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Department 40. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Chapter 40-7. FOOD DIVISION REGULATIONS

Subject 40-7-7. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PECANS

40-7-7-.06 Size Classifications for Shelled Halves

(1) The size of pecan halves in a lot may be specified in accordance with one of the size classifications shown in Table I.

TABLE I Size Classifications for Pecan Halves	
Size classifications for halves	Number of halves per pound
Georgia Grands	200 or less
Mammoth	251 - 300
Junior Mammoth	251-300
Jumbo	301-350
Extra large	351-450
Large	451-550
Medium	551-650
Small (topper)	651-750
Extra Small	751 or More

(a) The number of halves per pound shall be based upon the weight of half kernels after all pieces, particles and dust, shell, center wall, and foreign material have been removed.

(b) In lieu of the size classifications in Table I, the size of pecan halves in a lot may be specified in terms of the number of halves or a range of numbers of halves per pound. For example, "400" or "600 - 700".

(c) Tolerance for count per pound: In order to allow for variations incident to proper sizing, a tolerance shall be permitted as follows:

1. When an exact number of halves per pound is specified, the actual count per pound may vary not more than 5 percent from the specified number; and

2. When any size classification shown in Table I or a range in count per pound is specified, no tolerance shall be allowed for counts outside of the specified range.

(d) Tolerances for pieces, particles, and dust. In order to allow for variations incident to proper sizing and handling, not more than 15 percent, by weight, of any lot may consist of pieces, particles, and dust: Provided, that no more than one-third of this amount, or 5 percent, shall be allowed for portions less than one-half of a complete half kernel, including not more than 1 percent for particles and dust.

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40-7-7-.07 Size Classifications for Shelled Pieces

(1) The size of pecan pieces in a lot may be specified in accordance with one of the size classifications shown in Table II. Pecan pieces smaller than granules as defined below shall be considered Pecan Meal.

Table II Tolerance for Size of Pieces		
Size Classification	Maximum diameter (will pass through round opening of following diameter)	Minimum diameter (will not pass through round opening of following diameter)
Mammoth Pieces	No Limitation	8/16 Inch
Extra Large Pieces	9/16 Inch	7/16 Inch
Halves and Pieces	No Limitation	5/16 Inch
Large Pieces	8/16 Inch	5/16 Inch
Medium Pieces	6/16 Inch	3/16 Inch
Small Pieces	4/16 Inch	2/16 Inch
Midget Pieces	3/16 Inch	1/16 Inch
Granules	1/16 Inch	1/16 Inch

(a) In lieu of the size classifications in Table II, the size of pieces in a lot may be specified in terms of minimum diameter, or as a range described in terms of minimum and maximum diameters expressed in sixteenths or sixty-fourths of an inch.

(b) Tolerances for size of pieces: In order to allow for variations incident to proper sizing, tolerances are provided for pieces in a lot which fail to meet the requirements of any size specified. The tolerances, by weight, are shown in Table III.

Table III Tolerance for Offsize Pieces			
Size Classification	Total Tolerance for Offsize Pieces	Tolerance (Included in Total Tolerance) for Pieces Smaller than	
		2/16 Inch	1/16 Inch
Mammoth Pieces	15%	1%	-
Extra Large Pieces	15%	1%	-
Halves and Pieces	15%	1%	-
Large Pieces	15%	1%	-
Medium Pieces	15%	2%	-
Small Pieces	15%	2%	-
Midget Pieces	15%	-	2%
Granules	15%	-	5%
Other Specified Size	15%	1	-

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 40-7-7-.07

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Department 40. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Chapter 40-12. SEED DIVISION

Subject 40-12-4. LIMITATIONS ON NOXIOUS WEED SEEDS

40-12-4.01 Limitations on Noxious Weed Seeds

It is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or expose for sale any agricultural or vegetable seed for planting purposes in this State if the noxious weed seeds per pound of pure seed is in excess of the following limitations:

(a) Prohibited Noxious Weed Seed

Name	Limitations
Ballonvine (<i>Cardiospermum halicacabum</i>)	Prohibited
Bindweed, Field (<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>)	Prohibited
Bindweed, Hedge (<i>Calystegia sepium</i>)	Prohibited
Cocklebur (<i>Xanthium spp.</i>)	Prohibited
Cogongrass (<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>)	Prohibited
Crotalaria (<i>Crotalaria spp.</i>)	Prohibited
Morningglory, Giant or Moonflower (<i>Ipomoea alba</i>)	Prohibited
Nutsedge, Purple (<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>) (Tuber)	Prohibited
Nutsedge, Yellow (<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>) (Tuber)	Prohibited
Tropical Soda Apple (<i>Solanum viarum</i>)	Prohibited
Tussock, Serrated (<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>)	Prohibited

(b) Restricted Noxious Weed Seed

Name	Limitations Per Pound
Bermudagrass (<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>)	300
Blueweed (<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>)	200
Brunswickgrass (<i>Paspalum lepton</i>)	270
Cheat or Chess (<i>Bromus commutatus</i> and/or <i>Bromus secalinus</i>)	300
Corncockle (<i>Agrostemma githago</i>)	100
Darnel (<i>Lolium temulentum</i>)	200
Dock (<i>Rumex spp.</i>)	100
Dodder (<i>Cuscuta spp.</i>)	100
Foxtail, Giant (<i>Setaria faberi</i>)	100
Horsenettle (<i>Solanum carolinense</i>)	200
Johnsongrass (<i>Sorghum halepense</i>)	100
Knapweed, Russian (<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>)	100
Mustard, Wild and Turnips (<i>Brassica spp.</i> and/or <i>Sinapis arvensis</i> L. subsp. <i>Arvensis</i>) except for Winter Rape, <i>Brassica napus</i> var. <i>biennis</i> , and Rape, <i>B. rapa</i> var. <i>ropa</i>	27
Nightshade, Silverleaf or Purple (<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>)	200

Name	Limitations Per Pound
Nutsedge, Purple (<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>)	100
Nutsedge, Yellow (<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>)	100
Onion, Wild or Wild Garlic (<i>Allium spp.</i>)	27
Panicum, Texas or Texas Millet (<i>Urochloa texana</i>)	27
Pigweed (<i>Amaranthus spp.</i>)	270
Plantain, Bracted (<i>Plantago aristate</i>)	200
Plantain, Buckhorn (<i>Plantago lanceolate</i>)	200
Quackgrass (<i>Elymus repens</i>)	100
Radish, Wild (<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>)	27
Rice, Red (<i>Oryza rufipogon</i>)	300
Sandbur, Field (<i>Cenchrus spinifex</i>)	27
Sorghum alnum (<i>Sorghum Xaimum</i>)	100
Sorrel, Red or Sheep (<i>Rumex acetosella</i>)	200
Thistle, Blessed (<i>Centaurea benedicta</i>)	9
Thistle, Canada (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>)	100

(c) Sum total of Restricted Noxious Weed Seed. 300 per pound

(d) [7 C.F.R. 360](#) Noxious Weed Regulations is hereby incorporated by reference including all subsequent amendments and editions. All seed and vegetative propagules of weeds listed in [7 C.F.R. 360](#) including all subsequent amendments and editions are hereby prohibited to be intermixed or commingled with any seed covered under O.C.G.A. [2-11-22](#).

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 40-12-4-.01

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [2-11-21](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Standards for Vegetable Seed" was filed and effective on June 30, 1965.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Limitations on Noxious Weed Seeds" adopted. F. Jun. 4, 1997; eff. Jul. 1, 1997, as specified by the Agency.

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Department 40. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Chapter 40-13. ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION

Subject 40-13-13. ANIMAL PROTECTION

40-13-13-.04 Premise Requirements and Performance Standards for Owner and/or Operator

(1) General Requirements and Standards:

(a) Classification and separation: Animals exhibiting a vicious disposition must be housed individually. Animals suspected of having a communicable or infectious disease must be separated from other animals and other susceptible species of animals in such a manner as to minimize dissemination of such disease. Rescue Animals must be housed separately from all "boarding animals" on the premise. Pets housed in the same primary enclosure should be maintained in compatible groups. Females who are sexually receptive must not be housed in the same primary enclosure with males, except for breeding purposes.

(b) Drainage: A suitable method must be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water and avoid foul odors therefrom. If closed drainage systems are used, they must be equipped with traps and so installed as to prevent any backup of sewage onto the surface of the primary enclosure. Suitable drain covers must be in place.

(c) Housekeeping: Premises (buildings and grounds) must be kept clean and in a state of repair in order to prevent injury or disease. Premises must remain free of accumulations of trash, weeds, debris, and other vermin harborage areas.

(d) Humane care: Humane care must be provided in all facilities anytime an animal is present.

(e) Interior surface: The interior surfaces of housing facilities must be constructed and maintained so they are substantially impervious to moisture and may be readily cleaned and sanitized.

(f) Lighting: General lighting in indoor housing facilities should be diffused throughout the animal holding area and provide sufficient illumination to protect animal health, allow adequate housekeeping practices, and adequate inspection.

(g) Pest control: An effective program for the prevention, control, and elimination, of vermin, insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests must be established and maintained. Vegetation must be manicured to prevent vermin harborage.

(h) Record keeping: Complete and accurate records must be maintained reflecting all acquisitions, purchases, sales, releases, natural additions, exchanges, adoptions, custodial care, and health records of all animals. Retail sale records for fish, rodents, and invertebrates are exempt from record keeping requirement. These records must be maintained for a period of twelve months and must be made available to the Commissioner or his authorized representative upon request. Updated records must be kept on the premise. In addition, records for dogs, cats, birds, and equine must include, but are not limited to, name, address, and phone number of individual(s) involved in the transaction, date of transaction or activity, type and number of animals, and Georgia Department of Agriculture animal protection/ stable license number, if applicable. Animal shelters operated by the state, a county, a municipal corporation, or any other political subdivision of the state must also maintain and submit the following information to the Department on a monthly basis utilizing an electronic system approved by the Department:

1. Live Intake Records for Canines and Felines

- (i) Number of animals that were owner relinquished to the shelter;
- (ii) Number of the animals that were taken into the shelter as strays;
- (iii) Number of animals that were transferred into the shelter by other organizations (examples: public health, law enforcement agencies, licensed animal rescues or other animal shelters);
- (iv) Number of animals that were brought to the shelter for owner intended euthanasia; and
- (v) Number of other live intakes.

2. Outgoing Records for Canines and Felines

- (i) Number of animals placed for adoption;
- (ii) Number of animals that were returned to the owner;
- (iii) Number of animals transferred to other licensed rescue organizations or animal shelters;
- (iv) Number of animals escaped;
- (v) Number of other live outcomes;
- (vi) Number of animals deceased while in care;
- (vii) Number of animals euthanized at request of owner;
- (viii) Number of animals euthanized; and
- (ix) Number of other outcomes.

(i) Sanitation of primary enclosures: Primary enclosures for pets must be cleaned at a frequency and intensity to provide a healthy and hygienic environment in order to prevent disease hazards. Excreta must be removed to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to reduce the spread of disease. Soiled bedding should be removed and replaced with fresh materials as often as is necessary to keep the animals clean and dry. For hard surfaces that are conducive to cleaning with water, frequent flushing with water and periodic use of detergents or disinfectants should be used to maintain sufficiently clean surfaces. When a hosing or flushing method is used for cleaning, animals contained in the enclosure must be removed unless the enclosure is large enough to ensure the animals would not be harmed, wetted, or distressed during the process. Animals in nearby enclosures must be protected from being contaminated with water and other wastes during the cleaning. Enclosures may be disinfected by using appropriate chemicals, hot water, or a combination of both. If hot water is used as a means of disinfection, the temperature of the water must be at least 145 degrees F. Aquariums as a closed ecosystem have special needs and they must be maintained in a balance necessary for the health of its inhabitants by means of PH control, filtration, biodegradation and the like.

(j) Releasing of injured, diseased, or abnormal animals: Reasonable care must be taken to avoid releasing for sale, trade, or adoption any pet that has an apparent disease, injury, or has a health-related malady. Any pet that has an apparent injury, disease, or health related malady can only be released for sale, trade, or adoption provided the person receiving the animal is made aware of the condition in writing at the time of transfer.

(k) Shelter from rain, snow or cold: Pets maintained in outdoor housing establishments must be provided with access to suitable shelter to remain dry during rain or snow and protect them from wind and excessive heat or cold. Sufficient and clean bedding material or other reasonable means of protection from the weather elements must be provided.

(l) Shelter from sunlight: When sunlight is likely to cause overheating or suffering, sufficient shade must be provided to allow all pets protection from the direct effects of the sun.

(m) Space requirements: Primary enclosures must provide sufficient space to allow each animal to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit, lie, perch, swim, etc. in a comfortable and normal position. Primary enclosures for dogs and cats must also provide each animal with sufficient space to lie down without the head, face, tail, legs or feet of the animal touching the sides of the enclosure or touching any other animal in the enclosure. The interior height of primary enclosures for dogs and cats must be at least six inches higher than the head of the tallest animal in the enclosure when it is in a normal standing position.

(n) Storage: Supplies, food, and bedding should be stored in an adequate manner to protect against infestation, contamination, or spoilage. Refrigeration should be provided for perishable items.

(o) Structural strength: Indoor and outdoor housing for pets must be maintained in good repair. The primary enclosure should be of sufficient strength to contain the animals securely and restrict the entrance of unwanted animals. The walls and/or sides, roof and/or ceiling, and floors and/or bottoms of the primary enclosures must be constructed, so as to, protect the animals from injury or suffering. Primary enclosures for dogs and cats must not have grated or mesh bottoms. Portable or collapsible enclosures including, but not limited to, wire type crates and kennels, mesh bottom crates and kennels, and plastic crates and kennels may only be used for temporary purposes, must not be vertically or otherwise stacked, and must not be used as a means of permanent housing. For purposes of this paragraph, "temporary purposes" means holding for a period of 24 hours or less and may include, but is not limited to, holding while boarding, grooming, cleaning, or conducting offsite adoptions as well as for shows or sales lasting 12 hours or less.

(p) Tethering of animals: It is presumed that tethering of animals for more than 24 hours is considered permanent tethering and such permanent tethering as a means of a primary enclosure is prohibited. For temporary tethering of animals, such chains or other tethering devices must be of adequate length to satisfy the space requirements of a primary enclosure. Tethering devices must be of a type commonly used for the size animal involved and should be attached to the animal by means of a well fitted and appropriate device (i.e., collar, halter, or harness).

(q) Waste disposal: Provisions must be made for the regular and safe removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, and debris, so as to minimize vermin infestation, contamination, odors, and disease hazards. Disposal of dead animals must be by burial or incineration. Legal permission from the appropriate authorities or landowner must be obtained, prior to, burial on any public or private land. Disposal of dead animals in wells, waterways, or wetlands of any kind is strictly prohibited.

(r) Plan of Action: All licensed facilities must develop and maintain a plan of action accounting for the evacuation of animals in the event that said facility determines that evacuation is necessary for any reason, including, but not limited to, emergencies, natural disasters, or manmade disasters. Such plan must also include provisions for the distribution and homing of animals in the event the licensee becomes unable to tend to the needs of the animals or the license is revoked, surrendered, or otherwise canceled. The plan must be kept at the licensed premise and made available for inspection by the Department upon request.

(2) Pets that are sold, offered for sale, exchanged, or offered for adoption must be at the minimum age to sell. Puppies must be a minimum age of 8 weeks prior to sale. Written recommendations for the appropriate feeding and care must be provided at the time of the transaction for those animals that are not independent of parental nurturing.

(3) A licensed stable must maintain proof of a negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia within the past twelve months on all equine on the premise.

(4) Functional fire extinguishing devices must be present in each facility of all license holders under this chapter. Operational smoke detectors are recommended.

(5) Licensed rescue organizations are strictly prohibited from performing animal control services unless said rescue has an active contract to perform such services on behalf of a county, a municipal corporation, or any other political subdivision of the state.

(6) All animals held or maintained at a licensed premise will be subject to the requirements of the Animal Protection Act as well as this Chapter.

(7) Licensees will be accountable for all outstanding violations of the Act and this Chapter regardless of whether the license is subsequently voluntarily surrendered, relinquished, or cancelled. Likewise, all pending stop orders or quarantines issued against a facility will remain unless and until released by the Department, regardless of licensing status.

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Department 183. RULES OF STATE ELECTION BOARD

Chapter 183-1. GEORGIA ELECTION CODE

Subject 183-1-12. PREPARATION FOR AND CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS

183-1-12-.18 Provisional Ballots

(1) This rule shall govern the casting of provisional ballots by voters at primaries and elections in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ [21-2-418](#) and [21-2-419](#).

(2) In each polling place, there shall be established a location or station in the public area of the polling place for the purpose of issuing and receiving provisional ballots. Each polling place shall have an information sheet developed by the Secretary of State available for voters who have questions about the provisional ballot process. The information sheet should describe relevant law regarding provisional ballots for voters who do not show up on the electors list for that polling place.

(3) The election superintendent shall provide each polling place with an adequate supply of provisional ballots in each ballot style (district combination) for the precinct and an inner ballot envelope and an outer ballot envelope. The election superintendent shall also be prepared to resupply polling places with provisional ballots in needed ballot styles in a timely manner while voting is occurring so that polling places do not run out of provisional ballots. The ballot envelopes shall be so designed that the ballot will fit within the inner ballot envelope and the inner ballot envelope will fit within the outer ballot envelope. The inner ballot envelope shall have printed on it the words "Official Provisional Ballot" and nothing else. The outer envelope shall have places for inserting the person's name, precinct, date and name of election, ballot style (district combination), and whether such ballot is a regular provisional ballot, a provisional ballot cast by a voter who registered to vote for the first time in this state by mail and has not provided the identification required by O.C.G.A. §§ [21-2-220](#) and [21-2-417](#), or a ballot cast during poll hours extended by a court order, or a combination thereof. Primaries and elections conducted by counties shall use optical scan ballots for provisional voting. The poll manager shall cause all voted provisional ballots to be deposited into the provisional ballot box and not be inserted into the polling place ballot scanner and kept separate and apart from non-provisional ballots cast at the polling place. Municipalities shall use the same type of ballots as the municipality uses for mail-in absentee voting. The election superintendent shall also provide a booth for voting provisional ballots in the enclosed space which will provide privacy for a person while voting a provisional ballot and a secure container in which the voted provisional ballots shall be placed.

(4) Voters whose names do not appear on electors list.

(a) When a person arrives at a polling place, completes a voter certificate, and presents it to the poll workers but the person's name does not appear on the official electors list for the precinct, the poll officers shall immediately direct the person to the provisional ballot station. The polling place shall have an electronic poll book that includes a master list of registered voters in the state, and the poll workers shall check the list to determine if the person is assigned to a different polling place within the county or registered in a different county. If the person's name appears on the master list for a different precinct within the same county, the poll workers shall inform the person of his or her correct polling place. The person shall be instructed to go to his or her correct polling place if practicable, but that if it is not practicable for the person to get to his or her correct polling place before the close of polls, that the person may vote a provisional ballot in the polling place in which they are present. If, after receiving that instruction, the person states that it is not practicable for him or her to get to their correct polling place prior to the close of voting, the poll officer shall offer the person a provisional ballot. If the person is registered in a different county, the poll officer shall inform the person that he or she appears to be registered in a different county. If the person is still eligible to vote in the county in which they appear to be registered, the person may return to that

county to vote. If the person states a good-faith belief that he or she timely registered to vote in the county in which he or she is present, he or she shall be offered a provisional ballot.

(b) If the person's name is not found on the official list of electors for the precinct or the master list, the poll officers shall immediately contact the registrars and the person shall provide such information as the registrars may request to determine if the person is eligible to vote in the election. The registrars shall promptly review the information provided by the person and shall attempt to determine if the person timely and properly registered to vote in the county in which he or she is present.

(c) If the registrars can immediately determine that the person timely and validly registered to vote in the primary or election and should be assigned to the precinct at which the person is present, the registrars shall authorize the poll officers to add the person's name to the official electors list for the precinct and shall permit the person to vote in the same manner as other voters in the precinct vote. When there are multiple ballot styles (district combinations) in use in the precinct, the registrars shall also advise the poll officers which ballot style (district combination) should be issued to the person. The person's name shall then be added to the official electors list for the precinct with a notation of the name of the registrar who authorized such addition. Upon presentation of a properly completed voter certificate and the identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#), the person shall be permitted to vote in the same manner as other voters in the precinct.

(d) If the registrars can immediately determine that the person timely and validly registered to vote in the primary or election but should be assigned to a different precinct within the same county where the person is present, the registrars shall direct the poll officers to inform the person of the appropriate other precinct and the registrars shall notify the officers of such other precinct to add the person's name to the official electors list for such other precinct. When there are multiple ballot styles (district combinations) in use in such other precinct, the registrars shall also advise the poll officers at such other precinct which ballot style (district combination) should be issued to the person. The person's name shall then be added to the official electors list for the other precinct by the poll officers of the other precinct with a notation of the name of the registrar who authorized such addition. Upon the completion of a voter certificate and the submission of the identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#), the person shall be permitted to vote in the same manner as other persons in such other precinct. However, the poll officer shall also instruct the person that if it is not practicable for such person to go to such other precinct before the polls close and the person communicates that to the poll officers, the person shall be offered a provisional ballot at the precinct in which the person is present. In such case, all votes cast by such person for candidates for whom such person is properly entitled to vote shall be counted and all votes cast for candidates for whom such person is not properly entitled to vote shall be void and shall not be counted in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-419\(c\)](#).

(e) If the registrars cannot immediately determine that the person timely and validly registered to vote in the primary or election; but, from the information presented by the person, the person, if properly registered, would be assigned to the precinct at which the person is present, the registrars shall inform the poll officers and the person shall be offered a provisional ballot at such precinct. When there are multiple ballot styles (district combinations) in use in the precinct, the registrars shall also advise the poll officers which ballot style (district combination) should be issued to the person.

(f) If the registrars cannot immediately determine that the person timely and validly registered to vote in the primary or election; but, from the information presented by the person, the person, if registered, would be assigned to a different precinct from the precinct in the county at which the person is present, the registrars shall direct the poll officers to inform the person of the appropriate precinct. The registrars shall notify the officers of such other precinct to permit the person to vote a provisional ballot when such person arrives at such precinct, completes an official voter registration form and a provisional ballot voter certificate, and submits the appropriate identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#). When there are multiple ballot styles (district combinations) in use in such other precinct, the registrars shall also advise the poll officers which ballot style (district combination) should be issued to the person. However, the poll officer shall also instruct the person that if it is not practicable for such person to go to such other precinct before the polls close and the person communicates that to the poll officers, the person shall be offered a provisional ballot at the precinct at which such person is present. In such case, all votes cast by such person for candidates for whom such person is properly entitled to vote shall be counted and all votes cast for candidates for whom such person is not properly entitled to vote shall be void and shall not be counted in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-419\(c\)](#).

(g) If the person appears at a precinct in a county or municipality in which the person does not reside, the registrars shall instruct the poll officers to direct the person to contact the registrars in the county in which the person resides to determine in which precinct such person should vote.

(h) If the poll officers cannot get in touch with the registrars after making a reasonable effort to do so, the poll officers shall be authorized to permit the person to receive a provisional ballot at the precinct without additional authorization from the registrars. In such case, all votes cast by such person for candidates for whom such person is properly entitled to vote shall be counted and all votes cast for candidates for whom such person is not properly entitled to vote shall be void and shall not be counted in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-419\(c\)](#).

(i) Upon accepting the opportunity to receive a provisional ballot, the person shall complete a provisional ballot voter certificate and an official voter registration form and submit such completed certificate and form to the poll officers along with the appropriate identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#). The poll officers shall place the name of the person on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters and issue the person a provisional ballot of the style authorized by the registrars along with an inner ballot envelope and an outer ballot envelope. Before issuing the outer ballot envelope to the person, the poll officers shall enter the person's name, the name of the precinct, the date and name of the election, and the ballot style (district combination) on the outer envelope. The person shall then retire to the provisional ballot voting booth and mark the ballot with his or her intended selections. Upon completing the ballot, the person shall seal the ballot in the inner ballot envelope and place the inner ballot envelope containing the ballot into the outer ballot envelope and shall seal the outer ballot envelope. The person shall then return the sealed envelope to the poll officers.

(j) Upon receiving the sealed ballot envelope from a person casting a provisional ballot, the poll officers shall verify that the information requested on the outer ballot envelope is complete, shall mark the appropriate box or boxes to designate the type of provisional ballot enclosed therein, and shall direct the person to place the ballot envelope into the secure container for provisional ballots which shall be located within the enclosed space in the polling place where it can be monitored by the poll officers and observed by the public. The provisional ballot voter certificate and voter registration form shall be attached together and shall be placed in a separate, distinctively marked envelope or reusable document container which shall be placed in a secure location in the polling place.

(5) Voter who registered for first time by mail but did not provide required identification.

(a) When a person arrives at a polling place, completes a voter certificate, and presents it to the poll workers but does not have the identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#) and the person's name appears on the official electors list for the precinct with a designation that the person registered to vote for the first time in this state by mail but has not provided the required identification to the registrars as required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-220](#), the poll officers shall immediately direct the person to the provisional ballot station. At the provisional ballot station, the person shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at such precinct. When there are multiple ballot styles (district combinations) in use in the precinct, the poll officers shall issue the appropriate ballot style (district combination) to the person as shown on the electors list. The poll officers shall place the name of the person on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters and issue the person a provisional ballot of the style authorized by the registrars along with an inner ballot envelope and an outer ballot envelope. Before issuing the outer ballot envelope to the person, the poll officers shall enter the person's name, the name of the precinct, the date and name of the election, and the ballot style (district combination) on the outer envelope. The person shall then retire to the provisional ballot voting booth and mark the ballot with his or her intended selections. Upon completing the ballot, the person shall seal the ballot in the inner ballot envelope and place the inner ballot envelope containing the ballot into the outer ballot envelope and shall seal the outer ballot envelope. The person shall then return the sealed envelope to the poll officers.

(b) Upon receiving the sealed ballot envelope from a person completing a provisional ballot, the poll officers shall verify that the information requested on the outer ballot envelope is complete, shall mark the appropriate box or boxes to designate the type of provisional ballot enclosed therein, and shall direct the person to place the ballot envelope into the secure container for provisional ballots which shall be located within the enclosed space in the polling place where it can be monitored by the poll officers and observed by the public.

