

**2020-2021 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. Quartered or boned out pieces of meat are not considered “processed”.

**1. SEASON DATES, TIMES, OPEN AREAS**

SEASON	AREAS	OPENS	CLOSES	RESTRICTIONS
<i>Deer Bow</i>	Statewide	Sep 4 (12 noon)	*Jan. 3	<i>Residents</i> – Any deer is legal. No unit restrictions. <i>Nonresidents</i> – Restricted to species of deer described on license. 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				
<i>Deer Gun</i>	All Units	Nov. 6 (12 noon) 16 ½ Day Season	Nov. 22	Restricted to type of deer and unit on license. Type of deer includes species and whether antlerless or antlered (at least one visible antler). See map on back for unit descriptions. Note exception for white-tailed deer hunter in 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E. Orange clothing required for gun hunters and those accompanying apprentice and youth license holders.
<i>Muzzleloader</i>	Statewide	Nov. 27 (12 noon)	Dec. 13	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.
<i>Youth Deer</i>	Statewide	<del>Sept. 11 (12 noon)</del> Sept. 18 (12 noon) Referenced on page 12	<del>Sept. 20</del> Sept. 27	11, 12 and 13 year olds – Antlerless white-tailed deer only. 14 and 15 year olds – Any deer is legal. No unit restrictions. Except in hunting units 4A-4F, 3B1 and 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 hunter, 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 11, 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 10 providing their 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2019 Deer Gun season and make application during the application period 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 the close of the application period will be issued based on licenses available.

**Youth Deer Season (Residents Only)** – Residents whose 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> birthday occurs in the same calendar year as a youth deer hunting season are eligible for a statewide antlerless white-tailed deer license. Individuals age 14 and 15 who have either not previously applied for a regular Deer Gun license or who have applied but have never received a regular 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 youth licensee 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. All non-licensees are prohibited from carrying a firearm or bow while accompanying a Youth Deer licensee hunting in the field during the Youth Deer season. A non-licensee 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 Gun, Youth Deer, Muzzleloader and Deer Bow hunters will have their license number printed on their certificate. 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, online through the Department website, authorized license vendors, 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, online through the Department website, authorized license vendors, or by calling 1-800-406-6409. Seven-hundred eighty (780) nonresident any-deer licenses (which include mule deer) are issued by lottery only from the Department's Bismarck office.

**Deer Gun** – Licenses are issued by a weighted lottery drawing among eligible applicants as prescribed by the Director. 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 2020 Deer Gun license.

**Muzzleloader** – Licenses are issued by a weighted lottery drawing among eligible applicants.

**Fees** – The appropriate fee must accompany all Deer Gun, Youth Deer, and or Muzzleloader applications.

**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.

#### **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 (barbed refers to an arrowhead with any fixed portion of the rear or trailing edge of the arrowhead forming an angle less than 90 degrees with the shaft). Broadheads with mechanical or retractable blades 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 minimum draw weight of 75 pounds, b) be equipped with a working safety to prevent accidental firing, c) use arrows or bolts at least 14 inches in length. Crossbows equipped with pistol grips and designed to be fired with one hand are illegal. 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, including crossbows, 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 for an individual with a Deer Gun license or an individual age 14 or 15 with a Youth Deer license. Crossbows must: a) have a minimum draw weight of 75 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. Pre-charged pneumatic air guns, charged from an external high compression source such as an air compressor, air tank or an external hand pump are legal for deer but must fire a projectile (excluding air bolts) of at least .35 caliber in diameter and at least 150 grains in weight with a minimum muzzle velocity of 600 feet per second.

**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 Experimental Herd Reduction Deer Seasons –**

- A) Additional 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. Private land south and east of the City of Bismarck 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). City of Bismarck permit holders 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 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. In addition, hunters may use their Deer Bow license during the Deer Bow season (September 4, 2020 through January 3, 2021).

A maximum of 100 antlerless Special Deer Bow Season licenses (available from the Department's Bismarck office) will be issued for hunting in portions of the City of Bismarck and private land in Burleigh County located adjacent to the City of Bismarck. Hunters may initially receive up to three Special Deer Bow Season licenses. Any remaining un-issued licenses after November 1, 2020 can be purchased on a first come first served basis.

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, 2020, and close one-half (½) hour after sunset January 31, 2021 unless restrictions are contained in the trespass permit issued by the Bismarck Chief of Police.

