

# DNREC Virtual Public Hearing

## Proposed changes to Delaware Wildlife Regulations (7 DE Admin. Code 3900) (Docket #2025-R-F-0011)

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# Delaware Regulations

The proposed regulation changes were made available in the State Register of Regulations on August 1<sup>st</sup>, including information about providing public comments, which also opened then.

## The Process

As part of the process to amend regulations, the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife is conducting a public hearing tonight on the proposed revisions

After tonight, the period for public written comments will remain open until COB September 12, 2025 (15 days).





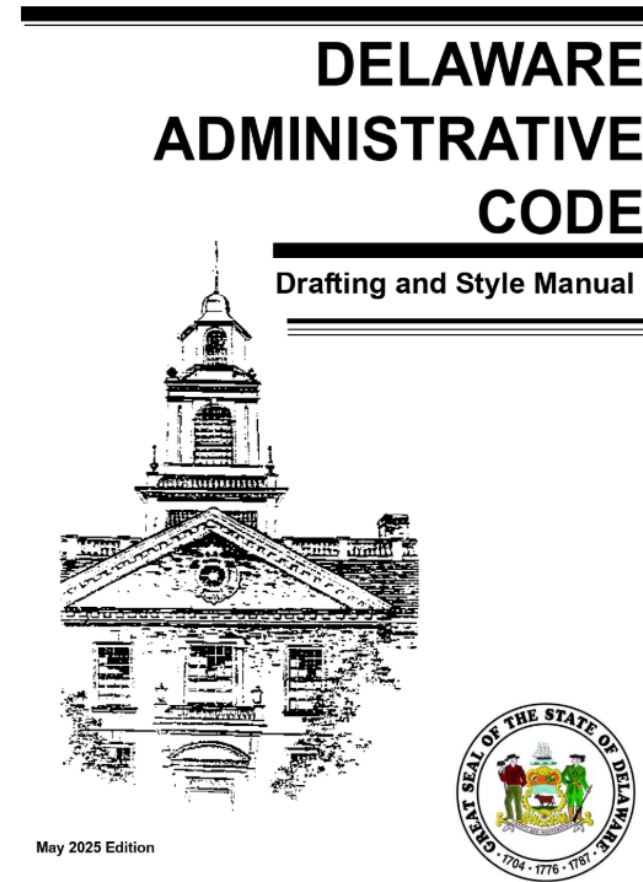
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# 7 DE Admin Code 3900 Wildlife

- 24 Sections within DNREC's Wildlife Regulations
  - Proposing changes to 8 of the Sections
- Not making changes to the minimum age in which hunters can hunt alone or to hunting license fees (H.B. 451)
  - These changes were made by the Legislature and the Governor
  - Not something that DNREC can change

# Grammar, Style, and Formatting Changes

- There are many changes being made to update formatting and style of the Department's regulations
  - These changes are not substantive and do not change the intent of the various regulations





## 2.0 – Method of Take

- Clarify the seasons for which muzzleloaders may be used to harvest deer



## 3.0 – Federal Laws and Regulations Adopted

- Allow all hunters under the age of 16 to participate during the special youth hunts for waterfowl and migratory gamebirds.
  - Currently, participation in these hunts is allowed to hunters 10-15 years old





## 4.0 - Seasons

- Allow crow hunting on Fridays Saturdays, and Sundays from the fourth Friday in June through the last Sunday in March
  - Crow hunting is currently allowed on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during that same timeframe.
- Remove the requirement to report the harvest of gray fox



## 5.0 – Wild Turkeys



- Clarify that the turkey season now ends on Sunday instead of Saturday
- Remove erroneous text now that turkey harvest reporting is completed electronically.
- Allow all hunters under the age of 16 to participate during the special youth hunt for turkeys.
  - Currently, participation in this hunt is allowed to hunters 10-15 years old



# 7.0 – Deer Seasons

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- Allow all hunters under the age of 16 to participate during the special youth hunts for deer.
  - Currently, participation in these hunts is allowed to hunters 10-15 years old

## 8.0 – Regulations Governing Lands and Waters Administered by the Division

- Allow motorized electric carts, wagons, or wheelbarrows to transport hunting/fishing equipment or game/fish on lands administered by the Division, provided they are not ridden or used to transport any person. Anyone using such equipment must walk while using them.





## 20.0 – Game Bird Releases

- Fix a typo clarifying which permit an individual needs if releasing gamebirds.
  - Releasing more than 25 birds is the differentiating amount





## 23.0 – Non-native/Invasive Wildlife

- Extend the hunting season for coyotes
- Remove the requirement to report the harvest of coyotes



# DNREC Exhibits (August 27, 2025, 5:00 PM)

Exhibit 1: A copy of approved [Start Action Notice #2025-06](#) pertaining to the proposed amendments.

Exhibit 2: A copy of the [Regulatory Flexibility Analysis/Regulatory Impact Statement](#) corresponding to the proposed action and as published in the [Aug. 1, 2025 Delaware Register of Regulations](#).

Exhibit 3: A copy of [Register Notice SAN #2025-06 and the proposed amendment](#) to 7 DE Admin. Code 3900 Wildlife as published in the [Aug. 1, 2025 Delaware Register of Regulations](#).

Exhibit 4: Notice of the public hearing as it appeared on the [Delaware Public Meeting Calendar](#) on Aug. 12, 2025.

Exhibit 5: Notice of the hearing as published in the [Delaware State News](#), in the [News Journal](#) and on the [DNREC website](#). (August 1, 2025)

Exhibit 6: Notice of intent to amend regulations that pertain to 7 DE Admin. Code 3900 Wildlife as it appeared on the [DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife Facebook page](#). (Aug. 5, 2025)

Exhibit 7: Reminder of Public Hearing to amend regulations that pertain to 7 DE Admin. Code 3900 Wildlife as it appeared on [the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife Facebook page](#). (Aug. 22, 2025)

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**Thank you for joining us.** We will accept comments on this matter through September 12, 2025.

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A copy of the Court Reporter's full, verbatim transcript will be posted on this hearing's web page as soon as it becomes available.

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