(c) The provisional ballot shall not be counted unless the voter provides the identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-220](#) and [21-2-417](#) to the registrars before the end of the period set by law for the verification of provisional ballots. Such identification may be provided to the registrars in person, by email, by facsimile transmission or, in the case of disabled voters, by delivery by a third party.

(6) Voters voting during extended polling hours in an election in which federal candidates are on the ballot.

(a) In the event that the polling hours for a polling place are extended by a court order beyond the normal closing time for a primary, election, or runoff in which federal candidates are on the ballot, all voters who vote after the normal closing time for the polling place shall vote by provisional ballot.

(b) Voters whose names appear on the electors list and who have the appropriate identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#) shall complete a provisional voter certificate and shall be issued a provisional ballot along with an inner ballot envelope and an outer ballot envelope. Such voters shall not be required to complete a voter registration form. It also shall not be necessary to obtain approval from the registrars to issue provisional ballots to such voters. The poll officers shall place the name of the person on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters. Before issuing the outer ballot envelope to the person, the poll officers shall enter the person's name, the name of the precinct, the date and name of the election, and the ballot style (district combination) on the outer envelope. The person shall then retire to a provisional ballot voting booth and mark the ballot with his or her intended selections. Upon completing the ballot, the person shall seal the ballot in the inner ballot envelope and place the inner ballot envelope containing the ballot into the outer ballot envelope and shall seal the outer ballot envelope. The person shall then return the sealed envelope to the poll officers. Upon receiving the sealed ballot envelope from a person completing a provisional ballot, the poll officers shall verify that the information requested on the outer ballot envelope is complete, shall mark the appropriate box to designate that the ballot is an extended poll hours provisional ballot, and shall direct the person to place the ballot envelope into the secure container for provisional ballots which shall be located within the enclosed space in the polling place where it can be monitored by the poll officers and observed by the public.

(c) If the voter's name is not on the electors list, the poll workers shall follow the provisions of this rule for regular provisional balloting under this rule and, if the voter is authorized by the registrars to vote a provisional ballot under the terms of this rule, shall also mark the appropriate box on the outer ballot envelope to indicate that the ballot was issued during extended poll hours.

(d) If the voter's name is on the electors list but registered to vote for the first time in this state by mail and has not provided the identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-220](#), the poll officers shall permit the voter to vote in accordance with the provisions of this rule for first time voters who register for the first time in this state by mail without providing the required identification, and shall also mark the appropriate box on the outer ballot envelope to indicate that the ballot was issued during extended poll hours.

(e) The poll officers shall provide each first time voter who registered for the first time in this state by mail without providing the required identification who casts a provisional ballot information on how the voter may provide the registrars with the appropriate identification in order that the voter's ballot may be counted.

(7) Each voter casting a provisional ballot in a primary, election, or runoff in which federal candidates appear on the ballot shall be given written information explaining how such voter can ascertain if such ballot is counted and, if such ballot is not counted, the reason why such ballot was not counted.

(8) The provisional ballot voter certificates and voter registration cards may be picked up during the day by a registrar or deputy registrar for the purpose of beginning the process of determining the eligibility of the persons to cast provisional ballots. Before transferring the voter certificates and registration cards to the registrars during the day, the poll officers shall note the number of certificates and cards being transferred to the registrars. If such voter certificates and registration cards are not picked up by the registrars by the time that the polls close and the last voter has voted, the envelope in which the provisional ballot voter certificates and voter registration cards have been deposited shall be securely sealed and shall be returned to the election superintendent with the other materials from the polling place.

(9) After the close of the polls and the last voter has voted, the poll officers shall account for all voted provisional ballots, cancelled and spoiled provisional ballots, and unused provisional ballots. The ballot stubs and unused and spoiled ballots shall then be securely sealed in the container provided for them by the election superintendent. The poll officer, along with two other witnesses sworn as poll officers, shall then proceed to open the secure container in which the provisional ballots were deposited and count the number of voted provisional ballots contained therein. The poll officer and witnesses shall then compare the total number of persons voting provisional ballots as shown on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters with the number of ballots issued and the number of ballots voted. If these numbers do not equal one another, the poll officers shall determine the reason for the inconsistency and shall correct the problem before going further. The poll officer and witnesses shall seal the voted provisional ballots in a container for transfer to the election superintendent. The poll officers shall complete and sign a provisional ballot recap sheet and post one copy of the recap sheet on the door of the polling place with the election results from the precinct. The remaining copies of the provisional ballot recap sheet along with the numbered list of provisional ballot voters shall be returned to the election superintendent with the other election materials from the precinct.

(10) Upon receiving the election materials from the precincts, the election superintendent shall cause the envelope containing the provisional ballot voter certificates and voter registration cards to be promptly removed from the other materials and, if applicable, transferred to the registrars for processing. If applicable, the voter certificates and registration cards shall be transferred to the registrars no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the day of the primary, election, or runoff. The election superintendent shall also remove the container containing the voted provisional ballots and shall place such container in a secure location within the election superintendent's office.

(11) Upon receiving the provisional ballot voter certificates and voter registration cards from the election superintendent, the registrars shall promptly proceed to determine the eligibility of each person that voted a provisional ballot.

(a) If the registrars determine that the person did timely register and is eligible and entitled to vote in such primary, election, or runoff, the registrars shall mark on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters that the ballot is accepted and shall notify the election superintendent of the proper ballot style (district combination) for the voter.

(b) If the registrars determine that the person did not timely register to vote for the primary or election or is not eligible and entitled to vote in such primary or election or if the registrars cannot determine by the close of business on the third business day following the day of the primary, election, or runoff if the voter timely registered and was eligible and entitled to vote in such primary or election, the registrars shall mark on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters that the ballot is rejected.

(c) Not later than the close of business on the third business day following the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the registrars shall return to the election superintendent the numbered list of provisional ballot voters reflecting the accepted and rejected provisional ballots.

(d) The names of those persons whose names are accepted shall be added to the official electors list. The voter registration cards of those persons whose ballots are rejected on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters shall be processed by the registrars and, if found to be eligible and qualified, shall be added to the electors list for future elections.

(e) The registrars shall maintain the provisional ballot voter certificates for the same period of time and under the same conditions as the regular voter certificates. Voter registration cards completed by provisional ballot electors shall be maintained for the same period of time and under the same conditions as other voter registration cards.

(12) Upon receiving the numbered list of provisional ballot electors from the registrars, the election superintendent shall prepare to count the accepted provisional ballots. The election superintendent shall first compare the precinct designation and election district information with the style of ballot (district combination) cast by the provisional ballot voter.

(a) If the ballot style (district combination) voted by the voter was correct, then the election superintendent shall open the outer envelope and place the inner envelope containing the ballot into a ballot box.

(b) If the ballot style (district combination) voted by the voter was not correct, then the election superintendent shall open the outer envelope and note the correct ballot style (district combination) on the inner envelope. Each such inner envelope shall then be placed in a separate container until all of the outer envelopes have been opened. The outer envelopes shall then be stored in a location away from the inner envelopes in a manner such that the inner envelope and ballot of a voter cannot be identified as being the ballot of a particular voter. The superintendent shall then open each such inner envelope and remove the ballot and shall place a unique identifying number on the ballot along with the designation of the precinct at the top of the ballot. The election superintendent shall then prepare or cause to be prepared a duplicate ballot. The duplicate ballot shall be clearly labeled with the word "Duplicate" and shall bear the name of the precinct and the same unique identifying number as the original ballot at the top of the ballot. The election superintendent shall transfer or cause to be transferred to the duplicate ballot, in the presence of at least two other consolidation assistants and in public, only the votes cast by the provisional ballot voter in the races and on the questions to which such voter was eligible and entitled to vote. The votes entered on the duplicate ballot shall be verified by at least one consolidation assistant. The completed duplicate ballot shall be placed in the ballot box with the other provisional ballots to be counted. The original ballot shall be placed into an appropriate container and retained.

(c) After opening all of the outer envelopes and making all necessary duplicate ballots, the election superintendent shall then open the inner envelopes of the ballots in the ballot box and proceed to count the votes in the same manner as absentee ballots are counted. Upon completing the count, the election superintendent shall add the provisional ballot votes to the other votes cast at the polls and by absentee ballot and shall consolidate and certify the results of the primary, election, or runoff. The provisional ballots and any duplicates shall be retained for the same time period and in the same manner as absentee ballots.

(d) The rejected provisional ballots shall be marked on the outer envelope as "Not Counted" and shall not be opened. The ballots shall be maintained for the same time period and in the same manner as absentee ballots which were returned too late to be counted.

(e) The election superintendent shall notify the registrars of the names of those persons who cast a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct or on an incorrect ballot style (district combination).

(13) Upon identifying the rejected provisional ballot electors, the registrars shall proceed at the earliest possible time to notify each such person by first-class mail at the address shown on the provisional ballot voter certificate that his or her ballot was not counted because of the inability of the registrars to verify that the person timely registered to vote or such other proper reason. The registrars shall also attempt to notify the person by telephone or email if the provisional ballot voter certificate contains an email address or telephone number. If the person's voter registration card was approved, the registrars shall also notify the person that his or her name will be added to the elector's list and the person will be eligible to vote in future primaries and elections and that a voter notification or precinct card will be mailed to the person to provide the voter with the correct precinct and election district information.

(a) Upon receiving notification from the election superintendent of the names of persons who cast provisional ballots in the incorrect precinct or on the incorrect ballot style (district combination), the registrars shall notify such persons of their correct precinct and/or election district information. The sending of a voter notification or precinct card by first-class mail to the address shown on the voter registration card completed by such person when voting by provisional ballot shall be sufficient notice for such voters.

(b) If the person's voter registration is rejected, the registrars shall notify the person of such rejection in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-226\(d\)](#).

(c) In addition, the registrars shall establish a free access system, such as a toll-free telephone number or an Internet website, by which voters who cast provisional ballots in a primary, election, or runoff in which federal candidates are on the ballot may ascertain whether their ballots were counted or, if the ballots were not counted, the reasons why such ballots were not counted. The registrars shall establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information collected, stored, or otherwise used by such system. Access to information about an individual provisional ballot shall be restricted to the voter who cast such ballot.

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Department 183. RULES OF STATE ELECTION BOARD

Chapter 183-1. GEORGIA ELECTION CODE

Subject 183-1-14. ABSENTEE VOTING

183-1-14-.13 Prompt Notification of Absentee Ballot Rejection

When a timely submitted absentee ballot is rejected, the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall send the elector notice of such rejection and opportunity to cure by mailing written notice, and attempt to notify the elector by telephone and email, if a telephone number or email is on the elector's voter registration record or absentee ballot application, no later than the close of business on the third business day after rejecting the absentee ballot. However, for any timely submitted absentee ballot that is rejected within eleven days of Election Day, the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall send the elector notice of such rejection and opportunity to cure by mailing written notice, and attempt to notify the elector by telephone and email, if a telephone number or email is on the elector's voter registration record or absentee ballot application, no later than close of business on the next business day.

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Department 183. RULES OF STATE ELECTION BOARD

Chapter 183-1. GEORGIA ELECTION CODE

Subject 183-1-15. RETURNS OF PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS

183-1-15-.02 Definition of Vote

(1) Lever-type Voting Machines. A vote cast on a lever-type voting machine shall be the choice made by a voter by either operating the lever adjacent to the name of the candidate or answer to a question for which the voter desires to vote or by writing of the name of a qualified write-in candidate on the machine in accordance with the instructions for voting on the voting machine and then recording such votes on the machine by the actuation of the main lever which casts such votes and returns the other levers to their original positions.

(2) Optical Scan Voting Systems.

(a) A vote cast on an optical scan ballot marked by hand shall be the choice made by a voter by either:

1. Filling in the oval adjacent to the name of the candidate or answer to a question for which the voter desires to vote; or

2. Filling in the oval adjacent to the appropriate write-in space and writing the name of a qualified write-in candidate in the appropriate space on the ballot as specified in the instructions for voting such ballot.

(b) In reviewing an optical scan ballot marked by hand which has been rejected as containing an overvote in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-483\(g\)\(2\)](#), if the voter filled-in the oval next to the name of a candidate whose name appears on the ballot and filled-in the oval adjacent to the write-in space and wrote the name of the same candidate in the write-in space for the same office, the properly cast vote shall be counted and the write-in vote shall be ignored.

(c) If, in reviewing an optical scan ballot marked by hand which has been rejected as containing an overvote in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-483\(g\)\(2\)](#), it appears that there is a properly cast vote and what is clearly a stray mark which has caused the ballot scanner to read the vote for such office as an overvote, the properly cast vote shall be counted and the stray mark shall be ignored.

(d) If, in reviewing an optical scan ballot marked by hand which has been rejected as containing an overvote in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-483\(g\)\(2\)](#), a voter marks his or her ballot in a manner other than that specified by law and this rule, the votes shall be counted if, in the opinion of the vote review panel as provided in O.C.G.A. § [21-2-483\(g\)\(2\)\(B\)](#), the voter has clearly and without question indicated the candidate or candidates and answers to questions for which such voter desires to vote.

(e) If, in reviewing an optical scan ballot marked by hand, a discrepancy is found between the voter's mark on the ballot that clearly and without question indicated the voter's intent and the result tabulated by the ballot scanner, the voter's mark shall control and be counted. Nothing herein shall be deemed to disallow the use of ballot scanners for tabulation of ballots.

(f) When an optical scan ballot marked by hand contains stray marks or marks which prevent the ballot scanner from properly recording valid votes as determined under this rule and by law, the ballot shall be duplicated in accordance with law to correct such problems and the duplicate shall then be tabulated.

(g) In lieu of manually duplicating a ballot pursuant to paragraph (e), the manual review of ballots with overvotes by vote review panels pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [21-2-483\(g\)](#) may be done by reviewing a digital image of the ballot and electronically adjudicating the intent of the voter, if such determination is recorded on the digital image of the ballot.

(h) A vote cast on an optical scan ballot marked by an electronic ballot marker shall be the choices indicated by the printed paper ballot.

(i) When an optical scan ballot marked by an electronic ballot marker contains marks added, in addition to what was printed by the electronic ballot marker, the additional marks shall be ignored.

(j) If, in reviewing an optical scan ballot marked by an electronic ballot marker in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ [21-2-495](#) or [21-2-498](#), a discrepancy is found between the voter's choice indicated by the printed text on the ballot and the result tabulated by the ballot scanner, the printed text shall control and be counted. Nothing herein shall be deemed to disallow the use of ballot scanners for tabulation of ballots.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 183-1-15-.02

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [21-2-2](#), [21-2-31](#), [21-2-133](#), [21-2-439](#), [21-2-483](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Definition of Vote" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2003; eff. Nov. 13, 2003.

Amended: F. Jan. 23, 2020; eff. Feb. 12, 2020.

Amended: F. May 8, 2020; eff. May 28, 2020.

183-1-15-.03 Recount Procedure

(1) Recount by Electronic Tabulation

(a) Recounts of primaries and elections conducted using an optical scanning voting system shall be in accordance with this rule.

(b) The recount shall be conducted by tabulating all ballots utilizing ballot scanners.

(c) Prior to conducting a recount, the election superintendent shall test each ballot scanner to be used in the recount. A test deck shall be prepared to include at least 75 ballots marked by an electronic ballot marker and 25 absentee ballots marked by hand that were cast in the election to be recounted. The ballots shall be selected from at least 3 different precincts, if available. The selection of individual ballots from a precinct's ballot container shall be conducted in a manner that selects ballots from throughout the ballot container. The test deck shall be tabulated by the ballot scanner or scanners to be used in the recount using one or more batches. A manual hand count of the test deck shall be made and compared to the electronic tabulation of the test deck. If the two counts do not match, the discrepancy shall be researched and additional tests may be run. If the discrepancy cannot be resolved so that the manual hand count and electronic tabulation of the test deck matches, the ballot scanner shall not be used in the recount. If, after testing all available ballot scanners, there are no ballot scanners authorized to be used in the recount, the recount shall be conducted by manual hand count. Upon completion of the test, the test deck ballots shall be returned to their original ballot containers.

(d) The recount shall be open to the view of the public, but no person except one designated by the superintendent or the superintendent's authorized deputy shall touch any ballot or ballot container. The superintendent may designate a viewing area by which members of the public are limited for the purpose of good order and maintaining the integrity of the recount.

(e) The tabulation of ballots must be completed through a precise, controlled process that ensures, for each ballot scanner used in the recount, no more than one ballot container is unsealed at any given time.

(f) A clear audit trail must be maintained at all times during the recount, including but not limited to, a log of the seal numbers on ballot containers before and after the recount.

(g) The ballot scanner shall be programmed to flag or reject ballots that contain an overvote for the contest to be recounted. One or more recount vote review panels shall be established, consistent with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-483\(g\)](#), to manually review the overvoted ballots. The recount vote review panel shall determine by majority vote the elector's intent, as described in O.C.G.A. § [21-2-438\(c\)](#), a duplicate ballot shall be created consistent with the elector's intent for the contest to be recounted, labeled "RECOUNT DUPLICATE", and used in the recount. The original overvoted ballot shall be retained.

(h) All ballots that required a duplicate ballot to be created in the original primary or election, as allowed by law, shall be reviewed by a recount vote review panel to determine that the votes marked in the contest to be recounted on the duplicated ballot are consistent with the elector's intent on the original ballot, as described in O.C.G.A. § [21-2-438\(c\)](#). If a majority of the recount vote review panel determine that the duplicated ballot is not consistent with the elector's intent on the original ballot, a new true duplicate ballot shall be created consistent with the elector's intent for the contest to be recounted, labeled "RECOUNT DUPLICATE", and used in the recount. The original overvoted ballot and initial duplicated ballot shall be retained.

(i) If it appears that a ballot is so torn, bent, or otherwise defective that it cannot be processed by the ballot scanner, the recount vote review panel shall prepare a duplicate ballot for the contest to be recounted. All duplicate ballots created during the recount shall be clearly labeled by the word "RECOUNT DUPLICATE". The defective ballot shall be retained.

(j) After all of the valid ballots to be included in the recount have been tabulated, the superintendent shall cause a printout to be made of the results and shall compare the results to the results previously obtained. If upon completing the recount, it shall appear that the original vote count for the recounted contest was incorrect, such returns and all papers being prepared by the superintendent shall be corrected accordingly.

(2) Recount by Manual Hand Count

(a) A recount shall be conducted by manual hand count only:

1. As provided under Rule 183-1-15-.03(1)(c); or

2. Pursuant to a court order.

(b) Votes shall be counted by one or more recount teams consisting of at least three persons each. The superintendent shall select the persons for each recount team.

(c) In a recount of a partisan election, the recount team shall be composed of the election superintendent or designee thereof and one person selected by the election superintendent from a list provided by the county executive committee of each political party and body having candidates whose names appear on the ballot for such election, provided that, if there is no organized county executive committee for a political party or body, the person shall be selected from a list provided by the state executive committee of the political party or body. If, after the superintendent provides reasonable notice and a deadline to the executive committee, a county executive committee or state executive committee does not provide a sufficient number of names or does not timely delivery the list of names, the superintendent shall be permitted to select the persons to serve on the recount team on behalf of the political party or body as needed.

(d) In a recount of a nonpartisan election, the recount team shall be composed of the election superintendent or designee thereof and two electors of the county, in the case of a county election, or the municipality, in the case of a municipal election, selected from a list provided by the chief judge of the superior court of the county in which the election is held or, in the case of a municipality which is located in more than one county, of the county in which the city hall of the municipality is located. If, after the superintendent provides reasonable notice and a deadline to the chief judge, the chief judge fails to designate a sufficient number of persons for the recount or does not timely delivery the list of names, the superintendent shall be permitted to select the persons to serve on the recount team as needed.

(e) Ballots shall be manually counted by hand in batches of no more than 30 to ensure that the number of ballots recounted matches the number originally counted.

(f) The recount teams shall determine the elector's intended vote on each ballot, by majority vote, in accordance with Rule [183-1-15-.02](#). In the event of a tie vote by a review team, the vote of the election superintendent or designee thereof shall control.

(g) Recount teams shall compare the number of votes, overvotes, and undervotes to the number of ballots in the batch. If the numbers do not match, the batch shall be counted again.

(h) After all of the valid ballots to be included in the recount have been counted, the superintendent shall compare the results of the recount to the results previously obtained. If upon completing the recount, it shall appear that the original vote count for the recounted contest was incorrect, such returns and all papers being prepared by the superintendent shall be corrected accordingly.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 183-1-15-.03

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [21-2-31](#), [21-2-495](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Optical Scan Recount Procedure" adopted. F. Mar. 2, 2020; eff. Mar. 22, 2020.

Amended: New title "Recount Procedure." F. May 8, 2020; eff. May 28, 2020.

Department 195. GEORGIA BOARD FOR HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

Chapter 195-21. PSYCHIATRY RESIDENCY CAPITATION

195-21-.02 Psychiatry Residency Capitation Funding

(1) For the annual provision of capitation funds to designated Psychiatry Residency Programs, the Board requires the following conditions be met:

- (a) Notification of the total number of residents to be trained during an academic year;
- (b) Maintenance of approval of the Program by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education;
- (c) Compliance with all Board guidelines, rules, and regulations;
- (d) Submission of all reports including, but not limited to, a graduate practice location report, and such other documents as may be reasonably required by the Board and/or outlined in the GBPW's Report Guidelines;

1. Practice Location of Graduates. The medical school and/or Psychiatry Residency Program shall annually submit a report to the Board indicating the practice location of each graduate to assist the Board in evaluating the effectiveness of the Program in meeting the need for physicians in Georgia.

(i) Graduate practice location reports shall be due no later than September 1st of each year and include the practice location (city/state), additional training being pursued (e.g., fellowship), military service obligation, other state or federal service obligation (e.g., Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, National Health Services Corp.), or other activity of those residents completing their medical education and training at the medical school or Psychiatry Residency Program.

(ii) Medical Schools/Psychiatry Residency Programs shall be expected to monitor, update, and report to the Board, any changes in the practice status of graduates for a period of five years post-graduation.

(e) Development and maintenance of procedures to encourage residents to establish practices in areas of Georgia where unmet need exists for Psychiatric physicians; and collaboration to maximize state resources, where appropriate, to carry out said activities.

(2) Payment Process. Based on the Resident Monthly Updates submitted by the Psychiatry Residency Program, the Board shall authorize disbursement of psychiatry residency capitation funding in quarterly installments.

(a) The Program shall report on the Resident Monthly Updates, resident's name, social security number, anticipated date of graduation, post-graduate year, and indication of resident participation during report period. Such reports shall be submitted no later than the tenth (10) day of the following month.

(b) Capitation payment shall not be made for any one resident in excess of forty-eight months.

(c) Payment will not be made for any resident on an unpaid leave of absence.

(d) Payment for a resident who must extend his/her training over a period in excess of four (4) years will be authorized by the Board pending availability of funds.

(3) State Audit. The Medical School and/or Psychiatry Residency Program shall be subject to an audit of the financial records relating to the Psychiatry Residency Capitation Funding upon request of the Board or other duly

authorized officer or employee of the State of Georgia upon reasonable request. For this purpose, the Medical School and/or Psychiatry Residency Program shall:

- (a) Maintain for three (3) years after receipt of Psychiatry Residency Capitation Funding, all directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records involving related transactions;
 - (b) To account for the State funds received through the Psychiatry Residency Capitation Agreement in the next "Certified Independent Auditors Report" or in "Audited Financial Statements" of the Hospital.
 - (c) Retain sufficient records for the conduct of an audit for any year for which payments are in dispute until such dispute is resolved;
 - (d) Be subject to reduction in payment of Psychiatry Residency Capitation Funding based on the findings of a state audit disallowing any previous such payment; and
 - (e) Maintain a permanent personnel file on each resident who graduates from the Program which shall include a record of the resident's experience during the training period and evaluations of their performance by faculty and other supervisors.
- (4) Retention of Graduates. The practice location of graduates will be monitored by the Board for five (5) years from date of graduation. In the event retention of graduates practicing in Georgia should fall below an acceptable number, over any five (5) consecutive year period, the Board shall have the authority to adjust the rate of capitation paid to said Program. The acceptable rate of retention will be determined by the Board from time to time and set forth in the Agreement between the Board and the Medical School and/or Psychiatry Residency Program.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 195-21-.02

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [49-10](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Psychiatry Residency Capitation Funding" adopted. F. July 31, 2017; eff. Aug. 20, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of the same title adopted. F. Dec. 11, 2019; eff. Dec. 31, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of the same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

Department 295. JOINT SECRETARY, PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

Chapter 295-2. EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL DATES

295-2-.01 [Effective 1/1/2021] Licenses Expiring June 30-Odd Years

The following licenses expire on June 30 of the odd numbered years, effective as of the 2021 renewal cycle:

- (a) Architects; with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of odd years;
- (b) Athlete Agents; with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of odd years;
- (c) Barbers (Instructors, Schools, and Shops); with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of odd years;
- (d) Cosmetology (Instructors, Schools, and Shops, with the exception of Hair Design Instructors and Schools); with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of odd years;
- (e) Private Detective and Security Agencies (Companies); with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of odd years; and
- (f) Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of odd years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.01

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring June 30-Odd Years" adopted. F. Apr. 16, 1974; eff. May 6, 1974.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 29, 1983; eff. July 19, 1983.

Amended: F. Dec. 5, 1983; eff. Dec. 25, 1983.

Amended: F. May 22, 1985; eff. June 11, 1985.

Amended: F. July 26, 1985; eff. Aug. 15, 1985.

Amended: F. Nov. 7, 1989; eff. Nov. 27, 1989.

Amended: F. Feb. 14, 1994; eff. Mar. 6, 1994.

Amended: F. Jan. 24, 1995; eff. Feb. 13, 1995.

Amended: F. Apr. 18, 1995; eff. May 8, 1995.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sept. 11, 2007; eff. Oct. 1, 2007.

Amended: F. Oct. 15, 2009; eff. Nov. 4, 2009.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 14, 2012; eff. Apr. 3, 2012.

Amended: F. Nov. 1, 2016; eff. Nov. 21, 2016.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2021, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.02 [Effective 1/1/2021] Licenses Expiring August 31-Odd Years

The following licenses expire on August 31 of the odd numbered years, effective as of the 2021 renewal cycle:

- (a) Podiatry; with a lapsed, late renewal period from September 1 to September 30 of odd years;
- (b) Private Detective and Security Agencies (Employees and Weapons Permits); with a lapsed, late renewal period from September 1 to September 30 of odd years;
- (c) Cosmetology (Estheticians and Manicurists); with a lapsed, late renewal period from September 1 to September 30 of odd years;
- (d) Low Voltage Contractors (Unrestricted; Telecommunications, Alarm, General); with a lapsed, late renewal period from September 1 to September 30 of odd years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.02

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring August 31-Odd Years" adopted. F. Apr. 16, 1974; eff. May 6, 1974.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 29, 1983; eff. July 19, 1983.