- B) Additional special experimental deer bow seasons are proclaimed for private land in Burleigh County located adjacent to the City of Bismarck. Private land north of the City of Bismarck in Burleigh County is described as follows: Starting where the northwest boundary of Bismarck city limits joins the east bank of the Missouri River, following the river north to the Burleigh County line (County Road 24), then east to HWY 83, south to Bismarck city limits, and west to the point of origin.

A maximum of 400 antlerless Special Deer Bow Season licenses (available from the Department's Bismarck office) will be issued for hunting private land in Burleigh County located adjacent to and north of the City of Bismarck. Hunters may initially receive up to five Special Deer Bow Season licenses. After November 1, 2020 hunters may purchase up to five additional licenses on a first come first served basis.

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, 2020, and close one-half (½) hour after sunset January 31, 2021

- C) Additional experimental antlerless deer bow seasons are proclaimed for an area of private land in Morton County located adjacent to the city of Mandan, starting where the southeast boundary of the city limits of Mandan joins the west bank of the Missouri River, then following the west bank of the Missouri River, in a general southwest direction to a point where it meets the east bank of the Heart River, then following the east bank of the Heart River north to its junction with the southern boundary of the city limits of Mandan then following the city limits easterly to the point of origin.

A maximum of 50 antlerless Special Deer Bow Season licenses (available from the Department's Bismarck office) will be issued for hunting land in Morton County located adjacent of the City of Mandan. Hunters may initially receive up to three Special Deer Bow Season licenses. Any remaining un-issued licenses after November 1, 2020 can be purchased on a first come first served basis.

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

The season shall open at 12:00 (noon) CDT, September 4, 2020, and close one-half (1/2) hour after sunset January 31, 2021. Hunters possessing a regular bow season license may use that license only during the regular bow season (September 4, 2020 – January 3, 2021).

- D) 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 (701-241-1437).

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, 2020, 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, 2020 and close one-half (½) hour after sunset January 31, 2021. 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.

- E) 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, 2020 and close one-half (½) hour after sunset January 31, 2021. 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/plains-area/mandan-nd/ngprl/](http://www.ars.usda.gov/plains-area/mandan-nd/ngprl/). Licenses must be purchased at the NDGFD headquarters in Bismarck.
- F) 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.

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, 2020 and will close January 31, 2021. Other details, including areas open to hunting, will be determined by the NDDOCR. Hunters must comply with all other applicable archery rules and regulations.

- G) Additional special experimental deer bow seasons will be held in portions of the City of Minot, including privately owned land. Hunters who desire to hunt within the city limits of Minot must receive a Minot City Deer Management Permit from the City of Minot (701-857-4711). A maximum of 40 antlerless Special Deer Bow Season licenses (available from the Department's Bismarck office) will be issued for hunting in the City of Minot. Each Minot 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 Minot City Deer Management Permit and \$30.00 for each license. Any remaining un-issued licenses after October 31, 2020, can be purchased by Minot City Deer Management Permit holders on a first come first served basis.

The season shall open at 12:00 (noon) Central Time, September 4, 2020 and close one-half (½) hour after sunset January 31, 2021. Specific details including areas open to hunting will be determined by the City of Minot. No orange clothing is required when hunting within the city limits of Minot. Hunters must comply with all other applicable archery rules and regulations issued by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

**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.
- \* Unless otherwise authorized under N.D.C.C., 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 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.
- \* 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. Gratis holders may not take a mule deer during muzzleloader season.
- \* 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.
- \* Youth Deer license holders ages 11, 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, 2021. 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, 2021. 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 or boned out meat must be accompanied by the head to the final place of storage (See Chronic Wasting Disease Proclamation for exceptions). 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 individuals 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, 2021.

## **9. AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING**

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

Fort Ransom State Park in Ransom County. In addition to a Deer Bow 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).

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, 2020 through October 16, 2020 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. 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. Contact refuge headquarters for details if planning to hunt deer during any season.

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

REFUGE	PERMITS	UNIT	RESTRICTIONS
Upper Souris NWR 701-468-5467	125 Antlered	3A2	<b>Only holders of refuge permits may hunt antlered deer on Upper Souris NWR or Tewaukon NWR.</b> 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 Antlered	2G2	
J. Clark Salyer NWR 701-768-2548	175 Antlered	3A4	<b>Only holders of refuge permits may hunt antlered deer on the refuge and permit holders may <u>not</u> hunt off the refuge.</b> No refuge permit is required to hunt antlerless deer.
Arrowwood NWR 701-285-3341		2F2	No refuge permit required. Open for entire season for persons possessing a license in the unit.
Audubon NWR 701-442-5474		2K1	
Chase Lake NWR 701-752-4218		2J2	
Des Lacs NWR 701-385-4046		3A2 & 3A3	
Lake Alice NWR 701-662-8611		2E	

continued.

