

2015-2016 NORTH DAKOTA DEER HUNTING PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to North Dakota law and the recommendation of the Game and Fish Director, I hereby declare open seasons for the taking of deer with bow (Deer Bow), firearms (Deer Gun), Muzzleloader and Youth Deer season. Except as provided hereinafter or otherwise by law, no person shall hunt, kill, take, possess, transport, or so attempt to hunt, kill, take, transport, or possess any deer or parts thereof.

DEFINITIONS. As hereinafter used, unless the content or subject matter otherwise requires: “Game” shall include any of those species of big game, small game, or furbearers as defined in section 20.1-01-02 of the North Dakota Century Code. “Edible flesh” (big game animals) shall be both front quarters, both hind quarters, and back straps but does not include meat ruined by bullet or natural causes. “Common Carriers” are shipping companies, commercial meat processors and taxidermists. “Processed and Packaged Meat” is meat which has been cut/ground and wrapped. It is not quartered or boned out pieces of meat.

1. SEASON DATES, TIMES, OPEN AREAS

| <u>Season</u> | <u>Opens</u> | <u>Closes</u> | <u>Areas</u> | <u>Restrictions</u> |
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| DEER BOW | Sept 4 (12 noon) | Jan. 3 | Statewide | Residents – Any deer is legal, except antlerless mule deer within Deer Gun hunting units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 4F. No unit restrictions. Nonresidents – Restricted to species of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Harvest of antlerless mule deer is prohibited within Deer Gun hunting units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 4F. Orange clothing required of all bow hunters and those accompanying apprentice license holders during Deer Gun season. |
| *Exception - See Section 4 - Special Herd Reduction Deer Seasons | | | | |
| DEER GUN | 16½ Day Season Nov. 6 (12 noon) | Nov. 22 | All Units | Restricted to type of deer and unit on license. Type of deer includes species and whether antlerless or antlered (at least one visible antler). Harvest of antlerless mule deer is prohibited in hunting units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 4F. See map on back for unit descriptions. Note exception for white-tailed deer hunters in 4B, 4C, 4D, and 4E. Orange clothing required for gun hunters and those accompanying apprentice and youth license holders. |
| MUZZLELOADER | Nov. 27 (12 noon) | Dec. 13 | Statewide | Restricted to white-tailed deer only and type of deer on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required for muzzleloader hunters and those accompanying apprentice license holders. |

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| YOUTH DEER | Sep. 18 (12 noon) | Sep. 27 | Statewide | 12 & 13 year olds - Antlerless white-tailed deer only. 14 & 15 year olds - Any deer is legal, except antlerless mule deer in hunting units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 4F. No unit restrictions. Except in Hunting Units 4A-4F, 3B1 & 3B2 a special license is required to hunt antlered mule deer. These licenses are valid only in the unit specified on the license. Orange clothing required for youth hunters, their mentors and those accompanying apprentice license holders. |

HOURS OF HUNTING are one-half (½) hour before sunrise to one-half (½) hour after sunset except when seasons open as noted above. Hunters must cease any hunting activity, leave any stand or blind, and must be in the process of leaving the field at the close of shooting hours (one-half (½) hour after sunset). All season openers are Central Time.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Who May Apply--Any resident or nonresident is eligible for each of the following seasons (Deer Bow, Deer Gun, Muzzleloader). Additionally, residents ages 12 and 13 are eligible for a statewide antlerless white-tailed deer license and may only hunt during the Youth Deer season (this includes those who are age 11 providing their birthday occurs in the same year as the Youth Deer season). Residents ages 14 and 15 are eligible to apply for a once-in-a-life-time any-deer license in-lieu of a Deer Gun license (this includes youth who are age 13 providing they will be age 14 during the same year as the respective big game hunting season).

Licenses for Military Personnel -- North Dakota residents who were on federal active duty with the United States Armed Forces under Title 10, stationed outside of the state and received the expeditionary medal or campaign badge during the 2014 Deer Gun season and make application by June 3, 2015 are eligible to purchase one white-tailed Deer Gun license of their choice in the unit of their choice. Applicants are required to include documentation showing their award or qualification for the award with their application. Applications received after June 3, 2015 will be issued based on licenses available.

Youth Deer Season (Residents Only)--Residents ages 12 and 13 are eligible for a statewide antlerless white-tailed deer license (this includes those who are age 11 providing their birthday occurs in the same year as the Youth Deer season). Individuals age 14 and 15 who have either not previously applied for a Deer Gun license or who have applied but have never received a Deer Gun license are eligible to receive one deer license valid for the Youth Deer season, this includes youth who are age 13 providing they will be age 14 during the same year as the respective big game hunting season as well as those youth who apply at age 15 but will be turning 16 after they have applied for their license. If a 14 or 15 year old is unsuccessful in harvesting a deer during the Youth Deer season, the license also will be valid during the Deer Gun season. Eleven, 12 and 13 year olds may only hunt in the Youth Deer season. Anyone applying for these licenses is not eligible to apply for a license for the regular Deer Gun season. In addition, each youth must be accompanied (must be able to have unaided verbal contact) by at

least one unarmed parent, guardian, or adult authorized by their parent or guardian during the Youth Deer season. No Youth Deer licensee hunting in the field during the Youth Deer season may be accompanied by a nonlicensee carrying a firearm or a bow and arrow. A nonlicensee is a person not having a Youth Deer license.