Amended: F. Dec. 5, 1983; eff. Dec. 25, 1983.

Amended: F. Aug. 10, 1984; eff. Aug. 30, 1984.

Amended: F. May 22, 1985; eff. June 11, 1985.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2021, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.03 [Effective 1/1/2021] Licenses Expiring November 30-Odd Years

The following licenses expire on November 30 of the odd numbered years, effective as of the 2021 renewal cycle:

- (a) Conditioned Air Contractors; with a lapsed, late renewal period from December 1 to December 31 of odd years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.03

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring June 30-Even Years" adopted. F. Apr. 16, 1974; eff. May 6, 1974.

Amended: F. Feb. 10, 1983; eff. Mar. 2, 1983.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring December 31-Odd Years" adopted. F. June 29, 1983; eff. July 9, 1983.

Amended: F. Dec. 5, 1983; eff. Dec. 25, 1983.

Amended: F. June 19, 1984; eff. July 9, 1984.

Amended: F. July 26, 1985; eff. Aug. 15, 1985.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring November 30-Odd Years" adopted. F. July 15, 1988; eff. Aug. 4, 1988.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Oct. 23, 2006; eff. Nov. 12, 2006.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. July 25, 2008; eff. Aug. 14, 2008.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2021, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.06 [Effective 1/1/2022] Licenses Expiring March 31-Even Years

The following licenses expire on March 31 of the even numbered years, effective as of the 2022 renewal cycle:

- (a) Cosmetology (Masters); with a lapsed, late renewal period from April 1 to April 30 of even years;
- (b) Funeral Services (Directors, Embalmers and Apprentices); with a lapsed, late renewal period from April 1 to April 30 of even years;
- (c) Funeral Service (Homes); with a lapsed, late renewal period from April 1 to April 30 of even years of even years;
- (d) Occupational Therapy; with a lapsed, late renewal period for April 1 to April 30 of even years;
- (e) Used Motor Vehicle Dealers; with a lapsed, late renewal period from April 1 to April 30 of even years;
- (f) Dietitian; with a lapsed, late renewal period from April 1 to April 30 of even years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.06

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Renewal Dates" adopted. F. Apr. 16, 1974; eff. May 6, 1974.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring December 31-Even Years" adopted. F. June 29, 1983; eff. July 19, 1983.

Amended: F. June 19, 1984; eff. July 9, 1984.

Amended: F. Nov. 30, 1984; eff. Dec. 20, 1984.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring September 30-Even Years" adopted. F. Apr. 20, 1987; eff. May 10, 1987.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring June 30-Even Years" adopted. F. July 15, 1988; eff. Aug. 4, 1988.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring March 31-Even Years" adopted. F. Sept. 20, 1995; eff. Oct. 9, 1995.

Amended: ER. [295-2-0.2](#) -.06 adopted. F. and eff. Feb. 25, 2002, the date of adoption.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 17, 2014; eff. Apr. 6, 2014.

Amended: F. Nov. 1, 2016; eff. Nov. 21, 2016.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2022, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.07 [Effective 1/1/2022] Licenses Expiring June 30-Even Years

The following licenses expire on June 30 of the even numbered years, effective as of the 2022 renewal cycle:

- (a) Athletic Trainers; with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of even years;
- (b) Electrical Contractors; with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of even years;
- (c) Librarians; with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of even years.
- (d) General Contractor Company, General Contractor Individual, General Contractor Qualifying Agent, Residential Basic Company, Residential Basic Individual, Residential Basic Qualifying Agent, Residential Light Commercial Individual, Residential Light Company, Residential Light Qualifying Agent, General Contractor Qualifying Agent-Limited Tier, General Contractor Company-Limited Tier, General Contractor Individual-Limited Tier; with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of even years.
- (e) Professional Engineer and Land Surveyors Firms; with a lapsed, late renewal period from July 1 to July 31 of even years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.07

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring Annually June 30" adopted. F. June 29, 1983; eff. July 19, 1983.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring December 31-Even Years" adopted. F. Apr. 20, 1987; eff. May 10, 1987.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring September 30-Even Years" adopted. F. July 15, 1988; eff. Aug. 4, 1988.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring June 30-Even Years" adopted. F. Sept. 30, 1995; eff. Oct. 9, 1995.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Jan. 22, 2008; eff. Feb. 11, 2008.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. July 25, 2008; eff. Aug. 14, 2008.

Amended: F. Feb. 7, 2018; eff. Feb. 27, 2018.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2022, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.08 [Effective 1/1/2022] Licenses Expiring September 30-Even Years

The following licenses expire on September 30 of the even numbered years, effective as of the 2022 renewal cycle:

- (a) Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists; with a lapsed, late renewal period from October 1 to October 31 of even years.

(b) Cosmetology (Hair Design); with a lapsed, late renewal period from October 1 to October 31 of even years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.08

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring March 31-Odd Years" adopted. F. June 19, 1984; eff. July 9, 1984.

Amended: F. Nov. 30, 1984; eff. Dec. 20, 1984.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring Annually June 30" adopted. F. Apr. 20, 1987; eff. May 10, 1987.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring November 30-Even Years" adopted. F. July 15, 1988; eff. Aug. 4, 1988.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring September 30-Even Years" adopted. F. Sept. 20, 1995; eff. Oct. 9, 1995.

Amended: F. Aug. 7, 2007; eff. Aug. 27, 2007.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 30, 2008; eff. May 20, 2008.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2022, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.09 [Effective 1/1/2022] Licenses Expiring November 30-Even Years

The following licenses expire on November 30 of the even numbered years, effective as of the 2022 renewal cycle:

(a) Plumbing Contractors/Journeymen; with a lapsed, late renewal period from December 1 to December 31 of even years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.09

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring March 31-Odd Years" adopted. F. Apr. 20, 1987; eff. May 10, 1987.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring December 31-Even Years" adopted. F. July 15, 1988; eff. Aug. 4, 1988.

Amended: F. Dec. 26, 1990; eff. Jan. 15, 1991.

Amended: F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring November 30-Even Years" adopted. F. Sept. 20, 1995; eff. Oct. 9, 1995.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2022, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.11 [Effective 1/1/2021] Licenses Expiring Annually

The following licenses expire annually:

(a) Immigration Assistance Provider licenses expire annually on August 31, with a lapsed, late renewal period from September 1 until September 30.

(b) Pre-need sales agent licenses expire annually on the registration date, with a lapsed, late renewal period of one month.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.11

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring March 31-Odd Years" adopted. F. July 15, 1988; eff. Aug. 4, 1988.

Amended: F. Dec. 26, 1990; eff. Jan. 15, 1991.

Amended: F. Mar. 22, 1993; eff. Apr. 11, 1993.

Amended: F. Feb. 14, 1994; eff. Mar. 6, 1994.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring January 31-Odd Years" adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring Annually June 30" adopted. F. Sept. 20, 1995; eff. Oct. 9, 1995.

Repealed: F. Mar. 13, 2012; eff. Apr. 2, 2012.

Amended: New title "Licenses Expiring Annually." F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2021, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.13 [Effective 1/1/2021] Licenses Expiring March 31-Odd Years

The following licenses expire on March 31 of the odd numbered years, effective as of the 2021 renewal cycle:

- (a) Licensed Practical Nurses with a lapsed, late renewal period from April 1 to April 30 of odd years;
- (b) Licensed Dispensing Opticians; with a lapsed, late renewal period from April 1 to April 30 of odd years;
- (c) Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Audiology Assistants, and Speech-Language Pathology Aides; with a lapsed, late renewal period from April 1 to April 30 of odd years;
- (d) Interior Designers; with a lapsed, late renewal period from April 1 to April 30 of odd years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.13

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring April 30-Odd Years" adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994.

Amended: F. Apr. 18, 1995; eff. May 8, 1995.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring March 31-Odd Years" adopted. F. Sept. 20, 1995; eff. Oct. 9, 1995.

Amended: F. Mar. 27, 1996; eff. Apr. 16, 1996.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 6, 2007; eff. Mar. 26, 2007.

Amended: F. Jul. 3, 2013; eff. Jul. 23, 2013.

Amended: F. Aug. 29, 2017; eff. Sep. 18, 2017.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2021, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.14 [Effective 1/1/2021] Licenses Expiring April 30-Odd Years

The following licenses expire on April 30 in odd numbered years, effective as of the 2021 renewal cycle:

(a) Utility (Managers, Foremen, and Contractors); with a lapsed, late renewal period from May 1 to May 31 of odd years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.14

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring April 30-Odd Years" adopted. F. Sept. 20, 1995; eff. Oct. 9, 1995.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2021, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.16 [Effective 1/1/2022] Licenses Expiring October 31-Even Years

The following licenses expire on October 31 of the even numbered years, effective as of the 2022 renewal cycle:

(a) Massage Therapists; with a lapsed, late renewal period from November 1 to November 30 of even years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.16

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring October 31-Even Years" adopted. F. Nov. 30, 2006; eff. Dec. 20, 2006.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 21, 2009; eff. May 11, 2009.

Amended: F. Apr. 19, 2019; eff. May 9, 2019.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2022, as specified by the Agency.

295-2-.17 [Effective 1/1/2021] Licenses Expiring September 30-Odd Years

The following licenses expire on September 30 of the odd numbered years, effective as of the 2021 renewal cycle:

(a) Cosmetology (Hair Design Instructor and Hair Design School); with (lapsed, late renewal status) from October 1 to October 31 of odd years.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 295-2-.17

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [43-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Licenses Expiring September 30-Odd Years" adopted. F. July 9, 2009; eff. July 29, 2009.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. Jan. 1, 2021, as specified by the Agency.

Department 391. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Chapter 391-3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Subject 391-3-6. WATER QUALITY CONTROL

391-3-6-.06 Waste Treatment and Permit Requirements

(1) **Purpose.** The purpose of Rule 391-3-6-.06 is to provide for the degree of waste treatment required and the uniform procedures and practices to be followed relating to the application for issuance, modification, revocation and reissuance, and termination of permits for the discharge of any pollutant into the waters of the State. Requirements applicable to general NPDES permits are provided in Rules [391-3-6-.15](#) and [391-3-6-.16](#).

(2) **Definitions.** All terms used in this Rule shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Act unless otherwise defined in this Paragraph or in any other Rules of this Chapter:

(a) "Annual average stream flow" means that flow measured daily at the nearest listed U.S. Geologic Survey stream gauge, averaged for the entire period of record, and adjusted by comparison to the size of the drainage area in which the discharge is located.

(b) "Aquaculture project" means any point source which meets the criteria set forth in the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.25](#);

(c) "Concentrated animal feeding operation" means any point source which meets the criteria set forth in the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.23](#);

(d) "Concentrated aquatic animal production facility" means any point source which meets the criteria set forth in the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.24](#);

(e) "Construction" means any placement, assembly, or installation of facilities or equipment (including contractual obligations to purchase such facilities or equipment) at the premises where such equipment will be used, including preparation work at such premises;

(f) "Dilution factor" means a numerical representation of the dilution of the permitted effluent from the wastewater treatment facility in the receiving stream. It shall be used to calculate instream concentrations of priority pollutants when the effluent concentration is known and to calculate effluent limitations from the instream criteria concentration listed in [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(e\)](#).

1. For constituents and their criteria listed in [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(e\)\(i\) and \(iii\)](#) and for constituents and their chronic criteria in [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#), the dilution factor equals:

$$[7\text{-day, 10-year minimum stream flow (7Q10) + discharger design flow}] / \text{discharger design flow}$$

For constituents and their acute criteria listed in [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#), the dilution factor for the calculation of effluent limitations equals:

$$[1\text{-day, 10-year minimum stream flow (1Q10) + discharger design flow}] / \text{discharger design flow}$$

For constituents listed in [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(e\)\(iv\)](#), the dilution factor equals:

$$[\text{Annual or long-term average stream flow} + \text{Discharger design flow}] / \text{discharger design flow}$$

2. The dilution factor equations assume a relatively rapid and complex mix. In situations where this does not occur, the Permittee or EPD may perform field studies to document and describe the mixing zone. The dilution factor in such situations, for the purpose of calculating effluent limitations for chemical constituents, will be determined based on the studies. If a mixing zone is granted, all criteria and requirements of subsection [391-3-6-.03\(10\)](#) must also be met.

3. In situations where the dilution factor equations do not appropriately describe the dilution capacity of receiving waters, such as for discharges to impounded waters or to tidal estuaries, the dilution factor will be determined through field studies or appropriate analytical procedures.

(g) "Effluent Limitation" means any restriction or prohibition established under the Act on quantities, rates, or concentrations, or a combination thereof, of chemical, physical, biological, or other constituents which are discharged from point sources into the waters of the State, including, but not limited to, schedules of compliance and whole effluent biological monitoring requirements;

(h) "EPD" means the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources;

(i) "Indirect discharger" means a non-domestic discharger introducing pollutants to a publicly owned treatment works;

(j) "Major discharger" as defined in EPA annual operating guidance for the EPA Regional Offices and the States and specifically listed in the annual State program plan;

(k) "New discharger" means any point source that meets the criteria set forth in the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.29](#);

(l) "New Source" means any point source that meets the criteria set forth in the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.29](#);

(m) "NPDES Permit Application" means the application filed by any person with the Director for an NPDES Permit;

(n) "NPDES Permit" means the permit issued by the Division to regulate the discharge of pollutants from any point source into the waters of the State;

(o) "Segment" means a portion of a water quality planning area, the surface waters of which have common hydrologic characteristics (or flow regulation patterns); common natural physical, chemical and biological characteristics and processes; and common reactions to external stresses, such as the discharge of pollutants. Segments will be classified as either a water quality segment or an effluent limitation segment as follows:

1. Water quality segment. Any segment where it is known that water quality does not meet applicable water quality standards and/ or is not expected to meet applicable water quality standards even after the application of the effluent limitations required by sections 301(b)(1)(B) and 301(b)(2)(A) of the Act;

2. Effluent limitation segment. Any segment where it is known that water quality is meeting and will continue to meet applicable water quality standards or where there is adequate demonstration that water quality will meet applicable water quality standards after the application of the effluent limitations required by sections 301(b)(1)(B) and 301(b)(2)(A) of the Act.

(p) "Separate storm sewer" means any point source which meets the criteria set forth in the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.26](#).

(q) "Silvicultural point source" means any point source which meets the criteria set forth in the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.27](#);

(3) Permit Requirement.

(a) Any person discharging or proposing to discharge into the waters of the State any pollutant from a point source including those defined in Paragraph 391-3-6-.06(2) above, under any of the circumstances described in O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30\(a\)](#), shall obtain a permit from the EPD to make such discharge.

(b) Any person discharging or proposing to discharge any pollutant from a non-point source into the waters of the State, under the circumstances described in O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30\(b\)](#), shall obtain written approval from the EPD and shall be required to use best management practices to minimize to the extent feasible as determined by the EPD the introduction of the pollutant into the waters of the State. The best management practices shall be included in a permit, if the Director has issued one to the same person for a point source discharge.

(c) Any person owning or operating a treatment works, from which a discharge into the waters of the State could possibly occur, excluding discharges which could result from Acts of God, shall apply to the EPD for a permit.

(4) Degree of Waste Treatment Required.

(a) All pollutants shall receive such treatment or corrective action so as to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the issued permit and with the following, whenever applicable:

1. Effluent limitations established by EPA pursuant to Sections 301, 302, 303 and 316 of the Federal Act;
2. Standards of performance for new sources established by the EPA pursuant to Section 306 of the Federal Act;
3. Effluent limitations and prohibitions and pretreatment standards established by the EPA pursuant to Section 307 of the Federal Act;
4. Criteria for the issuance of permits to aquaculture projects, as defined in this Paragraph, established by EPA pursuant to Section 318 of the Federal Act;
5. Criteria and standards for Best Management Practices established by EPA pursuant to Section 304(e) of the Federal Act;
6. Criteria and standards for imposing conditions for the disposal of sewage sludge established by EPA pursuant to Section 405 of the Federal Act;
7. Ensure consistency with the requirements of a Water Quality Management plan approved by EPA pursuant to Section 208(b) of the Federal Act;
8. Criteria for ocean discharges established by EPA pursuant to Section 403(c) of the Federal Act;
9. Incorporate alternative effluent limitations or standards where warranted by "fundamentally different factors" established by EPA; in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 124.62\(e\)](#);
10. Notwithstanding the above, more stringent effluent limitations may be required as deemed necessary by the EPD (a) to meet any other existing Federal laws or regulations, or (b) to ensure compliance with any applicable State water quality standards, effluent limitations, treatment standards, or schedules of compliance;
11. With regard to any non-point source required to obtain a permit, such best management practices as are required to ensure compliance with applicable State water quality standards.

(b) Calculations and specification of effluent limits and standards shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.44](#) and [122.45](#).

(c) The foregoing requirements shall be applied in considering all applications made pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30](#), and no such application will be approved unless the waste treatment facilities contemplated thereby will

achieve such limitations and standards upon completion thereof or within such reasonable time thereafter as the EPD may provide, consistent with subparagraph 391-3-6-.06(10).

(d) Until such time as such criteria, standards, limitations, and prohibitions are promulgated pursuant to Sections 301, 302, 303, 304(e), 306, 307 and 405 of the Federal Act, the EPD shall apply such standards, limitations and prohibitions necessary to achieve the purposes of said sections of the Federal Act. With respect to individual point sources, such limitations, standards, or prohibitions shall be based upon an assessment of technology and processes, to wit:

1. To existing point sources, other than publicly owned treatment works, effluent limitations based on application of the best practicable control technology currently available;
2. To publicly owned treatment works, effluent limitations based upon the application of secondary treatment or treatment equivalent to secondary treatment in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 133.102](#) and .105;
3. To any point source, other than publicly owned treatment works, whose construction commences after the initial effective date of this Rule, and for which there are not new source performance standards, effluent limitations which reflect the greatest degree of effluent reduction which the EPD determines to be achievable through application of the best available demonstrated control technology, processes, operating methods, or other alternatives, including, where practicable, a standard permitting no discharge of pollutants, consistent with [40 C.F.R. 125.3\(c\)\(2\)](#).
4. To any point source, as appropriate, effluent limitations or prohibitions designed to prohibit the discharge of toxic pollutants in toxic amounts or to require pretreatment of pollutants which interfere with, pass through, or otherwise are incompatible with the operation of publicly owned treatment works; and
5. To any point source, as appropriate, more stringent effluent limitations as are required to ensure compliance with applicable State water quality standards, including those to prohibit the discharge of toxic pollutants in toxic amounts. Where necessary, NPDES Permits issued or reissued after the adoption of this paragraph shall include numeric criteria based upon the following procedures to ensure that toxic substances and other priority pollutants are not discharged to surface waters in harmful amounts:

(i) The EPD will review available data for reported concentrations of any of the following chemical constituents detected at levels based upon analytical methods described in Federal Regulations [40 C.F.R. 136](#), or that have EPA concurrence, which establishes guidelines on test procedures for the analysis of pollutants.

CHEMICAL CONSTITUENT

1. Methoxychlor
2. 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2, 4-D)
3. 2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxy propionic acid (TP Silvex)
4. Antimony
5. Arsenic
6. Beryllium
7. Cadmium
8. Chromium (III)
9. Chromium (VI)
10. Copper

11. Lead
12. Mercury
13. Nickel
14. Selenium
15. Silver
16. Thallium
17. Zinc
18. Cyanide
19. Acrolein
20. Acrylonitrile
21. Benzene
22. Bromoform (Tribromomethane)
23. Carbon Tetrachloride
24. Chlorobenzene
25. Chlorodibromomethane
26. Chloroethane
27. 2-Chloroethylvinyl Ether
28. Chloroform (Trichloromethane)
29. Dichlorobromomethane
30. 1,1-Dichloroethane
31. 1,2-Dichloroethane
32. 1,1-Dichloroethylene
33. 1,2-Dichloropropane
34. 1,3-Dichloropropylene
35. Ethylbenzene
36. Methyl Bromide (Bromomethane)
37. Methylene Chloride
38. Methyl Chloride (Chloromethane)

- 39. 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane
- 40. Tetrachloroethylene
- 41. Toluene
- 42. 1,2-Trans- Dichloroethylene
- 43. 1,1,1-Trichloroethane
- 44. 1,1,2-Trichloroethane
- 45. Trichloroethylene
- 46. Vinyl Chloride
- 47. 2-Chlorophenol
- 48. 2,4-Dichlorophenol
- 49. 2,4-Dimethylphenol
- 50. 2-Methyl-4,6- Dinitrophenol
- 51. 2,4-Dinitrophenol
- 52. 2-Nitrophenol
- 53. 4-Nitrophenol
- 54. 3-Methyl-4-Chlorophenol
- 55. Pentachlorophenol
- 56. Phenol
- 57. 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol
- 58. Acenaphthene
- 59. Acenaphthylene
- 60. Anthracene
- 61. Benzidine
- 62. Benzo(a)Anthracene
- 63. Benzo(a)Pyrene
- 64. 3,4-Benzofluoranthene
- 65. Benzo(ghi)Perylene
- 66. Benzo(k)Fluoranthene

67. Bis(2-Chloroethoxy)Methane
68. Bis(2-Chloroethyl)Ether
69. Bis(2-Chloroisopropyl) Ether
70. Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate
71. 4-Bromophenyl Phenyl Ether
72. Butylbenzyl Phthalate
73. 2-Chloronaphthalene
74. 4-Chlorophenyl Phenyl Ether
75. Chrysene
76. Dibenzo(a,h)Anthracene
77. 1,2-Dichlorobenzene
78. 1,3-Dichlorobenzene
79. 1,4-Dichlorobenzene
80. 3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine
81. Diethyl Phthalate
82. Dimethyl Phthalate
83. Di-n-Butyl Phthalate
84. 2,4-Dinitrotoluene
85. 2,6-Dinitrotoluene
86. Di-n-Octyl Phthalate
87. 1,2-Diphenylhydrazine
88. Fluoranthene
89. Fluorene
90. Hexachlorobenzene
91. Hexachlorobutadiene
92. Hexachloro- cyclopentadiene
93. Hexachloroethane
94. Indeno(1,2,3-cd) Pyrene

95. Isophorone
96. Naphthalene
97. Nitrobenzene
98. N-Nitrosodimethylamine
99. N-Nitrosodi-n- Propylamine
100. N-Nitrosodiphenylamine
101. Phenanthrene
102. Pyrene
103. 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
104. Aldrin
105. a-BHC-Alpha
106. b-BHC-Beta
107. Lindane [Hexachlorocyclohexane (g-BHC-Gamma)]
108. d-BHC-Delta
109. Chlordane
110. 4,4'-DDT
111. 4,4'-DDE
112. 4,4'-DDD
113. Dieldrin
114. a-Endosulfan
115. b-Endosulfan
116. Endosulfan Sulfate
117. Endrin
118. Endrin Aldehyde
119. Heptachlor
120. Heptachlor Epoxide
121. PCBs
122. Toxaphene

(ii) For the chemical constituents identified after completion of (i) above, and/or if other site specific information available to the EPD indicates the presence of one or more of the above chemical constituents at levels of concern to EPD, the EPD will control the chemical constituent with a monitoring provision or with effluent limitations in the NPDES permit.

(a) If there are less than 10 data points available at the time of evaluation, and if the instream concentration, which is measured or calculated by dividing the effluent concentration by appropriate dilution factor from 391-3-6-.06(2)(f), is greater than or equal to fifty percent of the criteria concentration(s), then the permittee will be required to monitor that constituent for at least ten months. If there is more than one data point at the time of evaluation, then the data will be averaged together in calculating the instream concentration as described above. An exception to this is if the stream concentration is to be compared against an acute criterion. If this is the case, then instead of using the average of the data, the highest data point in the set will be used to calculate the instream concentration. This number will then be compared against 50% of the acute criterion.

(b) The EPD will review the monitoring results after the permittee has monitored the chemical constituents for at least ten months.

(1) In the case of chemical constituents with acute criteria, if the instream concentration (calculated using the highest concentration of at least ten monthly samples and the formula(s) in 391-3-6-.06 (2)(f) is greater than the acute criterion then an effluent limit(s) for that constituent will be required at permit issuance. If the instream concentration is less than or equal to the acute criterion, then the EPD may terminate or lessen the monitoring requirement for that constituent. In the case of all other chemical constituents with numeric criteria, if the average of at least ten monthly samples indicates that a chemical constituent's instream concentration is less than fifty percent of the instream criteria, based on the formula(s) in 391-3-6-.06(2)(f), then the EPD may terminate or lessen the monitoring requirement for that constituent. If the average is fifty percent or more of the instream criteria, an effluent limit(s) for that constituent will be required at permit issuance.

(2) If it is determined that an effluent limit(s) is required as described above, then the permit shall be reissued or modified to include an effluent limit(s) for the chemical constituent calculated as follows:

Effluent limit = criteria concentration X dilution factor X translation factor (if necessary).

The translation factor will be used to convert dissolved criteria concentrations into total recoverable permit limits using methods discussed in [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#). Where a constituent has both an acute and chronic aquatic life criteria, the acute criteria will be used to calculate a daily maximum effluent limitation while the chronic criteria will be used to calculate a monthly average effluent limitation.

(c) If the permit is issued or modified as in (ii)(b)(2) above for a chemical constituent listed in [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(e\)](#), the limit shall become effective upon issuance or modification of the permit.

(d) At the request of the permittee, a schedule to allow for development of a site-specific effluent limit may be established by the EPD. This schedule would be contained in the permit or in an accompanying Consent Order and include the following:

(1) A requirement for monthly monitoring for all chemical constituents that are limited.

(2) A requirement that the permittee perform site-specific studies, consisting of whole effluent biomonitoring, water-effect ratio tests, stream studies, or other appropriate studies or calculations. The methodology for these tests will be determined by the EPD on a case-by-case basis. Water-effect ratio studies are to be conducted using the EPA guidance document "Interim Guidance on Determination and Use of Water-Effect Ratios for Metals, EPA-823-B-94-001" or "Stream Lined Water-Effect Ratio Procedure for Discharges of Copper, EPA-822-R-01-005" or the most recent EPA guidance document.