REFUGE	PERMITS	UNIT	RESTRICTIONS
Lake Nettie NWR 701-442-5474		2K1	No refuge permit required. Open for entire season for persons possessing a license in the unit.
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 encouraged to contact headquarters for details.

### 13. LICENSES AVAILABLE BY SEASON

**Deer Bow** – Resident – not limited.

Nonresident – General statewide white-tailed deer are not limited. License for any deer are limited to 780.

**Youth Deer** –

“I Tag” – Ages 14 and 15 – Valid for any 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, 2020 – Sep. 27, 2020) and the Deer Gun season (Nov. 6, 2020 – Nov. 22, 2020). These licenses will be issued by lottery.

“I Tag” Licenses Available	3B1 – 60	4C – 45
	3B2 – 30	4D – 40
	4A – 25	4E – 30
	4B – 55	4F – 20

“H Tag” – Ages 14 and 15 – 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 antlered 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 638 licenses are available for statewide antlered white-tailed deer. A maximum of 638 licenses are available for a statewide antlerless white-tailed deer.

**Deer Gun** – For the 2020 Deer Gun season, 69,050 licenses, including gratis licenses, will be issued. Special permits designating the type of deer and unit are a part of the Deer Gun license.

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

Hunting Unit	DEER TYPE									
	TYPE A Any Antlered Deer--either species		TYPE B Any Antlerless Deer--either species		TYPE C Antlered White-tailed Deer	TYPE D Antlerless White-tailed Deer	TYPE E Antlered Mule Deer	TYPE F Antlerless Mule Deer		
1		450		450						
2A	+100	600	+100	600						
2B		1,100		800						
2C	+200	1,000	+300	600						
2D	+200	700	+50	400						
2F1		1,100		900						
2F2		900		700						
2G		600		300						
2G1		1,000		900						
2G2		1,100		900						
2E	+200	900	+100	500						
2H		1,100		900						
2I		1,300		1,100						
2J1		1,000	+100	900						
2J2		1,100		1,000						
2K1		900		800						
2K2		1,300		1,100						
3A1	+200	2,000	+200	1,700						
3A3	+200	1,400	+200	1,200						
2L		400		400						
3A2		1,000		800						
3A4		1,100		900						
3B1					500	500	600	400		
3B2					300	300	300	300		
3B3		250	+100	250	+100	1,000	200	1,000		
3C	+200	400	+200	400		1,100	1,000			
3D1		400		400		300	300			
3D2	+100	600	+100	600		300	300			
3E1		500		400	+50	600	400			
3E2		700	+50	700	+50	500	300			
3F1		400		400		600	500			
3F2	+100	1,100	+100	1,400		850	850			
4A						300	300	250		
4B					+50	250	300	50		
4C						250	300	550		
4D						250	300	450		
4E						250	300	-50		
4F						400	200	400		
4F						400	400	-100		
4F						400	200	250		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>+1,500</b>	<b>26,400</b>	<b>+1,600</b>	<b>22,400</b>	<b>+250</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>+200</b>	<b>7,250</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>2,150</b>

An increase or decrease from the previous year's issued Deer Gun licenses is indicated by a +/- (change) to the right of the 2020-2021 Deer Gun licenses that will be issued.

**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 6-10, 2020). 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 6-10, 2020). For the remainder of the Deer Gun season, they may hunt either or both units.

**14. ADDITIONAL CONCURRENT SEASONS**

Additional seasons may be proclaimed for antlerless deer only and will run concurrently with the deer gun, muzzleloader, and deer bow seasons, if the Game and Fish Director determines after the regular lottery that an adequate number of licenses remain unissued. These concurrent season licenses may be used during any open season, provided the unit, sex and species printed on the license is adhered to. Only firearms and archery equipment, as defined in Sec. 4, that are legal during the appropriate season may be used. Persons who have not reached the age of fourteen by the end of the calendar year are also eligible for a concurrent season license but these licenses will be issued as archery only.

**15. SPECIAL ALLOCATION HUNTING LICENSE**

**Licenses for the Injured Military Wildlife Project of ND** – The Director shall 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.

**Mule Deer Foundation** – The Director shall issue one mule deer license, valid for the 2020 hunting season. The license is to be raffled or auctioned under rules adopted by the Director. The raffle or auction proceeds shall be used for mule deer conservation in the state of North Dakota.