Quadriplegics who apply for and receive a Deer Gun season license through the lottery will be eligible to hunt during the Youth Deer season. Quadriplegics who hunt during the Youth Deer season must adhere to the unit and deer-type restrictions on their license.

3. LICENSES

Deer Bow, Deer Gun, Youth Deer and Muzzleloader licenses are issued in the form of stamps. These stamps must be affixed to the back of the fishing, hunting, and furbearer certificate and signed in ink. If space is not available on the certificate the hunter must be in possession of the signed stamp. It is illegal to purchase more than one Deer Bow license per season. Licenses are not transferable. No person may give, barter, or sell an issued license to another person.

Deer Bow--All resident licenses are issued by the Department's Bismarck office, through the Department web site, or by calling 1-800-406-6409. A person may only purchase one archery license per year.

Nonresident Deer Bow--General nonresident bow licenses for white-tailed deer are issued by the Department's Bismarck office, through the Department web site, or by calling 1-800-406-6409. Two hundred and two (202) nonresident any-deer licenses (which include mule deer) are issued by lottery only from the Department's Bismarck office. Harvest of antlerless mule deer is prohibited in Deer Gun hunting units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, and 4F.

Deer Gun--Licenses are issued by a weighted lottery drawing among eligible applicants as prescribed by the Director. Persons must submit applications to the Department's Bismarck office by June 3, 2015. Because of sometimes delayed postmarking procedures, applications postmarked June 4 and earlier will be accepted. After the lottery drawing, unsuccessful applicants may apply for any remaining licenses which will be issued by lottery. If Deer Gun licenses still remain after the unsuccessful lottery applicants have had first chance at them, the Department may issue these on a lottery or first come-first served basis to any eligible person including those not previously issued a 2015 Deer Gun license.

Muzzleloader--Licenses are issued by a weighted lottery drawing among eligible applicants. Persons must submit applications to the Department's Bismarck office by June 3, 2015. Because of sometimes delayed postmarking procedures, applications postmarked June 4 and earlier will be accepted.

Fees--The appropriate fee must accompany all Deer Gun, Youth Deer, and or Muzzleloader applications. Residents and nonresidents may use credit cards, personal checks, certified checks, or money orders. If an insufficient funds check is issued and the collection agency cannot collect, the applicant shall be ineligible for a 2015 and 2016 Deer Gun or Muzzleloader license.

Gratis and Nonresident Landowner Preferential Licenses--Gratis and nonresident preferential licenses are issued only through the Department's Bismarck office and the number of gratis licenses issued will be subtracted from the maximum number of Deer Gun licenses available for each unit.

Licenses for Terminally Ill Children--One organization will be provided up to eight deer licenses to hunt the species indicated on the license in the manner, places, and times prescribed in this proclamation. The organization shall make one license available to each qualified child to hunt the species of big game indicated on the license as provided in the this proclamation. A qualified child receiving a license under this section must comply with hunter education requirements and, if under the age of eighteen, must be accompanied by an adult twenty-one years of age or older. "Organization" means a nonprofit organization qualified under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) with the principal purpose of granting hunting and fishing adventures for children who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness by a licensed physician and "qualified child" means a terminally ill individual who is of legal age to hunt the species for which the license is valid but under twenty-one years of age, is a resident, and is sponsored by an organization that provides to the department supporting documentation demonstrating compliance as described in this section.

Licenses for the Injured Military Wildlife Project--The Director may issue four any deer and six white-tailed deer licenses annually to the injured military wildlife project for distribution. A license issued under this subsection is valid during the period of the Deer Bow season.

4. FIREARMS AND ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

Deer Bow Season--Section 1a: A bow must be pulled, held, and released by hand. Any release aid may be used providing it is hand operated, the shooter supports the draw weight of the bow, and the release is not attached to any part of the bow other than at the bowstring. Arrows capable of causing damage or injury to the animal in excess of that inflicted by the cutting edges of the broadhead, are prohibited while hunting big game with a bow (e.g., explosive arrow points, arrows tipped with drugs or chemicals, and pneumatic or hydraulic shafts are illegal). No firearms, except handguns, may be in the hunter's possession while hunting with a Deer Bow license. However, handguns may not be used in any manner to assist in the harvest of a deer on an archery license. Crossbows are not legal, except with a permit from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department Director.

Deer Bow Season--Section 1b: A compound bow used for hunting deer must have at least 35 pounds of draw at 28 inches or less draw length. Recurve and long bows used for hunting deer must have at least 35 pounds of draw at 28 inches. Arrows must be at least 24 inches long, tipped with a metal broadhead, with at least two sharp cutting edges, and have a cutting diameter of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (i.e., not able to pass through a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch ring.). It is illegal to hunt big game with barbed arrows. Broadheads with mechanical or retractable blades not manufactured to stay open are legal. Telescopic sights, range finding devices, battery-powered or electronically lighted sights or other electronic devices attached to the bow, or the arrow, are not permitted. Exception: a lighted nock and recording devices which do not aid in range finding, sighting or shooting the bow are permitted. Handheld range finding devices are legal. When permitted, crossbows must: a) have a peak draw weight of at least 75 pounds and not more than 200 pounds, b) be equipped

with a working safety to prevent accidental firing, c) have a stock at least 14 inches long, d) use arrows or bolts at least 14 inches in length, e) Battery-powered and electronic-lighted sight pins and telescopic sights not exceeding a maximum power of four by thirty-two millimeters may be attached to crossbows used for hunting, and f) crossbow hunters must comply with all other archery equipment regulations listed above.