(3) A requirement that all data obtained in (2) and (3) be submitted to the EPD for review.

(4) No more than two years following initiation of monitoring under (ii)(a), the EPD will use the data to calculate site-specific limitations for each chemical constituent, and will initiate the process to incorporate the limitation(s) into the permit along with requirements for a minimum of annual whole effluent biomonitoring. At any time during the two year period the EPD may, upon its initiative or that of the permittee, review the data that have been submitted and may determine that limits and monitoring requirements for one or more chemical constituents may be terminated. All modifications of limits and monitoring requirements will comply with anti-backsliding requirements contained in Section 402(o) of the Clean Water Act. Conversely, should the EPD determine that adequate data are available before the two year interim monitoring period, it may develop site-specific limitations for the constituent(s) without additional monitoring.

(e) Any permit modifications or revocation/reissuances pursuant to (ii)(b)(2) or (ii)(d) will be performed in accordance with procedures described in 391-3-6-.06(7), including public participation requirements.

(f) For any metals monitored during any portion of the limits determination process, measurement will be by the most appropriate analytical technique approved by the U.S. EPA which provides a measurement of the portion of the metal present which may cause toxicity to aquatic life in the receiving stream.

(iii) For other 307(a) chemical constituents, including priority pollutants not identified in [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(e\)\(i\)-\(vi\)](#) whole effluent biomonitoring will be used to develop either a site-specific criteria concentration or a whole effluent toxicity limit, with such limits to be incorporated into permits. This paragraph applies to the following chemical constituents:

- (a) Chloroethane
- (b) 1,1-Dichloroethane
- (c) 1,1,1-Trichloroethane
- (d) 2-Nitrophenol
- (e) 4-Nitrophenol
- (f) Bis(2-Chloroethoxy) Methane
- (g) 4-Bromophenyl Phenyl Ether
- (h) 4-Chlorophenyl Phenyl Ether
- (i) 2,6-Dinitrotoluene
- (j) Di-n-Octyl Phthalate
- (k) Naphthalene
- (l) d-BHC-Delta
- (m) Silver
- (n) Beryllium
- (o) 2-Chloro ethyl vinyl ether
- (p) Methyl chloride (chloromethane)
- (q) 3-Methyl-4-Chlorophenol

(r) Acenaphthylene

(s) Benzo (ghi) perylene

(t) Phenanthrene

(iv) The criteria concentration may be more stringent under either one of the following situations:

(a) If the chemical constituent exists in the upstream reaches of the receiving stream at any level greater than zero due to the presence of other direct dischargers. For this situation, the criteria concentration for computation of the effluent limit will be the net value after subtracting out this initial concentration. Unless actual water quality studies and monitoring or calculations indicate otherwise, it will be assumed that the upstream levels of each constituent are zero; or

(b) If the EPD determines that more stringent limitations should be imposed in order to reserve some assimilative capacity for future discharges.

(v) The effluent limit determined in (ii)(b)(2) above may be adjusted as follows, to determine the actual effluent limit to be used in the permit:

(a) If the limit is more stringent than the analytical laboratory detection limit using analytical methods described in Federal Regulations [40 C.F.R. 136](#) or methods that have EPA concurrence, then the limit will include an accompanying statement in the permit that a reading of not detected using the analytical methods specified in the permit will be considered as being in compliance with the limit;

(b) If water quality studies and monitoring indicate that the chemical constituent is present in the water supply or in the upstream reaches of the receiving stream at a concentration equal to or exceeding the daily limit for the specific chemical constituent, and the presence of such cannot be attributed to direct point source dischargers, or nonpoint sources that can be reasonably controlled with best management practices, the limit will be set equal to the natural ambient concentration of the chemical constituent;

(c) For industrial point source dischargers, if the specific chemical constituent is regulated by a technology-based effluent guideline limit, the guideline limit will be compared to the calculated limit. The limit will be the more stringent of the two values;

(d) For complex effluents, where several chemical constituents exist, the EPD will assign a limit for each specific chemical constituent and may require a whole effluent biomonitoring limit where there is a reasonable potential that the narrative criteria for whole effluent toxicity will be exceeded. Such whole effluent biomonitoring limitation will consist of a series of bioassays of the wastewater treatment plant effluent, and, if appropriate, toxicity source identification evaluations, and implementation steps to reduce the chronic toxicity. This approach shall not be applied to those chemical constituents considered potential or known carcinogens or to the chemical constituents identified in [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(d\)\(iii\)](#).

(vi) NPDES permits issued or reissued after the adoption of this paragraph shall include biological monitoring provisions and, where determined by the State to be necessary, a water quality-based whole effluent provision utilizing numerical pass/fail criteria to manage the effluent for the additive effects of all Section 307(a)(1) Federal Clean Water Act toxic pollutants and other unknown toxic substances or priority pollutants. The water quality-based whole effluent approach will help to ensure that the wastewater treatment plant effluent does not contain unknown sources of acute and chronic toxicity that may interfere with the designated water quality use classifications of the receiving stream. The whole effluent acute biological toxicity monitoring provision ensures protection from acute toxicity within any designated mixing zone and helps to define alternate criteria to allow for the safe passage of aquatic organisms through streams with 7-day, 10-year minimum flows approaching zero. The numerical pass/fail criteria is also a screening technique for use by the EPD to determine priority toxicity reduction needs.

(vii) Permits issued or reissued after the adoption of this paragraph may include site specific temporary exceptions to the applicable water quality standards under subparagraph [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(e\)](#) when the requirements of this

paragraph are met and the temporary exception is specifically authorized herein. Where a discharger cannot meet applicable limits for whole effluent toxicity because of a water quality based whole effluent toxicity criteria, site-specific temporary exceptions may be allowed on effluent dominated receiving streams under 7-day, 10-year minimum stream flow (7Q10) conditions provided that it has been demonstrated that the permitted discharge will comply with all chemical specific and other applicable water quality criteria, that the receiving stream will support a balanced indigenous population of aquatic life, and that controls more stringent than those required by Section 301(b) and 306 of the Federal Act for achieving whole effluent toxicity criteria would result in substantial and widespread adverse economic and social impacts to the affected communities. These site-specific exceptions shall be applicable only to the wastewater discharge as permitted at the time the exception is authorized with no changes in process or wastewater characteristics that would adversely affect water quality in the receiving stream or adversely affect the ability of potential new pollution abatement technologies to attain compliance with the whole effluent toxicity criteria. These site-specific exceptions shall be reviewed consistent with [40 CFR 131.20](#) at least once in every 3- year period. If it is determined that feasible new pollution abatement technologies or alternatives have become available to allow compliance with whole effluent toxicity criteria, these site-specific exceptions may be revoked and the NPDES permits modified to require implementation of such pollution abatement technologies or alternatives as soon as reasonably practicable. Along with this permit modification will be a requirement for the permittee to comply with the water quality based whole effluent toxicity criteria after installation of these technologies.

(e) To all new dischargers or new sources the following shall apply:

1. Except as provided in subparagraph (e)2. any new discharger on which construction commenced after October 18, 1972, or any new source, which meets the applicable promulgated new source performance standards before the commencement of discharge, shall not be subject to any more stringent new source performance standards, or to any more stringent technology-based standards under section 301(b)(2) of the Federal Act for the shortest of the following periods:

(i) Ten years from the date that construction is completed;

(ii) Ten years from the date the source begins to discharge process or other nonconstruction related wastewater; or

(iii) The period of depreciation or amortization of the facility for the purposes of Section 167 or 169 (or both) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Comment: The provisions of this subparagraph do not apply to existing sources which modify their pollution control facilities or construct new pollution control facilities and achieve performance standards, but which are neither new sources nor new dischargers or otherwise do not meet the requirements of this subparagraph.

2. The protection of more stringent standards of performance afforded by subparagraph (e)1. of this section does not apply to:

(i) Additional or more stringent permit conditions which are not technology based, e.g., conditions based on water quality standards, or effluent standards or prohibitions under Section 307(a) of the Federal Act; and

(ii) Additional permit conditions controlling pollutants listed as toxic under Section 307(a) of the Federal Act or as hazardous substances under Section 311 of the Federal Act and which are not controlled by new source performance standards. This includes permit conditions controlling pollutants other than those identified as toxic or hazardous where control of those other pollutants has been specifically identified as the method to control the toxic or hazardous pollutant.

3. Where an NPDES permit issued to a source enjoying a "protection period" under subparagraph (e)1. will expire on or before the expiration of the protection period, such permit shall require the owner or operator of the source to be in compliance with the requirements of Section 301 of the Federal Act and any other applicable requirements of the Federal Act immediately upon the expiration of the protection period. No additional period for achieving compliance with these requirements shall be allowed.

4. The owner or operator of a new source, a new discharger, a source recommencing discharge after terminating operations, or a source which has been an indirect discharger which commences discharging into navigable waters shall install and have in operating condition, and shall "startup" all pollution control equipment required to meet the terms and conditions of its permits before beginning to discharge. Within the shortest feasible time (not to exceed 90 days), the owner or operator must meet all permit terms and conditions.

5. After the effective date of new source performance standards, in accordance with Section 306(e) of the Federal Act, it shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of any new source to operate such source in violation of those standards, applicable to such source.

(5) Application for Permit.

(a) Applications for permits under the Act shall be on forms as may be prescribed and furnished from time to time by the EPD. Applications shall be accompanied by all pertinent information as the EPD may require in order to establish effluent limitations in accordance with paragraph 391-3-6-.06(4), including, but not limited to, complete engineering reports, schedule of progress, plans, specifications, maps, measurements, quantitative and qualitative determinations, records, and all related materials. In addition, applications will comply with the information requirements specified in the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.21\(g\)\(7\) and \(j\)\(4\)](#).

(b) Engineering reports, plans, specifications, and other material submitted to the EPD shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision or review of, and bear the seal of, a Professional Engineer competent in the field of sewage and industrial waste treatment. At no time shall this requirement be in conflict with O.C.G.A. Section [43-15](#) governing the practices of professional engineering and surveying.

(c) Material submitted shall be complete and accurate.

(d) Any State or NPDES Permit Application form submitted to the EPD shall be signed as follows in accordance with the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.22](#):

1. For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer. For this subparagraph a responsible corporate officer means:

(i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision making functions for the corporation, or

(ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second-quarter 1980 dollars), if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

2. For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

3. For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

(e) All other reports or requests for information required by the permit issuing authority shall be signed by a person designated in (d) above or a duly authorized representative of such person, if:

1. The representative so authorized is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which the discharge originates, e.g., a plant manager, superintendent or person of equivalent responsibility;

2. The authorization is made in writing by the person designated under (d) above; and

3. The written authorization is submitted to the Director.

(f) Any changes in written authorization submitted to the permitting authority under (e) above which occur after the issuance of a permit shall be reported to the permitting authority by submitting a copy of a new written authorization which meets the requirements of (e)1. and 2. above.

(g) Any person signing any document under (d) or (e) above shall make the following certification: I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

(h) All municipal discharges with permitted flows equal to or greater than one million gallons per day, or with an approved pretreatment program, or that are required to develop a pretreatment program, must submit with the application results of valid whole effluent toxicity testing.

1. This testing must be conducted using EPA's methods or other established protocols which are scientifically defensible and sufficiently sensitive to detect aquatic toxicity. Such testing must have been conducted since the last NPDES permit reissuance or major modification.

2. In addition to the dischargers listed above, the Director may require other municipal dischargers to submit the results of toxicity tests with their permit applications, based on considerations which the Director determines could cause or contribute to adverse water quality impacts.

Comment: The permit application will be revised to incorporate the statement in 391-3-6-.06(5)(g) above. Where a permit program document does not contain the statement, the certification must accompany the appropriate document.

(6) Receipt and Use of Application and Data.

(a) Applications for permits will be reviewed together with such other information as may be necessary to ascertain the effect of the discharge of any such pollutant upon the waters into which such pollutant will be discharged.

(b) Copies of the complete NPDES Permit Application received by the EPD shall be transmitted to the Regional Administrator for any comment in such manner as the Director and the Regional Administrator shall agree.

(c) The EPD shall receive any relevant data collected by the Regional Administrator prior to the EPD's participation in the NPDES in such manner as the Director and the Regional Administrator shall agree.

(7) Notice and Public Participation. The provisions of Rule 391-3-6-.26 shall apply to public notice of complete permit applications, draft permits and fact sheets or statements of basis. The public notice for permits with an approved Sludge Management Plan will also include publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the area affected by the discharge.

(8) Terms and Conditions of Permits.

(a) Terms and conditions under which the discharge will be permitted will be specified on the permit issued.

(b) No NPDES Permit shall be issued authorizing any of the following discharges:

1. The discharge of any radiological, chemical, or biological warfare agent or high-level radioactive waste into navigable waters;

2. Any discharge which in the judgment of the Secretary of the Army would substantially impair anchorage and navigation in or on any of the waters of the United States;

3. Any discharge to which the Regional Administrator has objected in writing in accordance with Federal regulations, [40 C.F.R. 123.44](#), pursuant to any right to object provided the Administrator of EPA under Section 401(d) of the Federal al Act;

4. Any discharge from a point source which is in conflict with a plan or amendment thereto approved pursuant to Section 208(b) of the Federal Act;

5. Any discharge to the territorial sea, the waters of the contiguous zone, or the oceans in the following circumstances:

(i) Prior to the promulgation of the guidelines under section 403(c) of the Act, unless the Director determines permit issuance to be in the public interest; or

(ii) After promulgation of guidelines under section 403(c) of the Act, where insufficient information exists to make a reasonable judgment as to whether the discharge complies with any such guidelines.

6. To a facility which is a new source or a new discharger, if the discharge from the construction or operation of the facility will cause or contribute to the violation of water quality standards, except as in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.4\(i\)](#).

(c) The terms and conditions specified on the permit issued shall be in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.41](#), [122.42](#) and [122.44](#) and applicable State laws and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(d) The issuance of a permit does not:

1. Convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privileges;

2. Authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights, or any infringement of Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

(9) Publicly Owned Treatment Works.

(a) If the permit is for a discharge from a publicly owned treatment works, notice shall be required from the applicant to the Director of the following:

1. Any new introduction of pollutants into such treatment works from an indirect discharger which would be subject to Section 306 of the Federal Act if it were directly discharging those pollutants;

2. Any new introduction of pollutants into such a treatment works from an indirect discharger subject to Section 301 of the Federal Act if it were directly discharging those pollutants;

3. Any substantial change in volume or character of pollutants being introduced into such treatment works by a source introducing pollutants into such works at the time of issuance of the permit;

(b) If the permit is for a discharge from a publicly owned treatment works, the permittee shall require any indirect discharger to such treatment works to comply with the requirements of Sections 204(b), 307, and 308 of the Federal Act, including any requirement established under [40 C.F.R. 403](#). As a means of ensuring compliance with Section 307 of the Federal Act, the permittee shall require each indirect discharger subject to the requirements of said Section 307 to forward to the Director periodic notice of progress (over intervals not to exceed 9 months) toward full compliance with Section 307 requirements.

(c) If the permit is for a discharge from a publicly owned treatment works, the permittee shall identify, in terms of character and volume of pollutant, any significant indirect dischargers into such treatment works subject to pretreatment standards under Section 307(b) of the Federal Act and [40 C.F.R. 403](#).

(10) Schedules of Compliance.

(a) Any person who obtains an NPDES Permit or other discharge permit pursuant to the Act but who is not in compliance with applicable effluent standards and limitations or other requirements contained in such permit at the

time same is issued, shall be required to achieve compliance with such standards and limitations or other requirements in accordance with a schedule of compliance as set forth in such permit, or Order by the Director, or in the absence of a schedule of compliance, by the date set forth in such permit which the Director has determined to be in the shortest reasonable period of time necessary to achieve such compliance, but in no case later than an applicable statutory deadline.

(b) In any case where the period of time for compliance specified in subparagraph 391-3-6-.06(10)(a) of these Rules exceeds 9 months, a schedule of compliance shall be specified which will set forth interim requirements and the dates for their achievement. In no event shall more than 9 months elapse between interim dates, and, to the extent practicable, the interim dates shall fall on the last day of the months of March, June, September, and December.

(c) Within fourteen (14) days after an interim date of compliance of the final date of compliance, the permittee shall provide the Director with written notice of its compliance or non-compliance with the requirements or conditions specified to be completed by such date. Failure to submit the written notice is just cause for the EPD to pursue enforcement action pursuant to the Act.

(d) On the last working day of February, May, August, and November the Director shall submit to EPA information concerning noncompliance with NPDES Permit requirements by major dischargers in the State.

(e) Any discharger who fails or refuses to comply with an interim or final date of compliance specified in a permit may be deemed by the Director to be in violation of the permit and may be subject to enforcement action pursuant to the Act.

(11) Monitoring, Recording and Reporting Requirements.

Any discharge authorized by a permit issued pursuant to the Act may be subject to such monitoring, recording and reporting requirements as may be reasonably required by the Director including the installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment or methods; specific requirements for recording of monitoring activities and results; and periodic reporting of monitoring results. The monitoring, recording and reporting requirements shall be specified in a permit when issued, provided, however, the Director may require additional monitoring, recording and reporting by written notification to the permittee.

(a) The monitoring requirements of any discharge authorized by any such permit shall be consistent with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.41](#), [122.42](#), and [122.44](#) and applicable State laws.

(b) Any permit which requires monitoring of the authorized discharge shall comply with the recording requirement specified by Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.41](#) and applicable State laws. The permittee shall be required to retain any records of monitoring activities and results for a minimum of three (3) years, unless otherwise required or extended by the Director upon written notification.

(c) Any holder of a permit which requires monitoring of the authorized discharge shall report periodically to the EPD the results of all required monitoring activities on appropriate forms supplied by the EPD. The Director shall notify the permittee of the frequency of reporting but in no case shall the reporting frequency be less than once per year.

(12) Modification, Revocation and Reissuance, and Termination of Permits.

(a) The Director may revise or modify the schedule of compliance set forth in an issued permit if the permittee requests such modification or revision in writing and such modification or revision will not cause an interim date in the compliance schedule to be extended more than one hundred twenty (120) days or affect the final date in the compliance schedule. The Director may grant requests in accordance with this subparagraph if he determines after documented showing by the permittee that good and valid cause (including Acts of God, strikes, floods, material shortages or other events over which the permittee has little or no control) exists for such revision.

(b) The Director in accordance with the provisions of Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.61](#), [122.62](#), [122.63](#), [122.64](#), and [124.5](#), may modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate an issued permit in whole or in part during its term

for cause, including, but not limited to, the causes listed in Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.62](#) and [122.64](#), or the cause listed in the Act or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Prior to any such modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination of an issued permit by the Director (other than modification or revision of a compliance schedule pursuant to subparagraph (a) above, or modification in accordance with the provisions of [40 C.F.R. 122.63](#)), the Director will give public notice in accordance with the procedures set forth in subparagraph 391-3-6-.06(7)(b) and an opportunity for public hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in subparagraph 391-3-6-.06(7)(c).

(c) In the case of a POTW which has received a grant under Section 202(a)(3) of the Federal Act to fund 100% of the costs to modify or replace facilities construction with a grant for innovative and alternative wastewater technology under Section 202(a)(2), the schedule of compliance may be modified to reflect the amount of time lost during construction of the innovative or alternative facility. In no case shall the compliance schedule be modified or extend beyond an applicable statutory deadline for compliance.

(d) New sources, new dischargers, sources which recommence discharging after terminating operations and those sources which had been indirect dischargers which commence discharging directly into navigable waters do not qualify for compliance schedules under this paragraph and are subject of Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.29\(d\)\(4\)](#).

(13) Non-governmentally Owned Sewerage Systems. In cases involving nongovernmentally owned sewerage systems, a trust indenture or other legal contract or agreement, approved by the EPD, assuring continuity of operation of the system, may be required to be filed with the application for a permit. This provision shall not be applicable to systems discharging only industrial waste.

(14) Control of Disposal of Pollutants into Wells. If the permit proposes to discharge to a well or subsurface water, the Director shall specify additional terms and conditions which shall (a) prohibit the proposed disposal, or (b) control the proposed disposal in order to prevent pollution of ground and surface water resources and to protect the public health and welfare. Any permit issued for the disposal of pollutants into wells shall comply with Federal Regulations, and applicable State laws.

(15) Duration, Continuation and Transferability of Permits.

(a) Any permit issued under the Act shall have a fixed term not to exceed five (5) years. Upon expiration of such permit, a new permit may be issued by the Director in accordance with the Act and Federal Regulations 40 C.F.R. 122.9 and 122.64 provided that an application for such new permit is filed with the Director at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit. The issuance of such new permit shall likewise have a fixed term not to exceed five (5) years.

(b) A permit may be transferred to another person by a permittee in accordance with [40 C.F.R. 122.61](#) if:

1. The permittee notifies the Director of the proposed transfer:
2. A written agreement containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility and coverage between the current and new permittees (including acknowledgement that the existing permittee is liable for violations up to that date, and that the new permittee is liable for violations from that date on) is submitted to the Director; and
3. The Director within thirty (30) days does not notify the current permittee and the new permittee of the EPD's intent to modify, revoke and re issue, or terminate the permit and to require that a new application be filed rather than agreeing to the transfer of the permit.

Comment: A new application will be required where the change of ownership is accompanied by a change or proposed change in process or wastewater characteristics or a change or potential change in any circumstances that the Director believes will affect the conditions or restrictions in the permit.

(c) When the permittee has submitted a timely and sufficient application for a new NPDES permit and the Director is unable, through no fault of the permittee, to issue the new permit before the expiration date of the existing permit, then the Director shall extend the existing permit until a new permit is issued.

(d) For those industrial categories for which EPA will establish effluent limitations based on best available technology, permits will be issued to ensure compliance with the effluent limit by the statutory deadline. This will be accomplished by utilizing short-term permits and/or reopener clauses that will allow the permit to be modified, revoked, reissued to comply with limitations promulgated pursuant to the Act and subsequent regulations.

(e) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a) above, if a toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under Section 307(a) of the Act for a toxic pollutant which is present in a discharge and such standard prohibition is more stringent than any limitation for such pollutant in a permit, the permit shall be revised or modified in accordance with the toxic effluent standard or prohibition and the permittee so notified.

(16) **Enforcement.** Any person who violates any provision of the Act, any rule promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, or any term, condition, schedule or compliance or other requirements contained in a permit issued pursuant to the Act shall be subject to enforcement proceedings pursuant to the Act.

(17) **Outfall Identification.**

(a) In order to provide the public with information as to the location of permitted outfalls in State waters and to provide the public with a way to contact appropriate persons regarding questions and concerns about these outfalls, the following persons or entities are required to identify their permitted outfall(s) to the waters of the State:

1. any person or entity that has been issued an NPDES permit by the Division for a point source discharge of treated process wastewater or treated domestic sewage to waters of the State; or
2. any person or entity that has an NPDES permit for the discharge of cooling water and that discharges one million gallons or more of cooling water per day.

(b) The outfalls are to be identified by attaching a sign to the outfall or by posting a sign adjacent to the outfall in such a way that the sign shall be visible from the receiving water. Should the outfall be submerged, then the sign shall be posted on the bank as close to the outfall as possible. The sign shall be made of materials that are durable to typical weather conditions. At a minimum, the sign shall be 15 inches square.

(c) For facilities that discharge sanitary wastewater, the sign shall include the following information:

1. the words "Treated Wastewater"
2. the facility name including the name of the government body if owned by a local government
3. the words "Permit #" followed by the last five digits of the facility's NPDES Permit number
4. the words "Outfall Number" followed by the actual outfall number
5. the words "Owner Phone" followed by the facility's phone number
6. EPD's name and phone number.

(d) For facilities that discharge treated process wastewater or cooling water, the sign shall include the following information:

1. the words "Treated Industrial Water" or "Cooling Water"
2. the words "Permit #" followed by the last five digits of the facility's NPDES Permit Number
3. the words "Outfall Number" followed by the actual outfall number

4. EPD's name and phone number.

(e) In the case of permittees who have been issued a general permit instead of an individual permit, EPD will provide the permittee with a unique 5 digit number to use as a permit number on the sign.

(f) The sign is to be posted no later than 12 months after the effective date of this rule and it is to be properly maintained from that point forward. Provided that a good faith effort is made and documented by the person or entity to maintain such sign, the person or entity shall be deemed in compliance with this Rule and the Georgia Water Quality Control Act.

(g) The requirement to identify an outfall will not apply if any of the following conditions apply:

1. If the posting of the sign would be inconsistent with any other State or Federal Statute; or

2. If the outfall to the receiving water is located on private property which is restricted to the public through fencing, patrolling, or posting. If the property access restriction is accomplished by the posting of signs, then in order to qualify under exemption number 2 above the posted signs restricting access must be no more than 100 feet apart along the periphery of the property.

(18) **NPDES Electronic Reporting.** The federal NPDES Electronic Reporting rule, [40 CFR Part 127](#) and associated amendments, became effective on December 21, 2015. The requirements of this rule relating to the submission of applications, reports, and compliance notices may include the electronic submission of such items and electronic signature for such items, as applicable and approved by the EPD. The use of the terms "in writing" or "written" in the rule may include such electronic submissions.

(19) **Effective date.** This Rule shall become effective twenty days after filing with the Secretary of State's office.

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391-3-6-.08 Pretreatment and Permit Requirements

(1) **Purpose.** The purpose of Rule 391-3-6-.08 is to provide for the degree of wastewater pretreatment required and the uniform procedures and practices to be followed relating to the application for and the issuance or revocation of pretreatment permits for the discharge of any pollutant into a publicly owned treatment works and then into the waters of the State.

(2) **Definitions.** All terms used in this Rule shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Act unless otherwise defined in this Paragraph or in any other Rules of this Chapter.

(a) "Act" or "O.C.G.A." means the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Title 12, Article 2.

(b) "Approval Authority" means the Director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

(c) "Approved pretreatment program," "POTW pretreatment program," or "program" means a program administered by a POTW that meets the criteria established in this Rule and Rule [391-3-6-.09](#), and which has been approved by the Approval Authority in accordance with Rule [391-3-6-.09](#).

(d) "Best management practices" or "BMPs" means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to implement the prohibitions listed in [40 CFR 403.5\(a\)\(1\) and \(b\)](#). BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw materials storage.

