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**DNREC- DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**
**Notice of Public Hearing**

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Section will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, December 10, 2026 beginning at 6:00 p.m. to consider comments from the public on the 7 DE Admin. Code 3900 – Wildlife. (Docket # 2026-R-F-0010)

This is the second of two separate hearings to discuss proposed amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 3900 – Wildlife. The changes being proposed are to add opportunity pursuant to statute changes and increase safety and conservation of reptiles and amphibians. Specifically, the proposed changes will define and authorize projectile weapons in addition to firearms, where appropriate per changes to Title 11; specify seasons for skunk and weasel, remove text restricting Sunday hunting, and revise muzzleloader definitions in response to HB278; update the definition and implementation of Direct Supervision and for youth hunting days; update regulations regarding sea duck seasons; specify that handguns may only be used to harvest wildlife where specified; increase the breadth of the special waterfowl shotgun season to include Veterans and Active Military Personnel; clarify that non-hunters driving deer must wear orange; remove the restriction to buy, sell, or transport deer parts other than venison; clarify the possession archery equipment and projectile weapons during the special antlerless season; remove the restriction to buy, sell transport deer parts other than venison to align with HS1 for HB 412; modify wildlife area map regulations to remove the requirement that maps are written and remove date restrictions for geocaching; improve enforcement of public intoxication on lands and waters administered by DNREC DFW and restrict public intoxication and controlled substance possession and consumption on DNREC DFW lands; and improve protections of reptiles and amphibians defined as species of greatest conservation need by prohibiting possession and change the naming convention of reptiles, amphibians and endangered species.

For additional information regarding the hearing matter visit https://de.gov/dnrechearings or to view the proposed amendments to the regulation, visit http://regulations.delaware.gov/services/current_issue.shtml beginning November 1, 2026. For any questions or to view the proposed amendments, in person, by appointment-only, contact Sam Robinson, at Division of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Section, 6180 Hay Point Landing Rd, Smyrna, Delaware 19977, or via phone (302) 735-3616 or by email at Sam.Robinson@delaware.gov.

The web link to the virtual hearing can be accessed through the DNREC Public Hearings site at https://de.gov/dnrechearings. If prompted for a password, please use: 137319. To access the audio-only portion of the virtual hearing, dial 1-305-224-1968 and enter the Meeting ID: 846 1953 9576. Language assistance is available by request within 10 days of the hearing. Closed captioning is available via the Zoom virtual meeting tool.

Those wishing to offer verbal comments during DNREC public hearings must pre-register no later than noon of the date of the virtual hearing at https://de.gov/dnreccomments or by contacting the Office of Administrative Services by telephone at 302-739-9034.

The Department will accept public comment through the close of business on Thursday, January 7, 2027. Comments will be accepted in written form via email to DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov, or by using the online form at https://de.gov/dnreccomments, or by U.S. mail to the following address:

Theresa Smith, Hearing Officer
DNREC – Office of the Secretary
89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901

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