Deer Gun and Youth Deer Seasons--Centerfire rifles of .22 to .49 caliber and muzzleloading rifles of .45 caliber or larger are legal for deer. Centerfire rifles of .50 caliber or larger using smokeless powder with a case length of greater than 3.5 inches are prohibited. Rifled slugs or patched round balls of 20 gauge or larger are legal for shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns. Minimum barrel length of shotguns is 18 inches. Handguns must have a minimum barrel length of 4 inches and be .35 cal. or larger. In addition, any centerfire handgun designed to fire a legal rifle cartridge shall be legal. Muzzleloading handguns must be .50 caliber or larger. Fully automatic firearms, full-metal jacketed bullets, which are non-expanding, as well as altered projectiles are prohibited. All legal bow equipment as listed above in the Deer Bow season section shall be legal during the Deer Gun season. Crossbows are legal during the Deer Gun season. Crossbows must: a) have a peak draw weight of at least 75 pounds and not more than 200 pounds, b) be equipped with a working safety to prevent accidental firing, c) have a stock at least 14 inches long, d) use bolts at least 14 inches in length.

Areas Closed to Hunting With Centerfire Rifles--During the open Deer Gun season only handguns, shotguns with rifled slugs, legal muzzleloading firearms and legal bow equipment may be used for the taking of deer on the following areas:

- A. That portion of unit 2L starting where ND Highway 19 meets the east shore of Six Mile Bay on Devils Lake, then south and east along the north shore of Devils Lake to the South Creel Township line, then north to ND Highway 19, then west on ND Highway 19 to the point of origin, except Camp Grafton where a limited number of special either sex permits will be issued to disabled veterans. Check with the Barnes County Veterans Service office for details (701) 845-8511.
- B. The areas north and south of Bismarck described as follows: In unit 3B3, starting on ND Highway 1804 at the north boundary of the Double Ditch Indian Village site, then south on ND Highway 1804 to the junction with the road known as River Road, then south on River Road to the Bismarck city limits, then west to the west bank of the Missouri River, then following the west bank of the Missouri River to a point directly west of the north boundary of the Double Ditch Indian Village site, to include river islands and sandbars, then east to the point of origin. In unit 3C, an area starting where the southwest boundary of the city limits of Bismarck join the east bank of the Missouri River, then following the city limits of Bismarck easterly to the point where it meets the west bank of Apple Creek in the northeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 138 North, Range 80 West, then following the west bank of Apple Creek in a general southwest direction to its junction with the north boundary of Apple Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and then west and south along the WMA boundary to the Missouri River, then following the east bank of the Missouri River to the point of origin.

- C. That portion of unit 3C starting on ND Highway 1806 from Mandan city limits south to a point directly west of the mouth of the Heart River. Then east to the west bank of the Missouri River, then northerly along the west bank of the Missouri River to Mandan city limits and then west along Mandan city limits to the point of origin.
- D. Approximately 171 acres so posted in unit 3B1 within Sections 2, 10, and 11, Township 151 North, Range 104 West in McKenzie County, North Dakota.
- E. Those wildlife management areas posted with firearms restrictions at major access points.
- F. Approximately 90 acres so posted in unit 3B3 within Section 18, Township 147 North, Range 83 West in the Wolf Creek Campground area in McLean County, North Dakota. The lakeside boundary is the water's edge.
- G. Approximately 60 acres so posted in unit 2K1 within sections 21 and 28, Township 148 North, Range 83 West in the East Totten Trail Campground area in McLean County, North Dakota. The lakeside boundary is the water's edge.

Muzzleloader Season--Muzzleloading long guns of .45 caliber or larger, and handguns .50 caliber or larger, loaded through the muzzle, with flint or percussion ignition, firing black powder or black powder substitutes are legal. Smokeless powders are not legal. Telescopic sights are prohibited. Exception: no magnification (1X) scopes are legal for Muzzleloader season.

Special Herd Reduction Deer Seasons--A) Three special experimental deer bow seasons are proclaimed for portions of the City of Bismarck, and private land in Burleigh County located adjacent to the City of Bismarck. The private land in Burleigh County is described as follows: starting where the southwest boundary of the city limits of Bismarck joins the east bank of the Missouri River, then following the city limits of Bismarck easterly to the point where it meets the west bank of Apple Creek in the northeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 138 North, Range 80 West, then following the west bank of Apple Creek in a general southwest direction to its junction with the north boundary of Apple Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and then west and south along the WMA boundary to the Missouri River, then following the east bank of the Missouri River to the point of origin. This does not include the NDDOCR property referred to in Section 4(D).

