IDENTIFIABLE AREAS of the State, the Commission may reduce the wildlife population ~~or other identifiable areas~~ after a thorough investigation reveals that protected wildlife is seriously injurious to agricultural or other interests in the affected area. The method of reducing the wildlife population shall be at the discretion of the Commission except that wherever feasible trapping shall be preferred. The wildlife which may be taken under this provision shall be disposed of by the Director of the Department as he may deem advisable and for the best interests of the State.

(f) Hunting at night; raccoon and opossum; number of shells fired by shotgun; twenty-two caliber rifles and bows and arrows.— It shall be unlawful to hunt any game at night time, except raccoon and opossum. The words "night time" shall be construed to mean the time beginning with sunset until sunrise the following day; the time stated by calendar of hour of sunrise and sunset. It shall be unlawful to hunt any game, except raccoon and opossum, mentioned herein by use of automobile lights, spotlight, or a light of any description. ~~It shall be unlawful to hunt, pursue or kill any upland game of any species, except deer, by means of any automatic loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, the magazine of which has not been cut off or plugged with a one-piece metal or wooden filler incapable of removal through the loading end thereof so as to reduce the capacity of said gun to not more than three shells at any one time in the magazine and chamber combined. [Provided, however, a 22 caliber rifle or bow and arrow shall be termed as lawful weapons for the hunting of upland game, except it shall be unlawful to hunt deer with a rifle using cartridges giving a muzzle energy of less than 1200 foot pounds.] The Commission may by regulation prescribe the type of firearms and bow and arrow or other implements or device type of ammunition to be used in any designated area in the State in the interest of public safety and the proper management of wildlife. It shall be unlawful to hunt with a handgun commonly known as a pistol or revolver.~~

THE COMMISSION SHALL SET FORTH BY REGULATION BY WHAT MEANS OR WEAPONS DESIGNATED WILD FOWL