(e) "Control Authority" means:

1. The POTW if the POTW's pretreatment program submission has been approved by the Approval Authority in accordance with Rule [391-3-6-.09](#); or

2. The Approval Authority if the submission has not been approved; or

3. In cases where categorical or significant non-categorical industrial users discharge to POTWs that are not included in an approved pretreatment program, the Approval Authority shall function as the Control Authority until an approved pretreatment program has been established by the POTW.

(f) "EPD" means the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

(g) "Federal Act" means the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act, as amended, [33 U.S.C. 1251](#), et seq.

(h) "Indirect discharge" or "discharge" means the introduction of pollutants into a POTW from any non-domestic source regulated under Section 307(b), (c) or (d) of the Federal Act.

(i) "Industrial user" means any person that is a source of an indirect discharge or proposed indirect discharge.

(j) "Interference" or "interfere" means a discharge which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, inhibits or disrupts a POTW's sewer system, treatment processes or operations or its sludge processes, including use of disposal thereof; and such discharge is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES Permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation). The terms include prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal in accordance with Section 405 of the Federal Act, or any criteria, guidelines, or regulations developed pursuant to State or Federal laws.

(k) "Limitation" means any restriction or prohibition established under the Act on quantities, rates, or concentration, or a combination thereof, of chemical, physical, biological, or other constituents which are discharged from industrial users into a publicly owned treatment works and then into the waters of the State, including but not limited to schedules of compliance.

(l) "National pretreatment standard", "pretreatment standard" or "standard" means any regulation containing pollutant discharge limits promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with Section 307(b) and (c) of the Federal Act, which applies to industrial users. This term includes prohibited discharge limits established pursuant to [40 CFR Part 403.5](#).

(m) "New source" means:

1. Any building, structure, facility or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants, the construction of which commenced after publication of proposed pretreatment standards under Section 307(c) of the Federal Act which will be applicable to such source if such standards are thereafter promulgated in accordance with that section provided that:

(i) the building, structure, facility or installation is constructed at a site at which no other source is located; or

(ii) the building, structure, facility or installation totally replaces the process or reduction equipment that causes the discharge of pollutant at an existing source; or

(iii) the production or wastewater generating processes of the building, structure, facility or installation are substantially independent of an existing source at the same site. In determining whether these are substantially independent, factors such as the extent to which the new facility is integrated with the existing plant and the extent to which the new facility is engaged in the same general type or activity as the existing source should be considered.

2. Construction on a site at which an existing source is located results in a modification rather than a new source if the construction does not create a new building, structure, facility or installation meeting the criteria of Subparagraphs 391-3-6-.08(2)(m) 1. (ii) or (iii) but otherwise alters, replaces, or adds to existing process or production equipment.

3. Construction of a new source as defined under this Paragraph has commenced if the owner or operator has:

(i) begun, or caused to begin as part of a continuous on-site construction program:

(I) any placement, assembly, or installation of facilities or equipment; or

(II) significant site preparation work including clearing, excavation, or removal of existing buildings, structures, or facilities which is necessary for the placement, assembly, or installation of new source facilities or equipment; or

(ii) entered into a binding contractual obligation for the purchase of facilities or equipment which are intended to be used in its operation within a reasonable time. Options to purchase, or contracts which can be terminated or

modified without substantial loss, and contracts for feasibility, engineering, and design studies do not constitute a contractual obligation under this Paragraph.

(n) "Pass through" means a discharge which exits the POTW into waters of the State in quantities or concentration which alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES Permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation).

(o) "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, association, partnership, county, municipality, State agency, Federal agency or facility or other entity.

(p) "Pretreatment" means the reduction of the amount of pollutants, the elimination of pollutants, or the alteration of the nature of pollutant properties in wastewater prior to or in lieu of discharging or otherwise introducing such pollutants into a POTW. The reduction or alteration may be obtained by physical, chemical, or biological processes, process changes or by other means, except as prohibited by [40 CFR Part 403.6\(d\)](#). Appropriate pretreatment technology includes control equipment, such as equalization tanks or facilities, for protection against surges or slug loadings that might interfere with or otherwise be incompatible with the POTW. However, where wastewater from a regulated process is mixed in an equalization facility with unregulated wastewater or with wastewater from another regulated process, the effluent from the equalization facility must meet an adjusted pretreatment limit calculated in accordance with [40 CFR Part 403.6\(e\)](#).

(q) "Pretreatment permit" means any permit issued by the Control Authority to regulate the discharge of pollutants from any industrial user into a publicly owned treatment works and the waters of the State.

(r) "Pretreatment permit application" means an application filed by any person with the Control Authority for a pretreatment permit.

(s) "Pretreatment requirements" means any substantive or procedural requirement related to pretreatment, other than a national pretreatment standard, imposed on an industrial user.

(t) "Publicly owned treatment works" or "POTW," as applied in Rules 391-3-6-.08 and [391-3-6-.09](#), means a treatment works as defined by section 212 of the Federal Act, which is owned by the State or a municipality (as defined by section 502(4) of the Federal Act). This definition includes any devices and systems used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature. It also includes sewers, pipes, and other conveyances only if they convey wastewater to a POTW treatment plant. The term also means the municipality, as defined in section 502(4) of the Federal Act, which has jurisdiction over the indirect discharges to, and the discharges from, such a treatment works

(u) "Significant Industrial User"

1. Except as provided in Subparagraphs (u) 2. and 3. below, the term Significant Industrial User means:

(i) All industrial users subject to categorical pretreatment standards under [40 CFR 403.6](#) and 40 CFR chapter I, subchapter N; and

(ii) Any other industrial user that: discharges an average of 25,000 gallons per day or more of process wastewater to the POTW (excluding sanitary, noncontact cooling and boiler blowdown wastewater); contributes a process wastestream which makes up 5 percent or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the POTW treatment plant; or is designated as such by the Control Authority on the basis that the industrial user has a reasonable potential for adversely affecting the POTW's operation or for violating any pretreatment standard or requirement (in accordance with [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)\(6\)](#)).

2. The Control Authority may determine that an industrial user subject to categorical pretreatment standards under [40 CFR 403.6](#) and 40 CFR chapter I, subchapter N is a Non-Significant Categorical Industrial User rather than a Significant Industrial User on a finding that the industrial user never discharges more than 100 gallons per day (gpd) of total categorical wastewater (excluding sanitary, non-contact cooling and boiler blowdown wastewater, unless specifically included in the pretreatment standard) and the following conditions are met:

- (i) the industrial user, prior to the Control Authority's finding, has consistently complied with all applicable categorical pretreatment standards and requirements;
- (ii) the industrial user annually submits the certification statement required in [40 CFR 403.12\(q\)](#) together with any additional information necessary to support the certification statement; and
- (iii) the industrial user never discharges any untreated concentrated wastewater.

3. Upon a finding by the Control Authority that an industrial user meeting the criteria in Subparagraph (u)1.(ii) above has no reasonable potential for adversely affecting the POTW's operation or for violating any pretreatment standard or requirement, the Control Authority may at any time, on its own initiative or in response to a petition received from an industrial user or from a POTW pretreatment program and in accordance with Subparagraph [391-3-6-.09\(7\)\(d\)](#), determine that such industrial user is not a Significant Industrial User.

(v) "Significant noncompliance" for an industrial user means that its violation meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. Chronic violations of wastewater discharge limits, defined here as those in which 66 percent or more of all of the measurements taken for the same pollutant parameter during a six month period exceed (by any magnitude) a numeric pretreatment standard or requirement, including instantaneous limits, as defined by [40 CFR 403.3\(l\)](#);
2. Technical Review Criteria (TRC) violations, defined here as those in which 33 percent or more of all of the measurements for the same pollutant parameter taken during a six month period equal or exceed the product of the numeric pretreatment standard or requirement, including instantaneous limits, as defined by [40 CFR 403.3\(l\)](#) multiplied by the applicable TRC (TRC = 1.4 for BOD, TSS, fats, oil, and grease, and 1.2 for all other pollutants except pH);
3. Any other violation of a pretreatment standard or requirement as defined by [40 CFR 403.3\(l\)](#) (daily maximum, long-term average, instantaneous limit, or narrative standard) that the Control Authority determines has caused, alone or in combination with other discharges, interference or pass through (including endangering the health of POTW personnel or the general public);
4. Any discharge of a pollutant that has caused imminent endangerment to human health, welfare or to the environment or has resulted in the Control Authority's exercise of its emergency authority to halt or prevent such a discharge;
5. Failure to meet, within ninety (90) days after the schedule date, a compliance schedule milestone contained in a control mechanism or enforcement order for starting construction, completing construction or attaining final compliance;
6. Failure to provide, within forty-five (45) days after the due date, required reports such as baseline monitoring reports, 90-day compliance reports, periodic self-monitoring reports, and reports on compliance with compliance schedules;
7. Failure to accurately report noncompliance; or
8. Any other violations or group of violations which may include a violation of BMPs, which the Control Authority determines will adversely affect POTW operations or violate applicable NPDES Permit effluent limitations and requirements.

(3) Pretreatment Permit Requirements.

- (a) Any industrial user discharging or proposing to discharge any pollutant into a publicly owned treatment works and then into the waters of the State, under any of the circumstances described in O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30](#), shall be

considered for a pretreatment permit by the Control Authority. In addition to other pretreatment permit requirements described in this Paragraph, the permit must contain the following conditions:

1. Statement of non-transferability without, at a minimum, prior notification to the Control Authority and provision of a copy of the existing control mechanism to the new owner or operator;
2. Effluent limits based on national pretreatment standards for prohibited discharges as specified in [40 CFR 403.5\(a\) and \(b\)](#), national pretreatment standards for categorical discharges as specified in [40 CFR 403.6](#) and 40 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter N, Parts 405-471, and local limits and/or BMPs as specified in [40 CFR 403.5\(c\)](#);
3. Statement of applicable civil and criminal penalties for violation of pretreatment standards and requirements, and any applicable compliance schedule;
4. Conditions and limits to ensure that concentration and mass limits requirements under [40 CFR 403.6\(c\)\(1\)-\(9\)](#), dilution prohibition requirements under [40 CFR 403.6\(d\)](#) and combined wastestream formula requirements under [40 CFR 403.6\(e\)\(1\)-\(4\)](#) are complied with.
5. Requirements to control slug discharges as defined in [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)\(2\)\(vi\)](#), if determined by the Control Authority to be necessary.

(4) Degree of Pretreatment Required.

(a) All pollutants discharged from an industrial user to a publicly owned treatment works shall receive such pretreatment or corrective action so as to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the issued pretreatment permit and with the following whenever applicable:

1. Limitations, prohibitions and pretreatment standards and requirements promulgated by the U.S. EPA pursuant to Section 307 of the Federal Act and as described in Subparagraph [391-3-6.08\(3\) 2.](#)
2. Until such time as such limitations, prohibitions and pretreatment standards and requirements are formally promulgated pursuant to Section 307 of the Federal Act, the Control Authority shall apply such limitations, prohibitions and pretreatment standards necessary to achieve the purpose of said Section of the Federal Act. With respect to industrial users, such limitations, prohibitions or pretreatment standards shall be based upon an assessment of technology and processes, to wit:
 - (i) to existing industrial users limitations or pretreatment standards and requirements based on application of the best demonstrated control technology currently available;
 - (ii) to any industrial user whose construction commences after the effective date of this Rule, pretreatment standards and requirements which reflect the greatest degree of effluent reduction which the Control Authority determines to be achievable through the application of best demonstrated control technology currently available, or changes in processes or operating methods or other alternatives including where practical, a standard permitting no discharge of pollutants.
3. Notwithstanding the above, more stringent pretreatment may be required as deemed necessary by the Control Authority to meet:
 - (i) any other existing Federal laws or regulations;
 - (ii) to ensure compliance with any applicable State water quality standards, POTW effluent limitations, local discharge limitations, national pretreatment standards for prohibited discharges as specified in [40 CFR 403.5](#), dilution prohibition as specified in [40 CFR 403.6\(d\)](#), pretreatment standards and requirements, or schedules of compliance;
 - (iii) to ensure there is no interference with the operation of a POTW or pass through of pollutants untreated.

4. To any industrial user, as appropriate, pretreatment standards and requirements designed to prohibit the discharge of toxic pollutant in toxic amounts which interfere with, pass through, prevents the use or disposal of sewage sludge, or otherwise interferes with operation of publicly owned treatment works.

5. The foregoing requirements shall be applied in considering all applications for pretreatment permits made pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30](#) and no such application shall be approved unless the pretreatment facilities will achieve such pretreatment standards and requirements within such reasonable time thereafter as the Control Authority may require.

(5) Application for Pretreatment Permit.

(a) Applications for pretreatment permits under O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30](#) shall be on forms as may be prescribed and furnished from time to time by the Control Authority. Applications shall be accompanied by all pertinent information as the Control Authority may require in order to establish pretreatment standards and requirements in accordance with Paragraph 391-3-6-.08(4), including but not limited to complete engineering reports, schedule of progress, plans, specification, maps, measurements, quantitative and qualitative determinations, records and all related materials. For industrial users subject to national pretreatment standards for categorical discharges, the application for a pretreatment permit shall contain information for a baseline report as required by [40 CFR 403.12\(b\)\(1\)-\(7\)](#).

(b) Engineering reports, plans, specifications and other materials submitted to the Control Authority in support of a pretreatment permit application shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision or review of, and bear the seal of a Professional Engineer, competent in the field of sewage and industrial waste treatment. At no time shall this requirement be in conflict with O.C.G.A. Section [43-15](#) governing the practice of professional engineering and surveying.

(c) Materials submitted shall be complete and accurate.

(d) Any pretreatment permit application forms or any other forms submitted to the Control Authority shall be signed as follows:

1. By a responsible corporate officer, if the industrial user submitting the reports is a corporation. For this subparagraph a responsible corporate officer means:

(i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or

(ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiate and direct other comprehensive measures to assure long-term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for control mechanism requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

2. By a general partner or proprietor if the industrial user submitting the reports is a partnership or sole proprietorship respectively; or

3. By a duly authorized representative of the individual designated in subparagraphs (5)(d)1. and (5)(d)2. of this section if:

(i) The authorization is made in writing by the individual described in subparagraph (5)(d)1. or (5)(d)2.;

(ii) The authorization specifies either an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the facility from which the industrial discharge originates, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well, or

well field superintendent, or a position of equivalent responsibility, or having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company; and

(iii) The written authorization is submitted to the Control Authority.

4. If an authorization under subparagraph (5)(d)3. of this section is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, or overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of subparagraph (5)(d)3. of this section must be submitted to the Control Authority prior to or together with any reports to be signed by the authorized representative.

5. For a municipality, State, Federal, or the public facility, by either a principal executive officer, ranking elected official, or other duly authorized employee. The duly authorized employee must be an individual or position having responsibility for the overall operation of the facility or the pretreatment program. This authorization must be made in writing by the principal executive officer or ranking elected official, and submitted to the Control Authority prior to or together with the report being submitted.

(6) Receipt and Use of Pretreatment Permit Application Forms and Data.

(a) Applications for pretreatment permits will be reviewed together with such other information as may be necessary to ascertain the effect of the discharge of any pollutant into a publicly owned treatment works and then the waters of the State.

(b) The Control Authority shall receive any data it finds relevant which is intended to clarify or support the pretreatment permit application.

(c) Any information submitted in a pretreatment permit application form, together with reports, records or plans that are considered confidential by the applicant for a pretreatment permit should be clearly labeled "Confidential" and be supported by a statement as to the reasons that such information should be considered confidential. If the Control Authority determines that such information is entitled confidential protection, it shall label and handle the same accordingly. However, all submitted effluent data shall be available to the public without restriction.

(7) Notice and Public Participation.

Where the Approval Authority is acting as the Control Authority, the notice and public participation procedures of Rule 391-3-6-.26 shall apply. Public notice of every approvable pretreatment permit application will be prepared by the EPD and circulated in a manner designed to inform interested and potentially interested persons of the proposed discharge and of the proposed determination to issue a permit for the proposed discharge by an industrial user into a publicly owned treatment works and then into the waters of the State. The procedures for circulation of the public notice, as specified in Rule 391-3-6-.26, shall include providing a copy of the public notice to the pretreatment permit applicant and the owner or operator of the publicly owned treatment works that is to receive the discharge from the industrial user.

(8) Terms and Conditions of Pretreatment Permits.

(a) Terms and conditions under which the discharge will be permitted will be specified on the permit issued for the industrial user to discharge into a publicly owned treatment works and then into the waters of the State.

(b) No pretreatment permit shall be issued authorizing the discharge into a publicly owned treatment works and then into the waters of the State of any radiological, chemical or biological warfare agent or high-level radioactive waste.

(c) Schedule of compliance:

1. Any person who obtains a pretreatment permit pursuant to the Act but who is not in compliance with applicable pretreatment standards and limitations or other requirements contained in such permit at the time same is issued, shall be required to achieve compliance with such pretreatment standards and limitations or other requirements in

accordance with the schedule of compliance as set forth in such permit, or in the absence of a schedule of compliance, by the date set forth in such permit which the Control Authority has determined to be the shortest, reasonable period of time necessary to achieve compliance. Such compliance schedules may not extend the compliance date beyond applicable Federal deadlines. The schedule shall contain increments of progress in the form of dates for the commencement and completion of major events leading to the construction and operation of additional pretreatment required for the industrial user to meet the applicable pretreatment standards and limitations. No increment referred to in this Subparagraph shall exceed nine months.

2. Within fourteen (14) days of an interim date of compliance or the final date of compliance specified for an industrial user, the industrial user shall provide the Control Authority with written notice of its compliance, or non-compliance with the requirements and conditions specified to be completed by such date. Failure to submit the written notice is just cause for the Control Authority to pursue enforcement action pursuant to its legal authority.

3. An industrial user who fails or refuses to comply with an interim or final date of compliance specified in a pretreatment permit may be deemed by the Control Authority to be in violation of the permit and may be subject to enforcement action by the Control Authority.

4. Within ninety (90) days following the date for final compliance with applicable pretreatment standards or in the case of a new source following commencement of the introduction of wastewater to the POTW, industrial users subject to categorical standards shall submit to the Control Authority a report containing information described in [40 CFR 403.12\(b\)\(4\)-\(6\)](#).

(d) Monitoring, recording and reporting requirements:

1. Any industrial user authorized by a pretreatment permit issued pursuant to the Act may be subject to such monitoring, recording and reporting requirements as may be reasonably required by the Control Authority including the installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment or methods; specific requirements for recording of monitoring activities and result; and periodic reporting of monitoring results. The monitoring, record keeping, sampling, notification and reporting requirements including an identification of the pollutants to be monitored, sampling location, sampling frequency, and sample type, based on national pretreatment standards, including those in [40 CFR 403.12](#) as applicable, and applicable local limits and requirements shall be specified in a permit when issued, provided however the Control Authority may modify or require additional monitoring, recording and reporting by written notification to the industrial user.

2. The industrial user shall be required, in the pretreatment permit, to retain any records of monitoring activities and results for a minimum of three (3) years, unless otherwise extended by the Control Authority upon written notification. The period of retention shall be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding the industrial user or POTW.

3. Any holder of a permit, which requires monitoring of the authorized discharge into a publicly owned treatment works and then into the waters of the State, shall report periodically to the Control Authority results of all required monitoring activities on appropriate forms supplied by the Control Authority. The Control Authority shall notify the industrial user of the frequency of reporting. All periodic reporting shall be in accordance with the requirements described in [40 CFR 403.12\(e\)-\(h\)](#).

4. The effluent limitations specified in the pretreatment permit will be based on an allowable POTW headworks loading methodology for deriving the value of the limiting pollutant for inclusion in the permit after consideration of State water quality standards, sludge disposal requirements, final determination of NPDES Permit limits, POTW inhibition, and any other applicable criteria. The limiting factor selected will then be compared to appropriate national pretreatment standards for categorical discharges if applicable, and the most stringent will then be incorporated into the permit. In instances where the potable water sources or other incoming water sources have values that exceed limits based on water quality standards, then an alternate limit may be derived on a case-by-case basis after the evaluation of sampling conducted on the water sources by the Control Authority. These alternate effluent limitations will be considered local limits and will be enforced to comply with [40 CFR 403.5\(c\) and \(d\)](#) requirements.

(9) Modification, Suspension and Revocation of Pretreatment Permits:

Where the Approval Authority is acting as the Control Authority, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) The Approval Authority may revise or modify the schedule of compliance set forth in an issued pretreatment permit if the industrial user requests such modification or revision in writing and such modification or revision will not cause an interim date in the compliance schedule to be extended more than one hundred and twenty (120) days or affect the final date in the compliance schedule. If the industrial user requests in writing the modification or revision of a schedule of compliance set forth in an issued pretreatment permit which, if granted, would cause an interim date in the compliance schedule to be extended more than one hundred and twenty (120) days or affect the final date in compliance schedule, the Approval Authority may revise or modify such schedule of compliance provided it is in accordance with promulgated Federal regulations. The Approval Authority may grant a request in accordance with this Subparagraph if it determines after documented showing by the industrial user that good and valid cause, including acts of God, strikes, floods, material shortages or other events over which the industrial user has little or no control, exist for such revision.

(b) The Approval Authority may modify, suspend or revoke an issued pretreatment permit in whole or in part during its term for cause, including but not limited to, failure or refusal of the industrial user to carry out the requirements of the Act or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto and/or promulgated Federal regulations, if within thirty (30) days following receipt of such proposed modifications, suspension or revocation from the Approval Authority, there is no objection by the industrial user in writing. In addition prior to any such modifications, suspension or revocation of an issued pretreatment permit by the Approval Authority (other than modification or revision of compliance schedule pursuant to Subparagraph 391-3-6-.08(9)(a) above or modification of the monitoring, recording and reporting requirements), the Approval Authority will provide public notice in accordance with the procedures set forth in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.08(7)(b). Where the Approval Authority is acting as the Control Authority, the procedures set forth in Chapter 391-1-2 shall apply to any person who is "aggrieved or adversely affected" as provided for in Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(10) Duration of Pretreatment Permits.

Any pretreatment permit issued by a Control Authority shall have a fixed term not to exceed five (5) years. When the Approval Authority is acting as the Control Authority, a new pretreatment permit may be issued by the Authority, provided that an application for such new pretreatment permit is filed with the Approval Authority at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit. The issuance of such new pretreatment permit shall likewise have a fixed term not to exceed five (5) years.

(11) Enforcement.

Any person who violates any provision of the Act, any rule promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, or any term, condition schedule or compliance or other requirement contained in a permit issued pursuant to the Act shall be subject to enforcement proceedings pursuant to the Act.

(12) NPDES Electronic Reporting. The federal NPDES Electronic Reporting rule, [40 CFR Part 127](#) and associated amendments, became effective on December 21, 2015. The requirements of this rule relating to the submission of applications, reports and compliance notices may include the electronic submission of such items and electronic signature for such items, as applicable and approved by the EPD or the Control Authority. The use of the terms "in writing" or "written" in the rule may include such electronic submissions.

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391-3-6-.09 Requirements for Approval and Implementation of Publicly Owned Treatment Works Pretreatment Programs and Administration of the EPD Pretreatment Program

(1) **Purpose.** The purpose of Rule 391-3-6-.09 is to provide uniform procedures and practices to be followed for the development and submission of POTW pretreatment programs for EPD review and approval or denial, and the public notification methods to be used.

(2) **Definitions.** All terms used in this Rule shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Act unless otherwise defined in this Paragraph or in any other Rules of this Chapter:

(a) "Submission" means a request to the Approval Authority for approval of a POTW pretreatment program by a POTW.

(3) Required POTW Pretreatment Programs.

(a) Any POTW or combination of POTWs operated by the same authority with a total design flow greater than 5 million gallons per day (MGD) and receiving from industrial users pollutants which may pass through untreated or interfere with the operation of the POTW or are otherwise subjects to Section 307(b) or 307(c) of the Federal Act will be required to establish a POTW pretreatment program.

(b) The Approval Authority may require in writing that a POTW with a design flow of 5 mgd or less develop a POTW pretreatment program if it finds that the nature or volume of the industrial effluent, treatment process upsets, violations of POTW effluent limitations, contamination of municipal sludge or other circumstances warrant a POTW pretreatment program in order to prevent interference with the POTW or pass through of untreated pollutants.

(c) Any POTW described in Subparagraphs 391-3-6-.09(3)(a) and (b) must obtain approval of its POTW pretreatment program no later than three (3) years after the reissuance or modification of its existing NPDES permit, but in no case later than July 1, 1983. POTWs whose NPDES permits are modified under Section 301(h) of the Federal Act shall have a pretreatment program within less than three (3) years as provided by [40 CFR Part 125](#), Subpart G. POTWs identified after July 1, 1983 as being required to develop a POTW pretreatment program under Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(3)(a) and (b) shall develop and submit such a program for approval as soon as possible to the Approval Authority but in no case later than one (1) year after written notification from the Approval Authority of such identification.

(d) The POTW pretreatment program shall meet the criteria set forth in [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)](#) and shall be capable of being administered by the POTW to ensure compliance by the industrial users with applicable State and Federal pretreatment standards and requirements in order to be approved by the Approval Authority.

(e) The Approval Authority may hold a public hearing in the geographical area served by any POTW which fails to comply with the Approval Authority's finding and written directive that a POTW pretreatment program is required and a draft submission must be developed and submitted to the Approval Authority within sixty (60) days. The public hearing will be held to advise the public, the industrial users and other concerned parties that the EPD will establish and operate the pretreatment program necessary to meet the Federal requirements as a result of the failure of the POTW to carry out its legal responsibility. The appropriate POTW, city or municipal officials will be requested at the public hearing to explain the reasons why they failed to comply with the Approval Authority's finding and directive. For any public hearing held pursuant to this Subparagraph a public notice shall be provided at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the hearing date and shall be published and circulated in accordance with Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(5)(a).

(f) A POTW requesting approval of a POTW pretreatment program shall develop a program submission which includes the information set forth in [40 CFR 403.9\(b\)](#) and [403.8\(f\)](#). Any other pertinent information requested by the Director as being necessary to clarify, support or supplement the program description must also be submitted.

(4) POTW Pretreatment Program Approval or Denial.

(a) Any POTW requesting POTW pretreatment program approval shall submit to the EPD three copies of the submission described in [40 CFR 403.9\(b\)](#). Within 60 days after receiving the submission, the EPD shall make a preliminary determination of whether the submission meets the requirements of 403.9(b) and whether the submission meets the requirements as may be described by the EPD. When the EPD is satisfied that a POTW pretreatment program meets the requirements of [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)](#), [403.9\(b\)](#) and such other requirements as may be prescribed by the Approval Authority, the EPD shall notify the POTW that the submission has been received and is under review and commence public notice and evaluation activities set forth in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(5).