Hunters who desire to hunt within the city limits of Bismarck must receive a trespass permit from the Bismarck Chief of Police (701-223-1212), prior to being issued up to three Special Deer Bow licenses from the Game and Fish Director. Hunters will be restricted to those dates and locations specified on the trespass permit(s). No orange clothing is required when hunting within the Special Herd Reduction areas unless required by city officials within city limits. In addition, hunters may use their Deer Bow license during the Deer Bow season (September 4, 2015 through January 3, 2016) after obtaining a trespass permit. In the area outside the city limits of Bismarck no trespass permit is needed. These licenses are available only at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department headquarters in Bismarck.

The bag limit shall be one antlerless white-tailed deer for each Special Deer Bow license.

Legal bow equipment, manner of taking, shooting hours and all other requirements shall be the same as printed elsewhere in this proclamation. The seasons shall open at 12:00 (noon) Central Time, September 4, 2015, and close one-half (½) hour after sunset January 31, 2016, unless restrictions are contained in the trespass permit issued by the Bismarck Chief of Police.

B) Additional special experimental deer bow seasons will be held in portions of the City of Fargo and adjacent areas, including privately owned land. Hunters who desire to hunt within the city limits of Fargo must receive a Fargo City Deer Management Permit from the City of Fargo (701-235-4493).

A maximum of 90 antlerless Special Deer Bow Season licenses (available from the Department's Bismarck office) will be issued for hunting in the City of Fargo and adjacent areas. Each Fargo City Deer Management Permit holder may initially receive up to two Special Deer Bow Season licenses. Hunters must submit applications to the Department's Bismarck office along with a copy of their Fargo City Deer Management Permit and \$30.00 for each license. Any remaining un-issued licenses after October 31, 2015, can be purchased by Fargo City Deer Management Permit holders on a first come first served basis.

The season shall open at 12:00 (noon) Central Time, September 4, 2015, and close one-half (½) hour after sunset January 31, 2016. Specific details including areas open to hunting will be determined by the City of Fargo. No orange clothing is required when hunting within the city limits of Fargo. Hunters must comply with all other applicable archery rules and regulations issued by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

C) An experimental antlerless deer bow season is proclaimed for the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Lab in Mandan, North Dakota. The season shall open at 12:00 (noon) Central Time, September 4, 2015, and close one-half (½) hour after sunset January 31, 2016. A maximum of 35 antlerless deer bow licenses will be available. Application for the lottery for these licenses will be available at www.ars.usda.gov/npa/ngprl. Licenses must be purchased at the NDGFD headquarters in Bismarck.

D) Three special experimental antlerless deer bow seasons will be held on the ND Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation land south of Bismarck, North Dakota. Hunters must first obtain a NDDOCR access permit before hunting on NDDOCR land. Only 25 access permits will be granted to archery hunters and access permits are only available through the NDDOCR. Application deadline for access permits is 4:00 pm Central Time, July 1, 2015.

A maximum of 75 antlerless deer bow licenses (available from the Department's Bismarck office) will be issued. Each access permit holder can purchase up to three antlerless white-tailed deer licenses.

Season dates for deer hunting will open at 12:00 (noon) Central Time, September 4, 2015 and will close January 3, 2016. Other details, including areas open to hunting, will be determined by the NDDOCR. Hunters must comply with all other applicable archery rules and regulations.

Other Firearm and Archery Equipment Restrictions--It is illegal to go afield with a firearm or bow and arrow while intoxicated.

Americans with Disabilities--The Director may make reasonable accommodations to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

5. AIRCRAFT, MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES, AND LIGHTS

- * It shall be illegal to use all types of aircraft, manned or unmanned, for spotting game 72 hours prior to and during the hunting season. A licensee cannot hunt the same day they are airborne over their hunting unit with the exception of their scheduled passenger airline flight. It is illegal to drive, concentrate, rally, raise, stir up, or disturb game with all types of aircraft, manned or unmanned.
- * Motor-driven vehicles may not be used to pursue game. Motor-driven vehicles may not be used to retrieve a big game animal until the animal has been taken into possession and legally tagged.
- * It is illegal to shoot with bow and arrow or firearm while in or on a motor-driven vehicle.
- * No person may carry a firearm with a cartridge in the chamber in or on a motor-driven vehicle while hunting big game animals. The entire cylinder of a revolver is considered the chamber, requiring the revolver to be completely unloaded. Handguns with removable magazines or clips must have the magazine or clip removed from the firearm if the magazine or clip contains any loaded shells. It is illegal to carry any muzzleloading firearm in or on a motor-driven vehicle with a percussion cap or primer on the nipple or powder in the flash pan.
- * No person may use a motor-driven vehicle in the process of hunting big game or aid another in the process of hunting big game unless the motor-driven vehicle is on an established trail.
- * No person may use motor-driven vehicles on North Dakota Game and Fish Department Conservation PLOTS (**P**riate **L**and **O**pen **T**o **S**portsmen) property without permission from the landowner, or if posted with signs granting vehicle access. These areas have been entrusted to the public for walking access through written agreements by private landowners. The boundaries of these properties are illustrated in the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's annual PLOTS Guide and on-site by large yellow triangular signs.
- * It shall be illegal to engage in shining for big game with any artificial light for the purpose of locating or observing big game between sunset of one day and sunrise of the next.
- * Use of night vision equipment, electronically enhanced light gathering optics or thermal imaging equipment for locating or hunting game is prohibited.