**Outdoor Adventure Foundation** - In accordance with N.D.C.C 20.1-05.1-01(9), the Outdoor Adventure Foundation will be provided up to four any white-tailed deer and up to three any deer licenses to hunt the species indicated on the license in the manner, places, and times prescribed in this proclamation with the exception of qualifying youth, who may use any weapon that is legal in any season for that species when hunting on private land with written permission from the landowner.

**16. DISCRETIONARY SPECIAL ALLOCATION HUNTING LICENSE**

If determined appropriate by the Director based on the sustainability of the species population the Director may issue to eligible organizations no more than ten white-tailed deer licenses in accordance with N.D.C.C 20.1-05.1-02.

**17. 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.
- \* 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.
- \* Failing 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

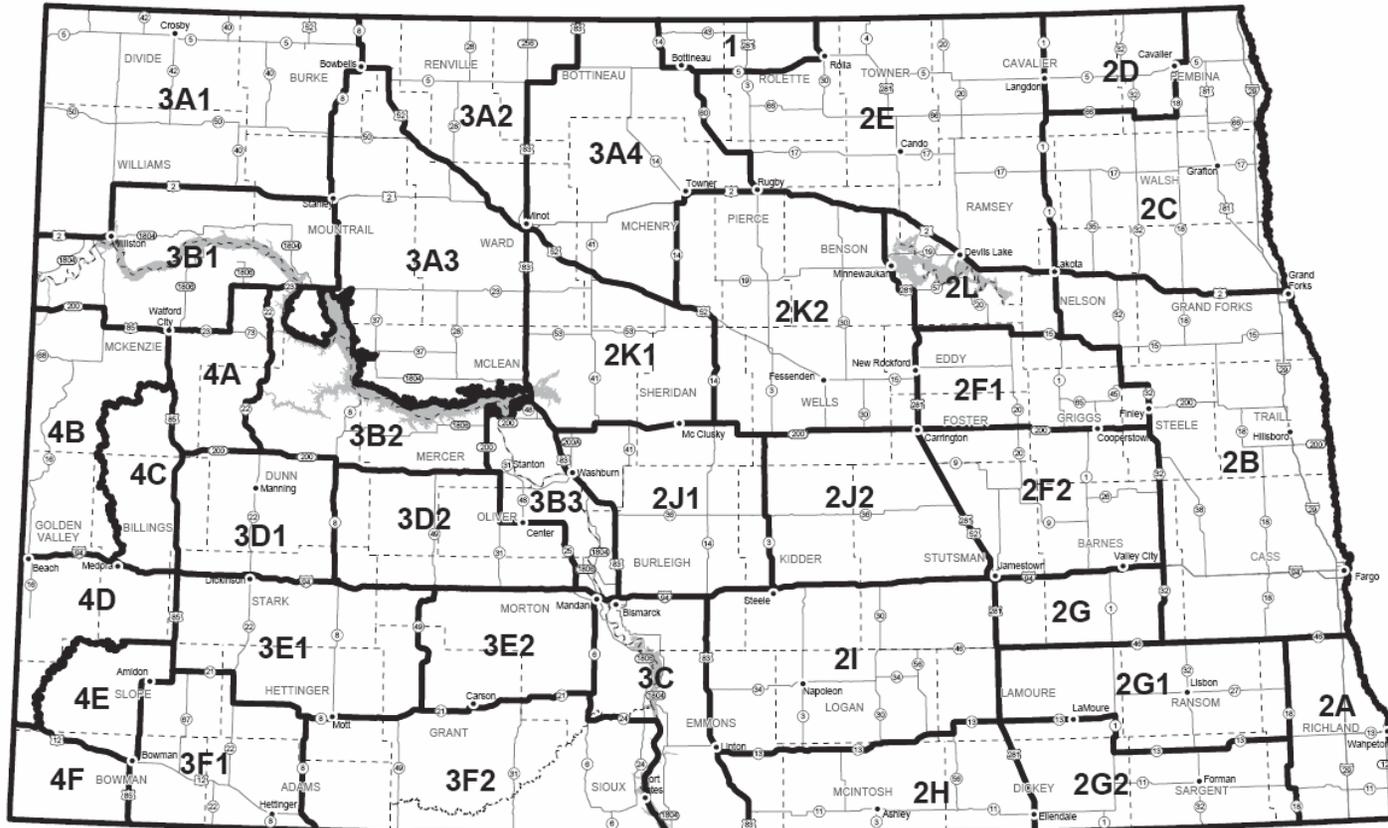
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

Attest:

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Secretary of State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

## 17. 2020-2021 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 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 4B and 4C – The Little Missouri River.
- \* 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.