(b) When the EPD determines that the POTW pretreatment program does not meet the requirements of Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(4)(a), the EPD shall notify the POTW in writing as appropriate and each person who has requested individual notice. This notification shall identify any defects in the submission and advise the POTW and each person who has requested individual notice of the means by which the POTW can comply with the applicable requirements of Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(4)(a). Unless the necessary revisions and modifications are made within the time period specified in the notification of denial, not to exceed the one year period specified in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(3)(c), the EPD will proceed to develop and implement a pretreatment program for the area served by the POTW in accordance with Rules [391-3-6-.08](#) and 391-3-6-.09.

(5) Notice and Public Participation.

(a) Tentative Determination for POTW Pretreatment Program Approval.

1. Within 20 work days after the EPD has made a determination that a POTW pretreatment program submission meets the requirements of [40 CFR 403.9\(b\)](#), a public notice will be issued by the EPD and the city or municipality requesting approval to advise the public that a request has been made for approval of the submission. This public notice shall be published and circulated in a manner designed to inform interested and potentially interested persons of the submission. Procedures for circulation of the public notice shall include the following:

(i) notice to adjoining State whose waters may be affected;

(ii) notice to section 208 Designated Planning Agencies; Federal and State fish, shellfish and wildlife resources agencies and, upon request, to other appropriate government agencies;

(iii) publication in a newspaper(s) of general circulation within the city or municipality in which the POTW pretreatment program has been established;

(iv) notice to the chief elected official of the city or municipality requesting approval of the POTW pretreatment program submission;

(v) a copy will be available at the EPD office in Atlanta, posted to the EPD website, and an electronic mailing (e-mail) notification of the public notice will be provided to those persons or groups included on the electronic mailing list to receive such notices. The EPD shall maintain an electronic mailing list for distribution of public notices. Any person or group may request that their e-mail address be added to the electronic mailing list or they may sign-up through the EPD website;

(vi) the EPD shall provide a period of not less than forty-five (45) days following the date of the public notice during which interested persons may submit their written views on the submission. All written comments submitted during the forty-five day period will be retained by the EPD and considered in the decision on whether or not to approve the submission. The comment period may be extended at the discretion of the Approval Authority; and

(vii) the contents of the public notice will be in accordance with appropriate Federal requirements and applicable State laws.

2. The Approval Authority shall provide an opportunity for the applicant, any affected State, any interested State or Federal agency, person or group of persons to request a public hearing with respect to the submission. Any such request for a public hearing shall be filed within the forty-five (45) day comment period described in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(5)(a) 1.(vi) and shall indicate the interest of the person filing such request and the reason why a hearing is warranted. The Approval Authority shall hold the hearing if it determines that there is sufficient public interest in holding such hearing or if the POTW requests a hearing.

(i) any public hearing held pursuant to this Subparagraph shall be held in the geographical area of the applicable submission or other appropriate location at the discretion of the Approval Authority. The Approval Authority may hold one public hearing on related groups of submissions in the same geographical area;

(ii) public notice of any hearing held pursuant to this Subparagraph shall be provided at least forty-five (45) days advance of the hearing date and shall be circulated in accordance with Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(5)(a) 1.

(b) Final Determination for POTW Pretreatment Program Approval or Denial.

1. Deadline for review of submission. The Approval Authority shall have 90 days from the date of public notice of any submission complying with the requirements of § 403.9(b) to review the submission. The Approval Authority shall review the submission to determine compliance with the requirements of [40 CFR 403.8\(b\) and \(f\)](#). The Approval Authority may have up to an additional 90 days to complete the evaluation of the submission if the public comment period provided for in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(5)(a) 1.(vi) is extended beyond 45 days or if a public hearing is held as provided for in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(5)(a) 2. In no event, however, shall the time for evaluation of the submission exceed a total of 180 days from the date of public notice of a submission meeting the requirements of § 403.9(b).

2. At the conclusion of the public notice comment period or the public comment period allowed following a public hearing or the extension if warranted per Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(5)(b) 1. above, the Approval Authority shall make a determination to approve the POTW pretreatment program or deny any approval to the program based on the requirements of Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(4) and taking into consideration the comments submitted during the comment period and the record of the public hearing, if held. When the Approval Authority has made a determination to deny approval to the program the POTW shall be notified in writing in accordance with Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(4)(b) and each person who has requested individual notice. The Approval Authority shall also notify these persons who submitted comments and participated in the public hearing, if held, of the approval or disapproval of the submission.

3. U.S. EPA's objection to Approval Authority's decision. No POTW pretreatment program shall be approved by the Approval Authority if, following the 45 day (or extended) evaluation period provided for in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(5)(a) 1.(vi) and any hearing held pursuant to Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(5)(a) 2 of this section, the Regional Administrator of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 (Regional Administrator) sets forth in writing objections to the approval of such submission and the reasons for such objections. A copy of the Regional Administrator's objections shall be provided to the applicant, and each person who has requested individual notice. The Regional Administrator shall provide an opportunity for written comments and may convene a public hearing

on his or her objections. Unless retracted, the Regional Administrator's objections shall constitute a final ruling to deny approval of a POTW pretreatment program 90 days after the date the objections are issued.

4. When the EPD has made a determination to approve the submission, a public notice shall be issued to advise of the decision. This public notice shall be published and circulated in a manner designed to inform interested and potentially interested persons of the decision. Procedures for circulation of the public notice shall include the following:

- (i) publication in the same newspaper as the original notice of request for approval of the submission was published;
- (ii) providing notice to those persons who submitted comments and participated in the hearing for approval or disapproval of the submission;
- (iii) the Approval Authority shall ensure that the submission and any comments upon said submission are available to the public for inspection and copying at the EPD offices in Atlanta during normal business hours;
- (iv) providing notice to adjoining State whose waters may be affected; and
- (v) providing notice to section 208 Designated Planning Agencies; Federal and State fish, shellfish and wildlife resource agencies and, upon request, to other appropriate government agencies.

(c) Public Access to Information.

1. A copy of the program submission, and other forms related thereto, including written public comments and comments of all governmental agencies thereon and other reports, files and information not involving methods or processes entitled to protection as trade secrets, may be available online and will be available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours at the EPD office in Atlanta. Effluent data shall not be considered as information entitled to protection. Public access to NPDES information shall be in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.7](#);

2. Any information submitted with reports, records or plans that is considered confidential by the POTW, and that is not specifically excluded in subparagraph (c)1. above, should be clearly labeled "Confidential" and be supported by a statement as to the reason that such information should be considered confidential. If the Director, with the concurrence of the Regional Administrator, determines that such information is entitled to confidential protection, he shall label and handle same accordingly;

3. Any information accorded confidential status whether or not contained in a program submission shall be made available, upon written request, to the Regional Administrator or his authorized representative who shall maintain the information as confidential.

(6) Notification of POTW Pretreatment Program Approval.

(a) Notification of any final approval of a POTW pretreatment program will be forwarded to the POTW in writing including any conditions or special requirements for compliance schedules, monitoring and reporting both for the POTW and the industrial user in accordance with [40 CFR 403.12](#).

(b) When the POTW accepts the approval and any specific conditions or requirements that are a part of the approval notification by the Approval Authority, procedures will be started to revise, modify and reissue the POTW's discharge permit to include compliance with Rules [391-3-6-.08](#) and 391-3-6-.09, and the approved POTW pretreatment program as enforceable conditions of the POTW's permit. The modification of a POTW's discharge permit for the purposes of incorporating a POTW pretreatment program approved by the Approval Authority in accordance with [40 CFR 403.11](#) and this Rule shall be deemed a minor permit modification subject to the procedures in [40 CFR 122.63](#).

(7) Modification of POTW Pretreatment Program.

(a) Either the EPD or a POTW with an approved POTW pretreatment program may initiate program modification at any time to reflect exchanging conditions at the POTW. Program modification is necessary whenever there is a significant change in the operation of the POTW pretreatment program that differs from the information in the POTW submission as approved by the Approval Authority. Any approved POTW pretreatment program identified by the EPD that needs to modify its program to incorporate requirements that have resulted from revision to Rule [391-3-6-.08](#) through [391-3-6-.10](#) or any other applicable rule revision shall develop and submit to the EPD for approval such program modification no later than one (1) year after written notification from the EPD to modify the program.

(b) POTW pretreatment program modifications shall be accomplished as follows:

1. For substantial modifications as defined in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(7)(c):

(i) the POTW shall submit to the EPD a statement of the basis for the desired modification, a modified program description or such other documents the Approval Authority determines to be necessary under the circumstances;

(ii) the Approval Authority shall approve or disapprove the modifications based on the requirements of [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)](#), following the procedures in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(4) -(6);

(iii) the modification shall be incorporated into the POTW discharge permit after approval. The POTW's discharge permit will be modified to incorporate the approved modification in accordance with [40 CFR 122.63\(g\)](#);

(iv) the modification shall become effective upon approval by the Approval Authority. Notice of approval shall be published in the same newspaper as the notice of original request for approval of the modification under Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(5)(a) 1.(iii).

2. The POTW shall notify the EPD of any other (i.e., non-substantial) modifications to its pretreatment program at least thirty (30) days prior to when they are to be implemented by the POTW, in a statement similar to that provided for in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(7)(b) 1.(i). Such non-substantial program modification shall be deemed to be approved by the Approval Authority, unless the EPD determines that a modification submitted is in fact a substantial modification thirty (30) days after the submission of the POTW's statement. Following such approval by the Approval Authority, such modifications shall be incorporated into the POTW's discharge permit in accordance with [40 CFR 122.63\(g\)](#). If the EPD determines that a modification reported by a POTW in its statement is in fact a substantial modification, the EPD shall notify the POTW and initiate the procedures in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(7)(b) 1.

(c) Substantial modifications.

1. The following are substantial modifications for purposes of this Subparagraph:

(i) changes to the POTW's legal authorities;

(ii) changes to local limits;

(iii) changes to the POTW's control mechanism as described in [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#);

(iv) changes to the POTW's method for implementing categorical pretreatment standards;

(v) a decrease in the frequency of self-monitoring or reporting required of industrial users;

(vi) a decrease in the frequency of industrial user inspection or sampling by the POTW;

(vii) changes to the POTW's confidentiality procedures;

(viii) significant reduction in the POTW's pretreatment program resources (including personnel commitments, equipment, and funding levels); or

(ix) changes in the POTW's sludge disposal and management practices.

2. The Approval Authority may designate other specific modifications in addition to those listed in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(7)(c) 1. as substantial modifications.

3. A modification that is not included in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(7)(c) 1. is none the less a substantial modification for purposes of this Subparagraph if the modification:

(i) would have a significant impact on the operation of the POTW's pretreatment program;

(ii) would result in an increase in pollutant loadings at the POTW's or

(iii) would result in less stringent requirements being imposed on industrial users of the POTW.

(d) The POTW shall prepare a list of its industrial users meeting the criteria in Subparagraphs [391-3-6-.08\(2\)\(u\) 1.\(i\)](#) and 2. applicable to each industrial user and, for industrial users meeting the criteria in Subparagraphs [391-3-6-.08\(2\)\(u\) 1.\(ii\)](#) shall also indicate whether the POTW has made a determination pursuant to Subparagraph [391-3-6-.08\(2\)\(u\)](#) that such industrial user should be considered a significant industrial user. This list, and any subsequent modification thereto, shall be submitted to the EPD as a nonsubstantial program modification pursuant to Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(7)(b) 2. Discretionary designations or de-designations by the POTW pretreatment program shall be deemed to be approved by the EPD ninety (90) days after submission of the list or modifications thereto, unless EPD determines that a modification is in fact a substantial modification.

(8) Compliance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for POTW Pretreatment Programs and the EPD Pretreatment Program.

(a) Both the EPD and each POTW pretreatment program shall develop and implement procedures to ensure compliance with the requirements of a pretreatment program. At a minimum, these procedures shall enable the Control Authority to:

1. Identify and locate all possible industrial users which might be subject to the pretreatment program;

2. Identify the character and volume of pollutants contributed to the POTW by the industrial users identified under Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(8)(a) 1.;

3. Notify industrial users identified under Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(8)(a) 1. of applicable pretreatment standards and applicable pretreatment requirements under Sections 204(b) and 405 of the Federal Act and Subtitles C and D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Within 30 days of approval pursuant to [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)\(6\)](#), of a list of significant industrial users, notify each significant industrial user of its status as such and all requirements applicable to it as a result of such status;

4. Receive and analyze self-monitoring reports and other notices submitted by industrial users in accordance with the self-monitoring requirements in [40 CFR 403.12](#);

5. Randomly sample and analyze the effluent from industrial users and conduct surveillance activities in order to identify, independent of information supplied by industrial users, occasional and continuing noncompliance with pretreatment standards. Inspect and sample the effluent from each significant industrial user at least once a year except as otherwise specified below:

(i) Where the Control Authority has authorized the industrial user subject to a categorical pretreatment standard to forego sampling of a pollutant regulated by a categorical pretreatment standard in accordance with [40 CFR 403.12\(e\)\(3\)](#), the Control Authority must sample for the waived pollutant(s) at least once during the term of the categorical industrial user's control mechanism. In the event that the Control Authority subsequently determines that a waived pollutant is present or is expected to be present in the industrial user's wastewater based on changes that

occur in the industrial user's operations, the Control Authority must immediately begin at least annual effluent monitoring of the industrial user's discharge and inspection.

(ii) Where the Control Authority has determined that an industrial user meets the criteria for classification as a Non-Significant Categorical Industrial User, the Control Authority must evaluate, at least once per year, whether an industrial user continues to meet the criteria in [40 CFR 403.3\(v\)\(2\)](#).

(iii) In the case of industrial users subject to reduced reporting requirements under [40 CFR 403.12\(e\)\(3\)](#), the Control Authority must randomly sample and analyze the effluent from industrial users and conduct inspections at least once every two years. If the industrial user no longer meets the conditions for reduced reporting in [40 CFR 403.12\(e\)\(3\)](#), the Control Authority must immediately begin sampling and inspecting the industrial user at least once a year.

6. Evaluate, within one year whether each such significant industrial user needs a plan or other action to control slug discharges. Additional significant industrial users must be evaluated within 1 year of being designated a significant industrial user. If the Control Authority decides that a slug control plan is needed, the plan shall be based on the requirements in [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)\(2\)\(vi\)](#).

7. Investigate instances of noncompliance with pretreatment standards and requirements, as indicated in the reports and notices required under [40 CFR 403.12](#) or indicated by analysis, inspection, and surveillance activities described in Subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(8)(a) 5. Sample taking and analysis and the collection of other information shall be performed using appropriate procedures to produce evidence admissible in enforcement proceedings or in judicial actions;

8. Comply with the public participation requirement of [40 CFR Parts 25](#) in the enforcement of national pretreatment standards. These procedures shall include provision for at least annual public notification, in a newspaper(s) of general circulation that provides meaningful public notice within the jurisdiction(s) served by the POTW of industrial users which, at any time during the previous 12 months, were in significant noncompliance with applicable pretreatment requirement as defined under Subparagraph [391-3-6-.08\(2\)\(v\)](#); and

9. Deny or condition new increased contributions of pollutants, to the POTW by industrial users where such contributions do not meet applicable pretreatment standards and requirements or where such contribution would cause the POTW to violate its NPDES Permit.

(b) Both the EPD pretreatment program and each POTW pretreatment program shall require the following industrial user reports and notification for their regulated industrial users:

1. Notice of potential problems including slug loading as described in [40 CFR 403.12\(f\)](#);
2. Report on the monitoring and analysis to demonstrate continued compliance as described in [40 CFR 403.12\(g\)\(1\)-\(6\)](#);
3. Reports for industrial users not subject to categorical pretreatment standards as described in [40 CFR 403.12\(h\)](#);
4. Notification of changed discharge as described under [40 CFR 403.12\(j\)](#);
5. Notification of discharge of hazardous waste as described in [403.12\(p\)\(1\)-\(4\)](#).
6. Baseline reports as described in [40 CFR 403.12\(b\)\(1\)-\(7\)](#);
7. Compliance scheduling and progress reports as described in [40 CFR 403.12\(c\)\(1\)-\(3\)](#);
8. Report on compliance with categorical pretreatment standards deadlines as described in [40 CFR 403.12\(d\)](#);
9. Periodic reports on continued compliance as described in [40 CFR 403.12\(e\)\(1\)-\(5\)](#); and

10. Annual certification by Non-Significant Categorical Industrial Users (as defined in Subparagraph [391-3-6-.08\(2\)\(r\)\(2\)](#)) as required in [40 CFR 403.12\(q\)](#).

(c) Signatory requirements for industrial user reports and POTW pretreatment program reports shall comply with requirements described in [40 CFR 403.12\(l\) and \(m\)](#), respectively.

(d) Records keeping for industrial users and POTW pretreatment programs shall comply with the requirements described in [40 CFR 403.12\(o\)](#).

(e) The EPD may require a POTW pretreatment program to sample and analyze the POTW influent, effluent and/or sludge for the toxic priority pollutants as listed under Subparagraphs [391-3-6-.03\(5\)\(e\)\(i\)\(ii\) and \(iii\)](#) and any other identified pollutants at a frequency that adequately characterizes pollutant loading at the POTW. In addition, the POTW pretreatment program may be required to conduct biomonitoring of the POTW effluent.

(f) The federal NPDES Electronic Reporting rule, [40 CFR Part 127](#) and associated amendments (including amendments to [40 CFR 403.12](#)), became effective on December 21, 2015. The requirements of this paragraph may include electronic reporting, as applicable and approved by EPD or the Control Authority. A Control Authority that receives electronic documents must satisfy the requirements of [40 CFR Part 3](#) (Electronic Reporting) and the NPDES Electronic Reporting rule.

(9) Legal Authority Requirements for Control Authorities.

(a) Each Control Authority shall operate pursuant to a legal authority enforceable in Federal, State or local courts, which authorizes or enables the Control Authority to apply and to enforce the requirements of sections 307(b) and (c), and 402(b)(8) of the Federal Act and any regulations implementing those sections. Such authority may be contained in a statute, ordinance, or series of contracts or joint powers agreement, which the Control Authority is authorized to enact, enter into or implement and which are authorized by the Act or State law. At a minimum, this legal authority shall enable the Control Authority to:

1. Require compliance with applicable pretreatment standards and requirements by industrial users.

2. Deny or condition new or increased contributions of pollutants, or changes in the nature of pollutants, to the POTW by industrial users where such contributions do not meet applicable pretreatment standards and requirements or where such contributions would cause the POTW to violate its NPDES permit.

3. Control through permit, order, or similar means, the contribution to the POTW by each industrial user to ensure compliance with applicable pretreatment standards and requirements. In case of industrial users identified as significant under Subparagraph [391-3-6-.08\(2\)\(u\)](#), this control shall be achieved through individual permits or equivalent individual control mechanism issued to each such user except as follows.

(i) At the discretion of the Control Authority, this control may include use of general control mechanisms if the following conditions are met. All of the facilities to be covered must:

(I) Involve the same or substantially similar types of operations;

(II) Discharge the same types of wastes;

(III) Require the same effluent limitations;

(IV) Require the same or similar monitoring; and

(V) In the opinion of the Control Authority, are more appropriately controlled under a general control mechanism than under individual control mechanisms.

(ii) To be covered by the general control mechanism, a significant industrial user must file a written request for coverage that identifies its contact information, production processes, the types of wastes generated, the location for

monitoring all wastes covered by the general control mechanism, any requests in accordance with [40 CFR 403.12\(e\)\(2\)](#) for a monitoring waiver for a pollutant neither present nor expected to be present in the discharge, and any other information the Control Authority deems appropriate. A monitoring waiver for a pollutant neither present nor expected to be present in the discharge is not effective in the general control mechanism until after the Control Authority has provided written notice to the significant industrial user that such a waiver request has been granted in accordance with [40 CFR 403.12\(e\)\(2\)](#). The Control Authority must retain a copy of the general control mechanism, documentation to support the Control Authority's determination that a specific significant industrial user meets the criteria in [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)\(1\)\(iii\)\(A\)\(1\) through \(f\)\(1\)\(iii\)\(A\)\(5\)](#), and a copy of the significant industrial user's written request for coverage for 3 years after the expiration of the general control mechanism. A Control Authority may not control a significant industrial user through a general control mechanism where the facility is subject to production-based categorical pretreatment standards or categorical pretreatment standards expressed as mass of pollutant discharged per day, or for industrial users whose limits are based on the combined wastestream formula in [40 CFR 403.6\(e\)](#). Both individual and general control mechanisms must, be enforceable and contain the minimum conditions described in [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)\(1\)\(iii\)\(B\)\(1\)-\(6\)](#). Each pretreatment permit will include, where appropriate, conditions and limits which ensure that concentration and mass limit requirements under [40 CFR 403.6\(c\)\(1\)-\(9\)](#), dilution prohibition requirements under [40 CFR 403.6\(d\)](#) and combined wastestream formula requirements under [40 CFR 403.6\(e\)\(1\)-\(4\)](#) are complied with;

4. Require the development of a compliance schedule by each industrial user for the installation of technology required to meet applicable pretreatment standards and requirements and the submission of all notices and self-monitoring reports from industrial users with pretreatment standards and requirements, including, but not limited to the reports required in [40 CFR 403.12](#);

5. Carry out all inspection, surveillance and monitoring procedures necessary to determine, independent of information supplied by industrial users, compliance or noncompliance with applicable pretreatment standards and requirements by industrial users. Representatives of the POTW shall be authorized to enter any premises of any industrial user in which a discharge source or treatment system is located or in which records are required to be kept under [40 CFR 403.12\(o\)](#) to assure compliance with pretreatment standards. Such authority shall be at least as extensive as the authority provided under Section 308 of the Federal Act;

6. Obtain remedies for noncompliance by any industrial user with any pretreatment standard and requirement. All POTW's shall be able to seek injunctive relief for noncompliance by industrial users with pretreatment standards and requirements. All POTW's shall also have authority to seek or assess civil or criminal penalties in at least the amount of \$1,000 a day for each violation by industrial users of pretreatment standards and requirements. Pretreatment requirements which will be enforced through the remedies set forth in this Subparagraph will include but not be limited to, the duty to allow or carry out inspections, entry, or monitoring activities; any rules, regulations or orders issued by the POTW; any requirements set forth in control mechanisms issued by the POTW; or any reporting requirements imposed by the POTW; or any reporting requirements imposed by the POTW or these regulations. The POTW shall have authority and procedures (after informal notice to the discharger) to immediately and effectively halt or prevent any discharge of pollutants to the POTW which reasonably appears to present an imminent endangerment to the health or welfare of persons. The POTW shall also have authority and procedures (which shall include notice to the affected industrial users and an opportunity to respond) to halt or prevent an endangerment to the environment or which threatens to interfere with the operation of the POTW. The EPD shall have the authority to take additional enforcement action when the EPD determines that the Control Authority's enforcement response to noncompliance by an industrial user is insufficient;

7. Comply with the confidentiality requirements set forth in [40 CFR 403.14](#).

(b) The Control Authority shall develop and implement an enforcement response plan which contains detailed procedures indicating how a POTW will investigate and respond to instances of industrial user noncompliance. The plan shall be developed in accordance with requirements described in [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)\(5\)](#).

(c) Control Authority shall ensure that industrial users comply with the deadline for compliance with categorical standards as described in [40 CFR 403.6\(b\)](#) or take appropriate enforcement actions to address noncompliance with [40 CFR 403.6\(b\)](#) through the enforcement response plan under subparagraph 391-3-6-.09(9)(b).

(d) Control Authority shall ensure that proper legal authority exists to require industrial user compliance with the general prohibitions under [40 CFR 403.5\(a\)\(1\)](#), the specific prohibitions under [40 CFR 403.5\(b\)\(1\)-\(8\)](#) and local limits under [40 CFR 403.5\(c\) and \(d\)](#). The Control Authority shall develop and enforce specific limits as described under [40 CFR 403.5\(c\) and \(d\)](#) to implement the prohibitions listed in [40 CFR 403.5\(a\)\(1\)](#) and [40 CFR 403.5\(b\)\(1\)-\(8\)](#). The Control Authority shall continue to develop these limits as necessary and effectively enforce such limits.

(10) POTW Pretreatment Program Annual Report.

Each POTW pretreatment program shall provide the Approval Authority with a report that describes POTW program activities including activities of all participating agencies if more than one jurisdiction is involved in the local program. The report required by this paragraph shall be submitted no later than one year after approval of the POTW's pretreatment program and at least annually thereafter and shall include, at a minimum, the information required in [40 CFR 403.12\(i\)](#). The federal NPDES Electronic Reporting rule, [40 CFR Part 127](#) and associated amendments, includes requirements under [40 CFR 403.12\(i\)](#) for the electronic submission of annual reports on or after December 21, 2020.

(11) Approval Authority Oversight of POTW Pretreatment Programs.

The Approval Authority retains the authority to enforce all pretreatment standards (including categorical standards, prohibited discharge standards, and local limits as described in [40 CFR 403](#)) in cases where the Approval Authority determines that insufficient enforcement action has been taken by the POTW pretreatment program against industrial users. The Approval Authority also has the legal authority to review self-monitoring reports submitted by the industrial users described in [40 CFR 403.10\(f\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#) and to carry out inspection surveillance, and monitoring procedures as described in [40 CFR 403.10\(f\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#). The Approval Authority also has the legal authority to obtain remedies for noncompliance as described in [40 CFR 403.8\(f\)\(1\)\(vi\)](#).

(12) Enforcement.

Any person who violates any provision of the Act, any rule promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, or any term, condition, schedule or compliance or other requirements contained in a permit issued pursuant to the Act shall be subject to enforcement proceedings pursuant to the Act. Any reports submitted to the Control Authority or Approval Authority are also subject to the conditions of [40 CFR 403.12\(n\)](#) and applicable Georgia laws.

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391-3-6-.11 Land Disposal and Permit Requirements

(1) **Purpose.** The purpose of Rule 391-3-6-.11 is to provide for the degree of pollutant treatment required and the uniform procedures and practices to be followed relating to the application for and the issuance or revocation or permits for the discharge of pollutants into land disposal or land treatment systems and then into the waters of the State.