6. BAG LIMITS

- * Any deer with at least one visible antler is considered an antlered deer.
- * Resident Deer Bow license holders may take and possess one deer of any type per season except the harvest of antlerless mule deer within Deer Gun hunting units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, and 4F and as stated previously for special herd reduction deer bow hunting areas (Section 4).
- * Nonresident Deer Bow license holders may take and possess one deer of the type described on their license. Harvest of antlerless mule deer is prohibited in Deer Gun hunting units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, and 4F.
- * Deer Gun license holders may take and possess one deer of the type described on their license. See Section 13 for types of Deer Gun licenses.
- * Muzzleloader license holders may take and possess one white-tailed deer of the type described on their license.
- * Gratis license holders may take and possess one deer as described on their license. Harvest of antlerless mule deer is prohibited in hunting units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, and 4F.
- * Youth Deer license holders ages 14 and 15 may take and possess one deer of any species, sex, or age, except in units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 4F where a special license is required to hunt antlered mule deer. Harvest of antlerless mule deer is prohibited in hunting units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, and 4F.
- * Youth Deer license holders ages 12 and 13 may take and possess one antlerless white-tailed deer.

7. TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

IMMEDIATELY after an animal has been killed, the hunter must indicate the date of kill by cutting out the appropriate month and day from the tag provided with the license and attach it to the base of the antler on antlered deer or in a slit in the ear on antlerless deer as illustrated on the tag backing to prevent its removal. The tag, placed immediately upon the antler or slit in ear, shall remain with the antlers or head until March 31, 2016. After the antlers, head, or hide have been removed from the carcass, the carcass tag shall remain with the carcass or processed meat until consumed or until March 31, 2016. No person may re-use or attempt to re-use any tag issued. When any part of an animal is mounted, if the tag is removed from the antlers or ear, the tag must be securely fastened to the back or bottom of the mount and remain there. Tags are not transferable.

8. TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE

License holders must accompany their game animal, or parts thereof, (excluding hide) during transportation. Except that a permit for the transportation of game may be issued by the Department upon request. Game may be shipped by common carrier in receipt of proper bill of lading. A deer carcass must be accompanied by the head to the final place of storage. No resident of the state may ship big game or parts thereof (other than hides) out of the state without a permit from the Department. It is illegal to possess or transport another's game animal or parts thereof (excluding hides) without the license holder accompanying or as otherwise permitted. Processed and packaged meat of legally harvested game may only be gifted to another (but not sold, traded or bartered). Un-processed, un-packaged meat of legally harvested game may be gifted (but not sold, traded or bartered) as follows: 1) Prior to reaching the licensee's permanent residence, a transportation permit must be obtained and accompany the game meat. 2) After reaching the licensee's permanent residence if accompanied by the carcass tag of the person who harvested the game.

Commercial processors and common carriers may possess any person's legally taken possession limit of game. The carcass tag from the individual's license shall accompany the carcass through processing and be returned to the individual to be kept until the meat is consumed or until March 31, 2016.

9. AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING

Federal or state properties such as refuges, sanctuaries, military installations, parks, or historic sites posted no trespassing or no hunting are closed to the hunting of deer.

Exceptions: Grahams Island State Park in unit 2L. In addition to a unit 2L Deer Gun hunting license, a special park permit will be required. Other special restrictions may be instituted and must be followed when hunting in the park, please contact the park office for additional information and for obtaining permits (701-766-4015).

Fort Ransom State Park in unit 2G1. In addition to a unit 2G1 Deer Gun hunting license, a special park permit will be required. Other special restrictions may be instituted and must be followed when hunting in the park, please contact the park office for additional information and for obtaining permits (701-973-4331).

Fort Stevenson State Park in unit 3A3 will be open during the Deer Bow season. Contact the park office for details (701-337-5576).

The University of North Dakota Forest River Biology Station will be open during the Deer Bow season by special permit through UND. Applications for this permit are due on June 3, 2015 and should be sent using a letter or postcard to the UND Biology Department (Deer Permit, Starcher Hall, 10 Cornell Street-Stop 9109, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9019).

Also closed for the Deer Gun and Muzzleloader seasons is that portion of unit 2L starting at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and ND Highway 20, then south along ND Highway 20 and ND Highway 57 to the north shore of Devils Lake, then northwest along the north shore of Devils Lake to the west edge of South Creel Township, then north along the township line to ND Highway 19, then east along ND Highway 19 to its junction with U.S. Highway 2, then southeast along U.S. Highway 2 to the point of origin, except Camp Grafton where a limited number of special permits will be issued to disabled veterans. Check with North Dakota National Guard headquarters at Camp Grafton for details (701-662-0200).

In accordance with N.D.C.C. 20.1-08-04.9, nonresidents shall be prohibited from hunting from October 10, 2015 through October 16, 2015 on Game and Fish Department wildlife management areas or Conservation PLOTS (Private Land Open To Sportsmen) areas.

10. WANTON WASTE

No person shall kill or cripple any big game animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve and retain the big game animal in his or her actual custody. No person shall waste, destroy, spoil, or abandon the edible flesh of a big game animal at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his or her permanent residence, (b) a taxidermist, (c) a common carrier, or (d) a commercial processor.

11. HUNTING BIG GAME OVER BAIT

Hunting big game over bait on Game and Fish Department's Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) is prohibited. Hunting big game over bait is defined as the placement and or use of bait(s) for attracting big game and other wildlife to a specific location for the purpose of hunting. Baits include but are not limited to grains, minerals, salts, fruits, vegetables, hay or any other natural or manufactured foods. The designation does not apply to the use of scents and lures, water, food plots, standing crops, or livestock feeds being used in standard practices.

12. NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (NWR) PERMITS

Certain National Wildlife Refuges may be open to deer hunting during the Deer Bow and Muzzleloader seasons. Contact refuge headquarters for details. Some National Wildlife Refuges will be open during the Deer Gun season, including some requiring a special refuge permit which controls the amount of access during the season. Special refuge permits are determined by lottery and must be applied for through the initial lottery drawing process. In order to receive a refuge permit an individual must first be successful in drawing a unit permit.

Refuges Open During Deer Gun Season (Nov 6-22).

| REFUGE | PERMITS | UNIT | RESTRICTIONS | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---|---|
| Upper Souris NWR 701-468-5467 | Antlered 125 | 3A2 | Only holders of refuge permits may hunt antlered deer on Upper Souris NWR or Tewaukon NWR. Refuge permit holders may hunt off the refuge anywhere in the unit. No refuge permit is required to hunt antlerless deer on Upper Souris NWR or Tewaukon NWR. | |
| Tewaukon NWR 701-724-3598 | 15 | 2G2 | | |
| J. Clark Salyer NWR 701-768-2548 | 175 | 3A4 | Only holders of refuge permits may hunt antlered deer on the refuge and permit holders may <u>not</u> hunt off the refuge. No refuge permit is required to hunt antlerless deer on J. Clark Salyer NWR. | |
| Arrowwood NWR 701-285-3341 | | 2F2 | | |
| Audubon NWR 701-442-5474 | | 2K1 | | |
| Chase Lake NWR 701-752-4218 | | 2J2 | | |
| Des Lacs NWR 701-385-4046 | | 3A2 & 3A3 | | No refuge permit required. Open for entire season for persons possessing a license in the unit. |
| Lake Alice NWR 701-662-8611 | | 2E | | |
| Lake Nettie NWR 701-442-5474 | | 2K1 | | |
| Lake Zahl NWR 701-965-6488 | | 3A1 | | |
| Long Lake NWR 701-387-4397 | | 2I | | |
| Lostwood NWR 701-848-2722 | | 3A1 | | |
| Slade NWR 701-387-4397 | | 2I | | |
| Sibley Lake NWR 701-845-3466 | | 2F1 | | |

National Wildlife Refuges open to deer hunting during the Youth Deer season include: Arrowwood, Chase Lake, Des Lacs, J. Clark Salyer, Long Lake, Lostwood, Lake Alice, Sibley Lake, Slade, Tewaukon, Lake Nettie, Upper Souris, and Zahl. Youth hunters are required to contact headquarters for permission and details.

13. LICENSES AVAILABLE BY SEASON

Deer Bow--Resident--not limited.

Nonresident--General statewide white-tailed deer are not limited. License for any deer (except antlerless mule deer in Deer Gun hunting units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, and 4F), but still include antlered mule deer, are limited to 202.

Youth Deer- "I Tag" - Ages 14 and 15 - Valid for any deer, except antlerless mule deer, in specific units (units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 4F). License is valid only for a specific unit and hunters must hunt only in that unit during the Youth Deer season (Sep. 18 - Sep. 27, 2015) and the Deer Gun season (Nov. 6 - Nov. 22, 2015). These licenses will be issued by lottery and the application deadline is June 3, 2015.

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| "I Tag" Licenses Available | 3B1 - 20 | 4C - 35 |
| | 3B2 - 15 | 4D - 30 |
| | 4A - 20 | 4E - 20 |
| | 4B - 35 | 4F - 12 |

"H Tag" - Not limited and are valid statewide for any deer except in units 3B1, 3B2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E & 4F where these licenses are not valid for any mule deer.

Additional licenses may be issued for youth applicants. These licenses will be granted even after all regular season licenses have been issued.

Muzzleloader-- A maximum of 414 licenses are available for statewide antlered white-tailed deer. A maximum of 414 licenses are available for a statewide antlerless white-tailed deer.