(2) **Definitions.** All terms used in this Rule shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Act unless otherwise defined in this Paragraph or in any other Rules of this Chapter:

(a) "Act" means the Georgia Water Quality Control Act, as amended;

(b) "Land disposal system" means any method of disposing of pollutants in which the pollutants are applied to the surface or beneath the surface of a parcel of land and which results in the pollutants percolating, infiltrating, or being absorbed into the soil and then into the waters of the State. Land disposal systems exclude landfills and sanitary landfills but include ponds, basins, or lagoons used for disposal of wastes or wastewaters, where evaporation and/or percolation of the wastes or wastewaters are used or intended to be used to prevent point discharge of pollutants into waters of the State. Septic tank systems, as defined in Rule 270-5-25-.01 and as approved by appropriate County Boards of Public Health, are not considered land disposal systems for purposes of Rule 391-3-6-.11.

(c) "Land treatment system" means any land disposal system in which vegetation on the site is used to remove some of the pollutants applied;

(d) "Treatment requirement" means any restriction or prohibition established under the Act on quantities, rates, or concentrations, or a combination thereof, of chemical, physical, biological, or other constituents which are discharged into a land disposal or land treatment system and then into the waters of the State, including but not limited to schedules of compliance;

(e) "Land disposal system permit application" means an application filed by any persons with the Director for a land disposal system permit;

(f) "Land disposal system permit" means any permit issued by the Division to regulate the discharge of any pollutant into a land disposal or land treatment system;

(g) "Hydraulic loading rate" is the rate at which wastes or wastewaters are discharged to a land disposal or land treatment system, expressed in volume per unit area per unit time or depth of water per unit area per unit.

(3) **Land Disposal System Permit Requirement.** Any person discharging or proposing to discharge domestic, municipal, commercial, or industrial wastes or wastewaters into a land disposal or land treatment system and then into the waters of the State, under the Act, shall obtain a permit from the Division to make such a discharge. Owners of land disposal or land treatment systems which employ overland flow, subsurface drain fields, or other techniques which result in one or more point discharges into surface waters of the State, must obtain an NPDES permit and will not be issued a land disposal system permit. The provisions of Section [391-3-6-.08](#) regarding pretreatment apply to publicly owned treatment works which employ land disposal or land treatment systems.

(4) **Degree of Pollutant Treatment Required.**

(a) All pollutants discharged into land disposal or land treatment system shall receive such treatment or corrective action so as to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the issued land disposal system permit. The Division has the authority to establish the degree of treatment required before the pollutant is discharged to a land disposal or a land treatment system and then into waters of the State.

(b) Any pollutants which are being discharged or are intended to be discharged to a land disposal or land treatment system in amounts or concentrations which could be toxic or otherwise harmful to humans or biota if those pollutants mingle with waters of the State, or in amounts or concentrations which could reduce or impair the

usefulness or operation of the land disposal or land treatment system, must receive such treatment as the Division may specify prior to being discharged to the land disposal or land treatment system.

(c) The hydraulic loading rate for any land disposal or land treatment system shall be determined based upon a technical analysis of soils and vegetation in the system area, climatic data characteristics of the wastes to be disposed or treated, and previous experience with similar systems. Hydraulic loading rates may not exceed those established in guidelines issued by the Division unless such technical analysis proves to the satisfaction of the Division that higher rates can be used.

(d) No land disposal system permit shall be issued authorizing the discharge of any radiological, chemical, or biological warfare agent or high-level radioactive waste into a land disposal or land treatment system.

(e) The groundwater leaving the land disposal systems boundaries must not exceed maximum contaminant levels for drinking water in accordance with Chapter 391-3-5 and subsequent amendments.

(5) Application for a Land Disposal System Permit.

(a) Applications for a land disposal system permit under the Act shall be on forms as may be prescribed and furnished from time to time by the Division. Applications shall be accomplished by all pertinent information as the Division may require in order to establish pollutant treatment requirements in accordance with paragraph 391-3-6-.11(4), including but not limited to complete engineering reports, schedule of progress, plans, specifications, maps, measurements, quantitative and qualitative determinations, records, and all related materials.

(b) Engineering reports, plans, and specifications submitted to the Division in support of a land disposal system permit application shall be prepared by a professional engineer, competent in the field of sewage and industrial waste treatment. Other materials in support of engineering reports, plans, specifications, and permit applications may be prepared by other persons competent in the field of land disposal or land treatment system technology.

(c) Materials submitted shall be complete and accurate.

(d) Any land disposal system permit application form or any other form submitted to the Division shall be signed as follows in accordance with the Federal Regulations [40 CFR 122.22](#):

1. For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer. For this subparagraph a responsible corporate officer means:

(i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or

(ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second-quarter 1980 dollars), if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

2. For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively;

or

3. For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

(e) All other reports or requests for information required by the permit issuing authority shall be signed by a person designated in (d) above or a duly authorized representative of such person; if:

1. The representative so authorized is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which the discharged originates, e.g., a plant manager, superintendent or person of equivalent responsibility;

2. The authorization is made in writing by the person designated under (d) above: and

3. The written authorization is submitted to the Director.

(f) Any changes in the written authorization submitted to the permitting authority under (e) above which occur after the issuance of a permit shall be reported to the permitting authority by submitting a copy of a new written authorization which meets the requirements of (e)1. and 2. above.

(g) Any person signing any document under (d) or (e) above shall make the following certification: "I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Comment: The permit application will be revised to incorporate this statement. Where a permit program document does not contain the statement, the certification must accompany the appropriate document.

(6) Notice and Public Participation. The notice and public participation procedures of Rule 391-3-6-.26 shall apply. The public notice for permits with an approved Sludge Management Plan will also include publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the area affected by the discharge.

(7) Schedule of Compliance.

(a) Any person who obtains a land disposal system permit pursuant to the Act but who is not in compliance with applicable pollutant treatment requirements and limitations or other requirements contained in such permit at the time same is issued, shall be required to achieve compliance with such pollutant treatment requirements and limitations or other requirements in accordance with the schedule of compliance as set forth in such permit, or in the absence of a schedule of compliance, by the date set forth in such permit which the Director has determined to be the shortest reasonable period of time necessary to achieve compliance;

(b) Within 14 days after an interim date of compliance or the final date of compliance specified in a land disposal system permits, the permittee shall provide the Director with written notice of his compliance or non-compliance with requirements and conditions specified to be completed by such date. Failure to submit the written notice is just cause for the Division to pursue enforcement action pursuant to the Act;

(c) A permittee who fails or refuses to comply with an interim or final date of compliance specified in a land disposal system permit may be deemed by the Director to be in violation of the permit and may be subject to enforcement action pursuant to the act.

(8) Monitoring, Recording and Reporting Requirements.

(a) Any pollutant discharge into a land disposal or land treatment system and then into the waters of the State authorized by a land disposal system permit issued pursuant to the Act may be subject to such monitoring, recording and reporting requirements as may be reasonably required by the Director including the installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment or methods, including monitoring wells; specific requirements for recording of monitoring activities and results; and periodic reporting of monitoring results. The monitoring, recording and reporting requirements shall be specified in a permit when issued, provided, however, the Director may modify or require additional monitoring, recording and reporting by written notification to the permittee.

(b) The permittee shall be required to retain any records of monitoring activities and results for a minimum of three (3) years, unless otherwise required or extended by the Director upon written notification.

(c) Any holder of a permit which requires monitoring of the authorized pollutant discharge into a land disposal or land treatment system and then into the waters of the State shall report periodically to the Division results of all

required monitoring activities on appropriate forms supplied by the Division. The Division shall notify the permittee of the frequency of reporting but in no case shall the reporting frequency be less than once per year.

(9) Modification, Suspension and Termination of Land Disposal System Permits.

(a) The Director may revise or modify the schedule of compliance set forth in an issued land disposal system permit if the permittee requests such modification or revision in writing. The Director may grant requests in accordance with this subparagraph if he determines after a documented showing by the permittee that good and valid cause (including acts of God, strikes, floods, material shortages or other events over which the permittee has little or no control) exists for such revision.

(b) The Director may modify, suspend or terminate an issued land disposal system permit in whole or in part during its term for cause, including, but not limited to, failure or refusal of the permittee to carry out the requirements of the Act or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and if within 30 days following receipt of such notice of such proposed modification, suspension or termination from the Director there is no objection by the permittee in writing. Prior to any such modification, suspension or termination of an issued land disposal system permit by the Director (other than modification or revision of compliance schedule pursuant to subparagraph (a) above or modification of the monitoring, recording or reporting requirements), the Director will provide public notice in accordance with procedures set forth in subparagraph 391-3-6-.11(6)(b) and an opportunity for public hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in subparagraph 391-3-6-.11(6)(c)

(10) Non-governmentally Owned Sewerage Systems. In cases involving nongovernmentally owned sewerage systems, a trust indenture or other legal contract or agreement, approved by the Division, assuring continuity of operation of the system, may be required to be filed with the application for a permit. This provision shall not be applicable to systems treating or disposing only industrial waste.

(11) Duration and Transferability of Land Disposal System Permits.

(a) Any land disposal system permit issued under the Act shall have a fixed term not to exceed five years. Upon expiration of such permit a new permit may be issued by the Director, provided that an application for renewal is filed with the Director at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit. The issuance of such new permit shall likewise have a fixed term not to exceed five years.

(b) A permit may be transferred to another person by a permittee if:

1. The permittee notifies the Director of the proposed transfer;
2. A written agreement containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility and coverage between the current and new permittees (including acknowledgement that the existing permittee is liable for violations up to that date, and that the new permittee is liable for violations from that date on) is submitted to the Director; and
3. The Director within thirty (30) days does not notify the current permittee and the new permittee of the Division's intent to modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate the permit and to require that new application be filed rather than agreeing to the transfer of the permit. A new application will be required when the change of ownership is accompanied by a change or proposed change in process or wastewater characteristics or a change or a potential change in any circumstances that the Director believes will affect the conditions or restrictions in the permit.

(12) **Enforcement.** Any person who violates any provision of the Act, any rule promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, or any term, condition, schedule of compliance or other requirement contained in a permit issued pursuant to the Act shall be subject to enforcement proceedings pursuant to the Act.

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391-3-6-.13 Underground Injection Control

(1) **Purpose.** The purpose of this rule, 391-3-6-.13 is to establish classes of injection wells, prohibitions, criteria and standards applicable to injection wells.

(2) **Definitions.** All terms used in this rule shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Act, unless otherwise defined in this Paragraph or in any other Rule of this Chapter. All federal regulations adopted by reference are those in effect as of January 1, 2000.

(a) "Abandoned well" means a well whose use has been permanently discontinued or which is in a state of disrepair such that it cannot be used for its intended purpose or for observation purposes.

(b) "Aquifer" means a geological formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that is capable of yielding water to a well or spring.

(c) "Area of review" means the area surrounding an injection well or field where migration of the injection and/or formation fluid into an underground source of drinking water may occur.

(d) "Casting" means a pipe or tubing of appropriate material of varying diameter and weight, lowered into a borehole during or after drilling in order to support the sides of the hole and thus prevent the walls from caving, to prevent loss of drilling mud into porous ground or to prevent water, gas or other fluid from entering or leaving the hole.

(e) "Catastrophic collapse" means the sudden and utter failure of overlying strata caused by the removal of underlying materials.

(f) "Cementing" means the operation whereby a cement slurry is pumped into a drilled hole and/or forced behind the casing.

(g) "Cesspool" means a "drywell" that receives untreated sanitary waste containing human excreta, and which sometimes has an open bottom and/or perforated sides.

(h) "Class V septic system" means a "septic system" that handles sanitary and/or other wastes and has the capacity to serve 20 or more persons a day.

(i) "Confining bed" means a body of impermeable or distinctly less permeable material stratigraphically adjacent to one or more aquifers.

(j) "Confining zone" means a geological formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that is capable of limiting fluid movement above or below an injection zone.

(k) "Contaminant" means any physical, chemical, biological or radiological substance or matter in water.

- (l) "Conventional mine" means an open pit or underground excavation for the production of minerals.
- (m) "Disposal well" means a well used for the disposal of waste into a subsurface stratum.
- (n) "Drainage well" means a well used to drain surface water into a shallow aquifer. An induced recharge well which drains ground water from a shallow aquifer into a deeper aquifer is not a drainage well.
- (o) "Drywell" means a well, other than an improved sinkhole or subsurface fluid distribution system, completed above the water table so that its bottom and sides are typically dry except when receiving fluids.
- (p) "Exempted aquifer" means an aquifer or its portion that meets the criteria in the definition of underground source of drinking water but which has been exempted according to the procedures in Paragraph 391-3-6-.13(4).
- (q) "Facility, operations or activity" means any injection well or system.
- (r) "Fluid" means any material or substance which flows or moves whether in a semisolid, liquid, sludge, gas, or any other form or state.
- (s) "Formation" means a body of consolidated or unconsolidated rock characterized by a degree of lithologic homogeneity which is prevailing, but not necessarily, tabular and is mappable on the earth's surface or traceable in the subsurface.
- (t) "Formation fluid" means fluid present in a formation under natural conditions as opposed to introduced fluids, such as drilling mud.
- (u) "Generator" means any person, by site location, whose act or process produces hazardous waste identified or listed in Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. Part 261](#).
- (v) "Groundwater" means water below the land surface in the zone of saturation.
- (w) "Grout" means a mixture of not more than six gallons of clear water to one 95-pound bag of Portland cement or a mixture of clear water and bentonite adequate to create an impervious seal. The mixture may contain additives in proper amounts as necessary to reduce shrinkage and increase compatibility of the grout to injection and formation fluids.
- (x) "Hazardous waste" means a hazardous waste as defined by the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act, Georgia Laws 1979, p. 1127, et seq., and the rules adopted pursuant to the Act.
- (y) "Hazardous waste management facility" means all contiguous land and structures, other appurtenances and improvements on the land used for treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste. A facility may consist of several treatment, storage, or disposal operational units.
- (z) "Improved sinkhole" means a naturally occurring karst depression or other natural crevice found in other geologic settings which has been modified by man for the purpose of directing and emplacing fluids into the subsurface.
- (aa) "Injection" means the subsurface emplacement of fluids.
- (bb) "Injection well" means a well into which fluids are being or intended to be, injected.
- (cc) "Injection zone" means a geological formation, group of formations, or part of a formation receiving fluids, through a well.
- (dd) "Packer" means a device lowered into a well to produce a fluid-tight seal.

(ee) "Person" means any individual, corporation, association, partnership, county, municipality, State agency, Federal agency or facility or other entity.

(ff) "Plugging" means the act or process of stopping the flow of all fluids, including water, oil or gas into or out of a formation through a borehole or well penetrating that formation.

(gg) "Point of injection" means the last accessible sampling point prior to waste fluids being released into the subsurface environment through an injection well. For example, the point of injection of a Class V septic system might be the distribution box - the last accessible sampling point before the waste fluids drain into the underlying soils. For a drywell, it is likely to be the well bore itself.

(hh) "Radioactive waste" means any waste which contains radioactive material.

(ii) "Sanitary waste" means liquid or solid wastes originating solely from humans and human activities, such as wastes collected from toilets, showers, wash basins, sinks used for cleaning domestic areas, sinks used for food preparation, clothes washing operations, and sinks or washing machines where food and beverage serving dishes, glasses, and utensils are cleaned. Sources of these wastes may include single or multiple residences, hotels and motels, restaurants, bunkhouses, schools, ranger stations, crew quarters, guard stations, campgrounds, picnic grounds, day-use recreation areas, other commercial facilities, and industrial facilities provided the waste is not mixed with industrial waste.

(jj) "Septic system" means a "well" that is used to emplace sanitary waste below the surface and is typically comprised of a septic tank and subsurface fluid distribution system or disposal system.

(kk) "Site" means the land or water area where any facility, operation or activity is physically located or conducted, including adjacent land used in connection with the facility, operation or activity.

(ll) "Stratum (plural strata)" means a single sedimentary bed or layer, regardless of thickness, that consists of generally the same kind of rock material.

(mm) "Subsidence" means the lowering of the natural land surface in response to: earth movements; lowering of fluid pressure; removal of underlying supporting material by mining or solution of solids, either artificially or from natural causes; compaction due to wetting (hydrocompaction); oxidation of organic matter in soils; or added load on the land surface.

(nn) "Subsurface fluid distribution system" means an assemblage of perforated pipes, drain tiles, or similar mechanisms intended to distribute fluids below the surface of the ground.

(oo) "Underground source of drinking water" means all aquifers or portions of aquifers which are not exempted aquifers.

(pp) "Waters or Waters of the State" includes any and all rivers, streams, creeks, branches, reservoirs, ponds, drainage systems, springs, wells, and all other bodies of surface or subsurface water, natural or artificial, lying within or forming a part of the boundaries of the State which are not entirely confined and retained completely upon the property of a single individual, partnership, or corporation.

(qq) "Well" means an open bored, drilled or driven shaft, whose depth is greater than the largest surface dimension; or an open dug hole whose depth is greater than the largest surface dimension; or, an improved sinkhole; or a subsurface fluid distribution system. Ditches and drains, open or filled, are not wells.

(rr) "Well head protection area" means that land area delineated in accordance with Rule [391-3-5-.40](#).

(ss) "Well injection" means the subsurface emplacement of fluids through a well.

(tt) All other technical terms shall be defined in accordance to the definitions provided in Driscoll, F.G., 1996, Groundwater and wells, Johnson Division, St. Paul MN 55112.

(3) Classification of Injection Wells.

(a) Class I Wells. This class consists of industrial and municipal disposal wells that inject fluids other than hazardous waste or radioactive waste below the lowermost formation containing, within two (2) miles of the well bore (or greater distance if determined by the Director), an underground source of drinking water.

(b) Class II Wells.

1. This class consists of wells which inject fluids:

(i) which are brought to the surface in connection with conventional oil or natural gas production and which may be commingled with wastewaters from gas plants which are an integral part of production operations, unless those waters are classified as a hazardous waste at the time of injection;

(ii) for enhanced recovery of oil or natural gas; and

(iii) for storage of hydrocarbons which are liquid at standard temperature and pressure.

(c) Class III Wells.

1. This class consists of wells which inject fluids for the extraction of minerals including:

(i) mining of sulfur by the Frasch method;

(ii) in situ production of uranium or other metals; this category includes only in situ production from ore bodies which have not been conventionally mined. Solution mining of conventional mines such as stops leaching is included in Class V; and

(iii) solution mining of minerals, such as salt or potash.

(d) Class IV Wells.

1. This class consists of injection wells used by generators of hazardous waste or of radioactive waste, by owners or operators of hazardous waste management facilities, or by owners or operators of radioactive waste disposal sites to dispose of hazardous waste or radioactive waste into the subsurface or ground water.

2. Any septic tank, well or cesspool used by generators of hazardous or radioactive waste, or by owners or operators of hazardous or radioactive waste management facilities, to dispose of fluids containing hazardous or radioactive wastes into the subsurface or ground water.

3. The subsurface emplacement of hazardous waste or radioactive waste by well injection into the subsurface or waters of the State is hereby prohibited. No permit authorizing or establishing an effluent limitation inconsistent with the foregoing shall be issued.

(e) Class V wells consists of all injection wells not included in Classes I, II, III, or IV. Typically, Class V wells are shallow wells used to place a variety of fluids directly below the land surface. However, if the fluids placed in the ground qualify as a hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the well is a Class IV well, not a Class V well. Class V wells include, but are not limited to:

1. Air conditioning return flow wells or any other open-loop system used to return to the supply aquifer or any aquifer the water used for heating or cooling in a heat pump;

2. Large-capacity cesspools including multiple dwelling, community or regional cesspools, or other devices that receive sanitary wastes, containing human excreta, which have an open bottom and sometimes have perforated

sides. These requirements do not apply to single family residential cesspools nor to nonresidential cesspools which receive solely sanitary waste and have the capacity to serve fewer than 20 persons a day;

3. Cooling water return flow wells used to inject water previously used for cooling;
4. Drainage wells used to drain surface fluid, primarily storm runoff, into a subsurface formation;
5. Drywells used for the injection of wastes into a subsurface formation;
6. Recharge wells used to replenish or store water in an aquifer;
7. Remediation wells used to inject water, air, oxygen, nutrients, or partly clean water to remediate sites contaminated with hydrocarbons or chemicals;
8. Salt water intrusion barrier wells used to inject water into a fresh water aquifer to prevent the intrusion of salt water into the fresh water;
9. Sand backfill and other backfill wells used to inject a mixture of water and sand, mill tailings or other solids into mined out-ports of subsurface mines whether what is injected is a radioactive waste or not;
10. Septic system wells used to inject the waste or effluent from a multiple dwelling business establishment, community or regional business establishment septic system. These rules do not apply to single family residential septic system wells, nor to non-residential septic system wells that are used solely for the disposal of sanitary waste and have the capacity to serve fewer than 20 persons a day.

(4) Identification of Underground Sources of Drinking Water and Exempted Aquifers.

(a) The Director may identify by narrative description, illustrations, maps, or other means, and shall protect, except where exempted under subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, as an underground source of drinking water, all aquifers or parts of aquifers which meet the definition of an "underground source of drinking water" for the purposes of these rules. Unless specifically exempted by the Director under subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, all aquifers shall be considered, for the purposes of these rules, as underground sources of drinking water.

(b) The Director may identify by narrative description, illustrations, maps, or other means, all aquifers or parts of aquifers which the Director proposes to designate as an exempted aquifer, for the purposes of these rules, if it meets the following criteria:

1. It does not currently serve as a source of drinking water;
2. The total dissolved solids (TDS) is greater than 3,000 milligrams per liter;
3. Injection into the aquifer will not cause salt water to move into and contaminate underground sources of drinking water; and
4. It cannot now and will not in the future serve as a source of drinking water because;
 - (i) it is mineral, hydrocarbon or geothermal energy producing or can be demonstrated by a permit applicant for a Class II or III operation to contain minerals or hydrocarbons, that considering their quantity and location, are expected to be commercially producible based on available information; or
 - (ii) it is situated at a depth or location which makes recovery of water for drinking water purposes economically or technologically impractical; or
 - (iii) it is so contaminated that it would be economically or technologically impractical to render the water fit for human consumption; or

(iv) it is located over a Class III mining area subject to subsidence or catastrophic collapse.

(c) For Class III wells, the Director shall require an applicant for a permit which necessitates an aquifer exemption to furnish the data necessary to demonstrate that the aquifer is expected to be mineral or hydrocarbon producing. Information contained in the mining plan for the proposed project, such as a map and general description of the mining zone, general information on the mineralogy and geochemistry of the mining zone, analysis of the amenability of the mining zone to the proposed mining method and a timetable of planned development of the mining zone shall be considered by the Director in addition to the information required by Rule 391-3-6-.13(6). Approval of the aquifer exemption shall be treated as a program revision under this paragraph.

(d) For Class II wells, a demonstration of commercial productibility shall be made as follows:

1. For a class II well to be used for enhanced oil recovery processes in a field or project containing aquifers from which hydrocarbons were previously produced, commercial productibility shall be presumed by the Director upon a demonstration by the applicant of historical production having occurred in the project area or field.

2. For Class II wells, not located in a field or project containing aquifers from which hydrocarbons were previously produced, information such as logs, core data, formation description, formation depth, formation thickness and formation parameters such as permeability and porosity shall be considered by the Director, to the extent such information is available.

(e) No designation of an exempted aquifer, for the purposes of these rules, shall be final until the Director has provided public notice and opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed designation and the designation has been approved by the Administrator.

(5) Prohibition of Movement of Fluid into Underground Sources of Drinking Water.

(a) No owner or operator shall construct, operate, maintain, convert, plug, abandon, or conduct any other injection activity in a manner that allows the movement of fluid containing any contaminant into underground sources of drinking water, if the presence of that contaminant may cause a violation of any primary drinking water regulation under Georgia's Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5, or may otherwise adversely affect the health of persons. The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of showing that the requirements of this paragraph are met.

(b) Except for remediation wells, injection of fluids shall be prohibited in the inner management zone of any wellhead protection area defined by Rule [391-3-5-.40](#).

(6) Permit Application for Class I, II and III Wells.

(a) No person shall, in accordance with the Act, construct or operate a Class I, II, or III injection well without first having applied for, and obtained, an injection well permit from the Director. The requirements for Class II wells do not include permits for exploration, drilling and well construction for oil and/or gas production.

(b) The subsurface emplacement of hazardous waste or radioactive waste by well injection into the subsurface or waters of the State is hereby prohibited. No permit authorizing or establishing an effluent limitation inconsistent with the foregoing shall be issued.

(c) Applications for injection well permits for Class I, II or III injection wells shall be in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 144.11](#), [144.21](#), and [144.31](#). Applications shall be on forms as may be prescribed and furnished from time to time by the Division and shall be accompanied by all pertinent information as the Division may request including, but not limited to, the information the Director must consider for authorizing Class I, II or III wells as set forth in the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 146.14](#), [146.24](#) and [146.34](#).

(d) All permit applications and reports for Class I, II, or III injection wells shall be signed in accordance with the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 144.32](#), [146.12](#) and [146.22](#).

(e) When a facility or activity is owned by one person but is operated by another person, it is the operator's duty to obtain a permit.

(7) Notice and Public Participation for Class I, II and III Wells.

(a) When the Division is satisfied that the application is complete, a tentative determination will be made to issue or deny the permit. If the tentative determination is to issue the permit, a draft permit will be prepared in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 124.6](#) and applicable State laws prior to the issuance of a public notice. The notice and public participation procedures of Rule 391-3-6-.26 shall apply for Class I, II and III Wells.

(8) Terms and Conditions of Permits for Class I, II, or III Wells.

(a) Terms and conditions under which an Injection Well will be permitted will be specified on the permit issued and shall be in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 144.4](#), [40 C.F.R. 144.51](#) and [40 C.F.R. 144.52](#), Paragraph 391-3-6-.13(9) of this Rule and as may be additionally required by the Director.

(b) No Injection Well Permit shall be issued authorizing the movement of fluid containing any contaminant into underground sources of drinking water if the presence of that contaminant may cause a violation of any primary drinking water regulation set forth in Georgia Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5, or may otherwise adversely affect the health of persons. The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of showing that the requirement of this paragraph is met.

(c) When the corrective action plan as required in Paragraph 391-3-6-.13(9) is adequate, the Director shall incorporate it into the permit as a condition. Where the Director's review of an application indicates that the permittee's plan is inadequate (based on the factors in Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 146.07](#)), the Director shall require the applicant to revise the plan, prescribe a plan for corrective action as a condition of the permit under paragraph (b) of this section, or deny the application.