Deer Gun--For the 2015 Deer Gun season, 43,275 licenses, including gratis licenses, will be issued. Special permits designating the type of deer and unit are a part of the Deer Gun license. Deer types are coded according to the following letter designations:

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| A--Any Antlered Deer--either species | D--Antlerless White-tailed Deer |
| B--Any Antlerless Deer--either species | E--Antlered Mule Deer |
| C--Antlered White-tailed Deer | F--Antlerless Mule Deer |

16 ½ DAY SEASON
November 6 (12 Noon) - November 22

| Unit | Deer Type | Number Available | Unit | Deer Type | Number Available | Unit | Deer Type | Number Available |
|------|-----------|------------------|------|-----------|------------------|------|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | A | 200 | 3A1 | A | 700 | 3E2 | A | 600 |
| 1 | B | 200 | 3A1 | B | 100 | 3E2 | B | 600 |
| 2A | A | 300 | 3A2 | A | 800 | 3E2 | C | 400 |
| 2A | B | 100 | 3A2 | B | 700 | 3E2 | D | 300 |
| 2B | A | 1000 | 3A3 | A | 600 | 3F1 | A | 250 |
| 2B | B | 700 | 3A3 | B | 500 | 3F1 | B | 250 |
| 2C | A | 500 | 3A4 | A | 800 | 3F1 | C | 400 |
| 2C | B | 300 | 3A4 | B | 700 | 3F1 | D | 300 |
| 2D | A | 200 | 3B1 | C | 200 | 3F2 | A | 550 |
| 2D | B | 100 | 3B1 | D | 100 | 3F2 | B | 800 |
| 2E | A | 400 | 3B1 | E | 200 | 3F2 | C | 800 |
| 2E | B | 300 | 3B1 | F | 0 | 3F2 | D | 800 |
| 2F1 | A | 1000 | 3B2 | C | 200 | 4A | C | 150 |
| 2F1 | B | 1000 | 3B2 | D | 150 | 4A | D | 100 |
| 2F2 | A | 800 | 3B2 | E | 150 | 4A | E | 200 |
| 2F2 | B | 700 | 3B2 | F | 0 | 4A | F | 0 |
| 2G | A | 200 | 3B3 | A | 100 | 4B | C | 100 |
| 2G | B | 100 | 3B3 | B | 50 | 4B | D | 100 |
| 2G1 | A | 700 | 3B3 | C | 800 | 4B | E | 350 |
| 2G1 | B | 600 | 3B3 | D | 600 | 4B | F | 0 |
| 2G2 | A | 800 | 3C | A | 100 | 4C | C | 150 |
| 2G2 | B | 500 | 3C | B | 100 | 4C | D | 100 |
| 2H | A | 800 | 3C | C | 1000 | 4C | E | 350 |
| 2H | B | 600 | 3C | D | 700 | 4C | F | 0 |
| 2I | A | 1000 | 3D1 | A | 200 | 4D | C | 200 |
| 2I | B | 1000 | 3D1 | B | 200 | 4D | D | 200 |
| 2J1 | A | 700 | 3D1 | C | 150 | 4D | E | 300 |
| 2J1 | B | 500 | 3D1 | D | 100 | 4D | F | 0 |
| 2J2 | A | 1100 | 3D2 | A | 300 | 4E | C | 150 |
| 2J2 | B | 900 | 3D2 | B | 300 | 4E | D | 100 |
| 2K1 | A | 600 | 3D2 | C | 200 | 4E | E | 200 |
| 2K1 | B | 600 | 3D2 | D | 200 | 4E | F | 0 |
| 2K2 | A | 1600 | 3E1 | A | 300 | 4F | C | 200 |
| 2K2 | B | 1400 | 3E1 | B | 200 | 4F | D | 200 |
| 2L | A | 200 | 3E1 | C | 350 | 4F | E | 125 |
| 2L | B | 200 | 3E1 | D | 200 | 4F | F | 0 |

ATTENTION WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTERS
IN UNITS 4B, 4C, 4D, & 4E

White-tailed deer license holders for units 4B and 4C must hunt in their assigned unit for the first 2½ days (November 6 - 8, 2015). For the remainder of the Deer Gun season, they may hunt either or both units.

White-tailed deer license holders for units 4D and 4E must hunt in their assigned unit for the first 2½ days (November 6 - 8, 2015). For the remainder of the Deer Gun season, they may hunt either or both units.

14. ADDITIONAL CONCURRENT SEASONS

There will be no additional concurrent seasons in 2015 except those Special Herd Reduction Deer Seasons described in Section 4.

15. MULE DEER FOUNDATION

The 2015-2016 Deer Hunting Proclamation provides the Mule Deer Foundation with one mule deer license, valid for the 2015 hunting season. The license is to be raffled or auctioned as per legislation passed during the 2003 legislative session. The raffle or auction proceeds are to be used for mule deer conservation in the state of North Dakota.

16. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

The following violations have the listed penalties:

- * Hunting before or after legal hours (Section 1) up to 30 minutes--penalty--\$100. In excess of 30 minutes--Class B misdemeanor.
- * Failure to sign or affix stamps to the licensee's fishing, hunting, and furbearer certificate (Section 3)--penalty--\$25.
- * A person afield legally hunting with a firearm in or on a vehicle with a cartridge in the chamber (Section 5) --penalty--\$25.
- * Use of motor-driven vehicle in a restricted area (Section 5)--penalty--\$50.
- * Fail to accompany, possessing or transporting another's game animal or parts thereof excluding hides (Section 8)--penalty--\$100.
- * Hunting with a centerfire rifle in an area closed to centerfire firearms (Section 4)--penalty--\$100.
- * Use of illegal equipment (Section 4 - Deer Bow season 1b)--penalty--\$100.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota this

_____ day of _____ 2015.

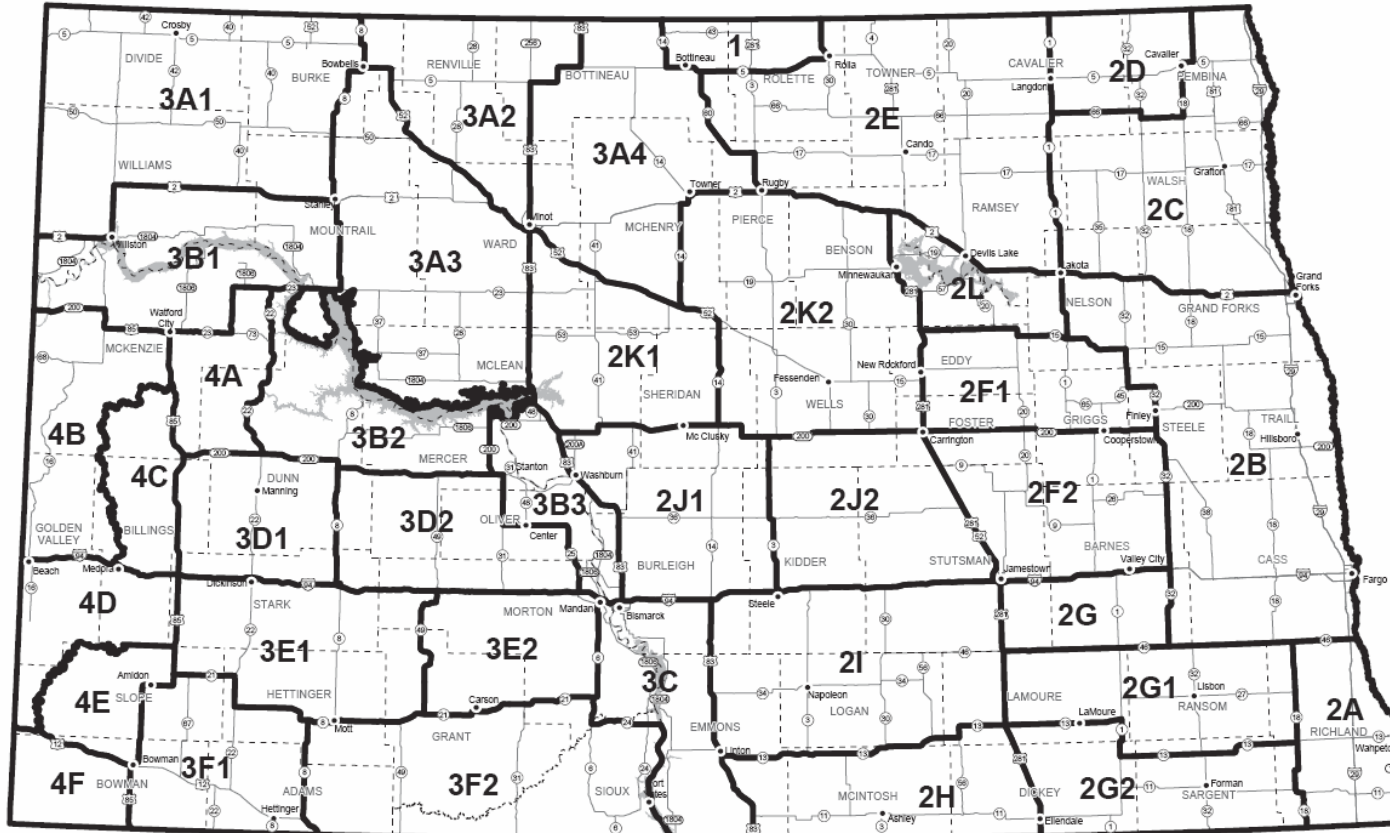
Jack Dalrymple
Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State

Deputy

17. 2015-2016 DEER GUN HUNTING UNITS



ALL UNITS ARE BOUNDED BY INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, US HIGHWAYS OR NORTH DAKOTA STATE HIGHWAYS AS NOTED ON THE MAP, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- * Western half of boundary between units 2F1 and 2L – Eddy County Highway 1 heading east from its junction with U.S. Highway 281 at Sheyenne to its junction with ND Highway 20.
- * Boundary between units 3A3 and 3B2 – North shore of Lake Sakakawea. Except for Mathews (de Trobriand) Island and Mallard Island; all islands are part of unit 3B2. Mathews (de Trobriand) Island is part of unit 3A3. Mallard Island is part of unit 3B3.
- * Boundary between units 4B and 4C – The Little Missouri River.
- * Boundary between units 3B2 and 3B3 – South shore of Lake Sakakawea heading west from U.S. Highway 83 to a point on the shore directly north of where ND Highway 200 turns southward (west of Pick City), then south to ND Highway 200. Mallard Island is part of unit 3B3.
- * Boundary between units 3F2 and 3C – The junction of ND Highway 6 and ND Highway 21 heading south on ND Highway 6 to the junction with ND Highway 24, then east on ND Highway 24 and continuing east to a point on the west shore of the Missouri River, then following the Missouri River shoreline south to the South Dakota border.
- * Boundary between units 4D and 4E – The northern Slope County line heading west from its junction with U.S. Highway 85 to the Little Missouri River, then south on the Little Missouri River to U.S. Highway 12.