1. No owner or operator of a new injection well may begin injection until all required corrective action has been taken.

2. The Director may require as a permit condition that injection pressure be so limited that pressure in the injection zone does not exceed hydrostatic pressure at the site of any improperly completed or abandoned well within the area of review. This pressure limitation shall satisfy the corrective action requirement. Alternatively, such injection pressure limitation can be part of a compliance schedule and last until all other required corrective action has been taken.

3. When setting corrective action requirements for Class III wells the Director shall consider the overall effect of the project on the hydraulic gradient in potentially affected underground sources of drinking water, and the corresponding changes in potentiometric surface(s) and flow direction(s) rather than the discrete effect of each well. If a decision is made that corrective action is not necessary based on the determinations above, the monitoring program required in Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 146.33\(b\)](#) shall be designed to verify the validity of such determination.

(d) The permittee shall report any monitoring or other information which indicates any contaminant that may cause an endangerment of an underground source of drinking water, any noncompliance that may endanger health or the environment, or any noncompliance with a permit condition or malfunction of the injection system which may cause fluid migration into or between fresh water zones or underground sources of drinking water. Any noncompliance with a permit condition or malfunction of the injection information shall be reported by telephone to the Director within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the noncompliance and a written submission within five (5) days of the oral notification. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause, the period of noncompliance including exact dates and times, the corrective action taken to reduce or eliminate the noncompliance, and the steps planned to prevent a recurrence of the noncompliance.

(e) The permittee is required to maintain financial responsibility and resources to close, plug and abandon the underground injection operation in a manner prescribed by the Director. The permittee must show evidence of

financial responsibility to the Director by the submission of surety bond, or other adequate assurance, such as financial statements or other materials acceptable to the Director.

(f) The permittee shall operate the well so as not to exceed maximum injection volumes and pressures as necessary to assure that fractures are not initiated in the confining zone; that injected fluids do not migrate into fresh water zones or underground sources of drinking water; or that formation fluids are not displaced into underground sources of drinking water. The Director shall establish such volumes and pressure limits as permit conditions.

(g) Injection may not commence until construction is complete and written approval to commence has been given by the Director. The permittee shall submit notice of completion of construction to the Director including:

1. All available logging and testing program data on the well;
2. A demonstration of the mechanical integrity of the well;
3. The anticipated maximum pressure and flow rate at which the permittee will operate;
4. The results of the formation testing program;
5. The actual injection procedure;
6. The compatibility of injected waste with the fluids in the injection zone; and
7. The status of corrective action on defective wells in the area of review to prevent fluid movement into underground sources of drinking water.

(h) The permittee shall notify the Director in writing of any proposal to abandon an injection well and that the plugging and abandonment plan approved as part of the permit will be followed.

(i) A permit shall be issued for a period not to exceed five (5) years from the date of issuance. On expiration of the permit the permit shall become invalid and the injection prohibited unless application is made at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date for a reissuance of the permit. When a permittee has submitted a timely and sufficient application for a new Injection Well Permit and the Director is unable, through no fault of the permittee, to issue the new permit before the expiration date of the existing permit, then the Director shall extend the existing permit until a new permit is issued.

(j) A permit may be transferred to any person provided the permittee notifies the Director in writing at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date and the transfer is approved by the Director.

(k) The permit does not convey any property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege.

(l) The permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause, or minor modifications may be made in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 124.5](#), [144.39](#) and [144.41](#). The permittee shall furnish the Director any information which the Director may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing or terminating permit or to determine compliance with the permit.

(m) The Director may terminate a permit during its term or deny a permit renewal for the following causes:

1. Noncompliance by the permittee with any conditions of the permit;
2. The permittee's failure in the application or during the permit issuance process to disclose fully all relevant facts, or the permittee's misrepresentation of any relevant facts at any time;
3. A determination that the permitted activity endangers human health or the environment and can only be regulated to acceptable levels by permit modification or termination; or

4. A failure by the permittee to demonstrate that continuation of the operation under the permit will not result in degradation of the water quality.

(n) For Class I, II and III Wells, if any water quality monitoring of an underground source of drinking water indicates the movement of any contaminant into the underground source of drinking water, the Director shall prescribe such additional requirements for construction, corrective action, operation, monitoring or reporting (including closure of the injection well) as are necessary to prevent such movement.

(o) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule the Director may issue a temporary permit for a specific injection in accordance with the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 144.34](#)

(9) Corrective Action.

(a) Applicants for Class I, II, or III injection well permits shall identify the location of all known wells within the injection well's area of review which penetrate the injection zone, or in the case of Class II wells operating over the fracture pressure of the injection formation, all known wells within the area of review penetrating formations affected by the increase in pressure. For such wells which are improperly sealed, completed, or abandoned, the applicant shall also submit a plan consisting of such steps or modifications as are necessary to prevent movement of fluid into underground sources of drinking water (corrective action). Where the plan is adequate, the Director shall incorporate it into the permit as a condition. Where the Director's review of an application indicates that the permittee's plan is inadequate (based on the factors in subparagraph 391-3-6-.13(8)(c)), the Director shall require the applicant to revise the plan, prescribe a plan for corrective action as a condition of the permit under subparagraph (b) of this paragraph or deny the application.

(b) In determining the adequacy of corrective action proposed by the applicant under this paragraph and in determining the additional steps needed to prevent fluid movement into underground sources of drinking water, the following criteria and factors shall be considered by the Director;

1. Nature and volume of injected fluid;
2. Nature of native fluids or by-products of injection;
3. Potentially affected population;
4. Geology;
5. Hydrology;
6. History of the injection operation;
7. Completion and plugging records;
8. Abandonment procedures in effect at the time the well was abandoned; and
9. Hydraulic connections with underground sources of drinking water.

(10) Criteria and Standards Applicable to Class I, II, and III Injection Wells.

(a) Each permittee shall comply with the criteria and standards for underground injection control for Class I, II and III injection wells as set forth in the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 146.12](#), [146.22](#) and [146.32](#) and as may be additionally prescribed by the Director.

(b) All Class I wells shall be sited in such a fashion that they inject into a formation which is beneath the lowermost formation containing, within a two (2) mile radius of the well bore or greater if determined by the Director, an underground source of drinking water.

(c) All Class II wells shall be sited in such a fashion that they inject into a formation which is separated from an underground source of drinking water by a confining zone that is free of known open faults or fractures within the area of review.

(d) Operating, monitoring and reporting requirements shall be in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 146.13](#), [40 C.F.R. 146.23](#) and [40 C.F.R. 146.33](#) and as may be additionally prescribed by the Director.

(11) Permit Application for Class V Wells.

(a) Except as identified in subparagraph 1. below, no person shall, after the effective date of this rule, construct or operate a Class V injection well for the injection of contaminants or fluids unless authorized by a permit issued by the Director.

1. In accordance with O.C.G.A. [12-5-30\(f\)](#), the use of a Class V septic system that handles only sanitary wastes shall be permitted under a General Permit issued by the Director. The General Permit and a list of all Class V septic systems shall be maintained in the offices of the Division.

(b) After the effective date of this rule, use of a new or existing Class V septic system that handles sanitary and/or other wastes shall be permitted by the Director provided that a written hydrogeologic determination has been made by a professional geologist or professional engineer registered in the State of Georgia in accordance with Chapter 19 or Chapter 15, respectively, of Title 43 that such a system does not endanger an underground source of drinking water nor is such a system within the inner management zone of any existing well head protection area. For those Class V septic systems that will be covered under the general land application system permit for large community systems, the Director will accept a hydrogeologic determination by a professional geologist or professional engineer or a written soil report prepared by a qualified soil scientist. The soil scientist will have qualifications meeting the requirements of O.C.G.A. [12-2-10\(b\)](#) and must be certified by the Georgia Department of Human Resources to conduct soil investigations for on-site sewage management systems.

(c) The use of a Class V remediation well that is used as part of a Division-approved plan to remediate a site having contaminated soil and/or ground water shall be permitted by the Director provided that such an approved plan has been prepared and signed and sealed by a professional geologist or professional engineer registered in the State of Georgia in accordance with Chapter 19 or Chapter 15, respectively, of Title 43.

(d) Class V wells apply to all injection wells not included in Classes I, II, III or IV. Class V wells are defined in subparagraph 391-3-6-.13(3)(e).

(e) Exclusive of the authorizations indicated in subparagraphs (a)1. above of this paragraph, any person desiring to construct a Class V well shall apply in writing to the Director for an injection well permit. Any persons owning or operating any unpermitted well meeting the definitions of a Class V well, exclusive of the authorizations described in subparagraph (a)1. above of this paragraph, prior to the effective date of this rule shall submit an application and information to the Director no later than July 1, 2001. The application shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

1. Name, mailing address, telephone number, latitude and longitude and location of the facility;
2. Name and address of the owner and operator, telephone number, if different than the facility;
3. A map showing the location of each existing or proposed injection well at the facility;
4. A diagram showing the details of the construction existing injection well(s) and the proposed construction of any proposed injection well(s).
5. Proposed or existing injection rate and injection pressure or gravity flow;
6. The chemical, physical and radioactive, characteristics of the fluid injected or to be injected; and

7. Signature of the applicant.

(f) Upon receipt of the application, the Director shall:

1. Determine if the facility is a Class V well.
2. Determine if additional information is required to evaluate the facility.
3. Assess the potential adverse effect upon the underground source of drinking water.
4. Determine any construction and operating requirements to protect the underground drinking water source.

(g) After an evaluation of the application, the Director shall:

1. Issue a permit in the form of a letter containing any special permit conditions as may be necessary such as well construction, operation, monitoring and reporting. The permit shall be for a period not to exceed ten (10) years.

2. If the Director determines that the facility is not a Class V well, he shall require the applicant to submit a permit application in accordance with Paragraph 391-3-6-.13(6) of this Rule. The application processing and permit issuance shall be in accordance with Paragraphs 391-3-6-.13(7) and 391-3-6-.13(8).

3. Deny the issuance of a permit.

(h) No person shall be issued a permit to operate a Class V well where the movement of fluid, in the judgment of the Director, may cause a violation of any primary drinking water rule under the Georgia Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5, or which may adversely affect the health of persons.

1. If at any time the Director learns that a permitted Class V well may cause a violation under this rule, the Director shall:

(i) order the injector to take such actions as may be necessary to prevent the violation, including where required closure of the injection well; or

(ii) take enforcement action.

2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, the Director may take emergency action upon receipt of information that a contaminant which is present in, or is likely to enter a public water system, may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the health of persons.

(i) Any persons operating an existing unpermitted Class V well and injecting fluids after the effective date of this rule shall be authorized to continue the operation under conditions of permits or other authorization in effect prior to the effective date of this rule, provided an application is submitted within twelve months after the effective date of this rule. An exception to this rule is that any person injecting fluids that may endanger an underground source of drinking water shall notify the Director within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this rule.

(12) Standards and Criteria Applicable to Class V Wells.

(a) Except as identified in subparagraph 391-3-6-.13(11)(a)1. above, no person shall construct a Class V well without first having applied for and obtained a permit from the Director.

(b) Class V wells shall be sited so that the injection fluid does not contaminate an underground source of drinking water.

(c) Except for remediation wells, the injected fluid, upon reaching any underground source of drinking water, shall not contain any chemical constituents that exceed any Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) identified in Rule [391-3-5-.18](#). For Class V septic systems, the fluid leaving the subsurface distribution system may exceed any maximum

contaminant levels (MCLs) identified in Rule [391-3-5-.18](#) provided that the MCL is not exceeded upon the fluid reaching any underground source of drinking water.

(d) With the exception of remediation wells, no Class V well shall be located within the inner management zone of any wellhead protection area after the effective date of this rule.

(e) Class V well construction. Subsections 1., 2. and 3. below shall not apply to Class V septic systems as identified in subparagraphs 391-3-6-.13(11)(a)1. and (b) above:

1. The person constructing the well shall be a licensed water well contractor in the State of Georgia in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5 of title 12.

2. Casing shall extend at least five (5) feet into the injection zone unless otherwise specified by the Director.

3. The annular space around the entire length of the casing shall be grouted and sealed to prevent pollution by surface waters, other formation fluids or pollutants into the formation above the injection zone.

4. Special construction requirements may be specified by the Director or the permit to prevent contamination of an underground source of drinking water.

5. Septic systems shall be constructed in accordance with the Georgia Department of Human Resources requirements in 290-5-26.

(f) An injection permit may be transferred to any person provided the permittee notifies the Director in writing at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date and the transfer is approved by the Director.

(g) A permit issued by the Director may include permit conditions for the monitoring, testing and reporting of the injection facility.

(h) Plugging and Abandonment. Except for septic systems identified in subparagraphs 391-3-6-.13(11)(a)1. and 2. above, the following shall apply:

1. The Director may order a Class V well plugged and abandoned by the owner when it no longer performs its intended purpose, or when it is determined to endanger underground sources of drinking water.

2. It shall be the owner's responsibility to have any injection well plugged and abandoned by the water well contractor before removing the drilling equipment from the site if the well is not completed for its intended purpose.

3. It shall be the owner's responsibility to have any exploratory and/or test well(s) constructed for the purpose of obtaining information on an injection well site, plugged and abandoned by the water well contractor.

4. The entire depth of the well shall be completely filled with cement grout, which shall be introduced into the well by a pipe which extends to the bottom of the well and is raised as well is filled, unless otherwise approved by the Director.

(13) Mechanical Integrity. Except for septic systems as identified in subparagraphs 391-3-6-.13(11)(a)1. and 2. above, the following shall apply:

(a) An injection well has mechanical integrity if:

1. There is no detectable leak in the casing, tubing or packer; and

2. There is no detectable fluid movement into an underground source of drinking water through vertical channels adjacent to the injection well bore.

(b) One of the following methods must be used to evaluate the absence of detectable leaks under subparagraph 391-3-6-.13(13)(a)1.:

1. Monitoring of annulus pressure; or

2. Pressure test with liquid or gas.

(c) The methods used to determine the absence of detectable fluid movement into an underground source of drinking water shall be the results of a temperature or sonic log.

(d) In conducting and evaluating the tests for mechanical integrity, the owner or operator and the Director shall apply methods and standards generally accepted in the industry. When the owner or operator reports the results of mechanical integrity tests to the Director, the report shall include a description of the test(s) and method(s) used. The Director, in making an evaluation shall review monitoring and other test data submitted since the previous evaluation.

(e) The Director may waive mechanical integrity testing of remediation wells in shallow unconfined aquifers.

(14) Plugging and Abandoning Class I, II and III Wells.

(a) The permittee shall inform the Director in writing of the permittee's intent to abandon an injection well at least forty-five (45) working days prior to the abandonment.

(b) The permittee shall be responsible for the plugging of any injection well that is abandoned. Such plugging shall be in accordance with the criteria identified in Chapter 5 (120-138) of Title 12.

(c) Wells shall be plugged with cement in a manner which will not allow the movement of fluids either into or between underground sources of drinking water.

(d) The placement of the cement shall be accomplished under pressure from bottom to top.

(e) The well to be cemented shall be in a state of static equilibrium with the mud weight equalized top to bottom, either by circulating the mud in the well at least once or by a comparable method prescribed by the Director, such as the use of a packer, prior to the placement of the cement plugs.

(f) The Director may require ground water monitoring after well abandonment if contamination of an underground source of drinking water is suspected.

(g) The permittee shall certify to the Director within thirty (30) days of plugging that the injection well was plugged according to permitted procedures.

(15) Emergency Action. If at any time the Director learns that an injection well may cause or has caused the movements of any fluids containing contaminants into an underground source of drinking water or otherwise adversely affect the water quality or adversely affect the public health, the Director shall:

(a) Order the injector to cease the operation and take such actions as may be necessary to prevent the violation;

(b) Order the injector to take such actions as may be necessary to correct the violation;

(c) Take enforcement action; or

(d) Take emergency action upon receipt of information that a contaminant is likely to enter a public water system and present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the health of the public.

(16) Prohibited Wells. The following types of wells are specifically prohibited Statewide.

- (a) All Class IV wells that are used to emplace hazardous waste or radioactive waste into the subsurface.
- (b) New drainage wells, except where such wells have been permitted and designed by a professional geologist or professional engineer registered in the State of Georgia in accordance with Chapter 19 or Chapter 15, respectively, of Title 43 and the injected fluid does not contain any chemical constituent that exceeds any Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) identified in Rule [391-3-5-.18](#).
- (c) New large-capacity cesspools are prohibited. A large-capacity cesspool receives sanitary waste from multiple dwellings and community or regional establishments serving more than 20 persons a day. Existing large-capacity cesspools shall be closed by April 5, 2005. Such closure shall include a 30-day notification prior to closure. Well closure shall include removal of contaminated materials, disinfection, and plugging with an impervious bentonite-cement mixture. Closure shall be in accordance with criteria identified in Chapter 5 (120-138) of Title 12.
- (d) Open loop heat pump systems where return water is discharged into a well.
- (e) Motor vehicle waste disposal wells.

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391-3-6-.15 Non-Storm Water General Permit Requirements

(1) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Rule 391-3-6-.15 is to provide for the degree of waste treatment required and the uniform procedures and practices to be followed relating to the application for issuance, modification, revocation and reissuance, and termination of general permits for the discharge of any pollutant into the waters of the State. Unless specifically adopted by reference herein, no other part of this Chapter 391-3-6 shall govern the issuance of any general permit.

(2) **Definitions.** All terms used in this Rule shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Act unless otherwise defined in this Paragraph or in any other Rules of this Chapter:

- (a) "General Permit Application" means any application filed by any person with the Director for a general permit.
- (b) A "General Permit" means an NPDES permit issued under [Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations \(40 CFR\), Part 122.28](#) authorizing a category of discharges under the Federal Clean Water Act (Federal Act) within a geographical area.
- (c) "Notice of Intent" (NOI) means a form used by potential permittee to notify the Division, within a specified time, that they intend to comply with a general permit.

(d) "Notice of Termination" (NOT) means a form used by a permittee to notify the Division that they wish to cease coverage under a general permit.

(3) General Permit Requirements.

(a) Coverage. The Director may issue a general permit in accordance with the following:

1. Area. The general permit shall be written to cover a category of discharges described in the permit under subparagraph (3)(a)2 of this section, except those covered by individual permits, within a geographic area. The area shall correspond to existing geographic or political boundaries, such as:

- (i) Designated planning areas under Sections 208 and 303 of the Federal Act;
- (ii) Sewer districts or sewer authorities;
- (iii) City, County, or State political boundaries;
- (iv) State highway systems;
- (v) Standard metropolitan statistical areas as defined by the Office of Management and Budget;
- (vi) Urbanized areas as designated by the Bureau of the Census; or
- (vii) Any other appropriate division or combination of boundaries.

2. Sources. The general permit may be written to regulate, within the area described in subparagraph 1. of this section, a category of point sources other than storm water point sources if the sources all:

- (i) Involve the same or substantially similar types of operations;
- (ii) Discharge the same types of wastes;
- (iii) Require the same effluent limitations or operating conditions;
- (iv) Require the same or similar monitoring; and
- (v) In the opinion of the Director, are more appropriately controlled under a general permit than under individual permits.

(b) Administration.

1. General permits may be issued, modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated in accordance with applicable requirements of Rule 391-3-6-.15. Public notice and public participation for issuance, modification, revocation and reissuance, and termination of general permits shall be in accordance with Paragraph 391-3-6-.15(7).

2. Authorization to discharge.

(i) Except as provided for in [40 C.F.R. 122.28\(b\)\(2\)\(v\) and \(b\)\(2\)\(vi\)](#), discharges seeking coverage under a general permit shall submit to the Director a written notice of intent to be covered by the general permit. A discharger who fails to submit a notice of intent in accordance with the terms of the general permit is not authorized to discharge under the terms of the general permit. A complete and timely notice of intent to be covered in accordance with the general permit requirements, fulfills the requirements for permit applications for purposes of [40 C.F.R. 122.6, 122.21](#) and [122.26](#).

(ii) The contents of the notice of intent shall be specified in the general permit and shall conform to the requirements specified in [40 C.F.R. 122.28](#). The notice of intent shall be signed in accordance with subparagraph 391-3-6-.15(5)(d).

(iii) General permits shall specify the deadline for submitting notices of intent to be covered and the date(s) when a discharge is authorized under the permit.

(iv) General permits shall specify whether a discharge that has submitted a timely notice of intent to be covered in accordance with a general permit and that is eligible for coverage under the general permit, is authorized to discharge in accordance with the general permit either upon receipt of the notice of intent by the Director, after a waiting period specified in the general permit, on a date specified in the general permit, or upon receipt of notification of inclusion by the Director. Coverage may be revoked in accordance with subparagraph 391-3-6-.15(3)(b) 3.

3. Requiring an individual permit.

(i) The Director may require any person authorized by a general permit to apply for and obtain an individual NPDES permit. Any interested person may petition the Director to take action under this rule. Cases where an individual NPDES permit may be required include the following:

(I) The discharge(s) is a significant contributor of pollution as determined by the Director. In making this determination, the Director may consider the following factors:

I. The location of the discharge with respect to the waters of the State;

II. The size of the discharge;

III. The quantity and nature of the pollutants discharged to waters of the State; and

IV. Other relevant factors.

(II) The discharger is not in compliance with the conditions of the general permit;

(III) A change has occurred in the availability of demonstrated technology or practices for the control or abatement of pollutants applicable of the point source;

(IV) Effluent limitation guidelines are promulgated for point sources covered by the general permit;

(V) A Water Quality Management plan containing requirements applicable to such point sources is approved;

(VI) The requirements of subparagraph (3)(a) of this section are not met; or

(VII) Circumstances have changed since the time of the request to be covered so that the discharger is no longer appropriately controlled under the general permit, or either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge is necessary.

(ii) Any owner or operator authorized by a general permit may request to be excluded from the coverage of the general permit by applying for an individual NPDES permit. The owner or operator shall submit an application under paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(5\)](#), with reasons supporting the request, to the Director.

(iii) When an individual NPDES permit is issued to an owner or operator otherwise subject to a general permit, the applicability of the general permit to the individual NPDES permittee is automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual NPDES permit.

(iv) A source excluded from a general permit solely because it already has an individual NPDES permit may request that the individual NPDES permit be revoked, and that it be covered by the general permit. Upon revocation of the individual NPDES permit, the general permit shall apply to the source.

(v) Whenever the Director decides an individual NPDES permit is required, the Director shall notify the discharger in writing of the decision and the reasons for it, and shall send an application form with the notice. The discharger must apply for a permit under paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(5\)](#) and [40 C.F.R. 122.21](#) within sixty (60) days of notice unless a later date is granted by the Director. Public notice and public participation shall be in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(7\)](#).

(4) **Degree of Waste Treatment Required.** All pollutants shall receive such treatment or corrective action so as to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the issued permit and with the following, whenever applicable:

(a) Effluent limitations established by the EPA pursuant to Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318, and 405 of the Federal Act;

(b) Criteria and standards for Best Management Practices established by EPA pursuant to Section 304(e) of the Federal Act;

(c) Notwithstanding the above, more stringent effluent limitations may be required as deemed necessary by the Division (a) to meet any other existing Federal laws or regulations, or (b) to ensure compliance with any applicable State water quality standards, effluent limitations, treatment standards, or schedules of compliance;

(d) Calculations and specification of effluent limits and standards shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Federal Regulations, [40 CFR 122.45](#).

(5) **Notice of Intent (NOI).**

(a) A NOI shall be on forms as may be prescribed and furnished from time to time by the Division. A NOI shall be accompanied by all pertinent information as the Division may require in order to establish, where applicable, effluent limitations in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(4\)](#), which may include but is not limited to, complete engineering reports, schedule of progress, plans, specifications, maps, measurements, quantitative and qualitative determinations, records, and all related materials.

(b) Engineering reports, plans, specifications, and other similar material submitted to the Division shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision or review of, and bear the seal of, a Professional Engineer competent in the field of storm water, sewage, or industrial waste treatment, consistent with the type of wastewater involved. At no time shall this requirement be in conflict with O.C.G.A. Section [43-15](#) governing the practices of professional engineering and surveying.

(c) Material submitted shall be complete and accurate.

(d) Any NOI form, NOT form, and permit application submitted to the Division shall be signed as follows in accordance with the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.22](#):

1. For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer. For this subparagraph a responsible corporate officer means:

(a) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or

(b) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second-quarter 1980 dollars), if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;

2. For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

3. For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

(e) All other reports, engineering reports, plans, specifications, similar materials, or requests for information required by the permit issuing authority shall be signed by a person designated in (d) above or a duly authorized representative of such person, if:

1. The representative so authorized is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which the discharge originates, e.g., a plant manager, superintendent or person of equivalent responsibility;

2. The authorization is made in writing by the person designated under (d) above; and

3. The written authorization is submitted to the Director.

(f) Any changes in the written authorization submitted to the permitting authority under (e) above which occur after the issuance of a permit shall be reported to the permitting authority by submitting a copy a new written authorization which meets the requirements of (e)1. and (e)2. above.

(g) Any person signing any document under (d) or (e) above shall make the following certification: "I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

(6) **Receipt and Use of Application and Data** shall be in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(6\)](#) of this Chapter. Notice of intent forms shall not be required to be transmitted to the Regional Administrator for comments unless requested to do so by the Regional Administrator.

(7) **Notice and Public Participation.** The notice and public participation procedures of Rule 391-3-6-.26 shall apply.

(8) **Prohibitions.**

(a) No permit shall be issued authorizing any of the following discharges:

1. The discharge of any radiological, chemical, or biological warfare agent or high-level radioactive waste into navigable waters;

2. Any discharge which in the judgement of the Secretary of the Army would substantially impair anchorage and navigation in or on any of the waters of the United States;

3. Any discharge to which the Regional Administrator has objected in writing in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 123.44](#), pursuant to any right to object provided the Administrator of EPA under Section 402(d) of the Federal Act;

4. Any discharge from a point source is in conflict with a plan or amendment thereto approved pursuant to Section 208(b) of the Federal Act;

5. Any discharge to the territorial sea, the waters of the contiguous zone, or the oceans in the following circumstances:

(i) Prior to the promulgation of the guidelines under section 403(c) of the Act, unless the Director determines permit issuance to be in the public interest; or

(ii) After promulgation of guidelines under section 403(c) of the Act, where insufficient information exists to make a reasonable judgement as to whether the discharge complies with any such guidelines.

6. To a facility which is a new source or a new discharge, if the discharge from the construction or operation of the facility will cause or contribute to the violation of water quality standards, except as in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.4\(i\)](#).

(b) The issuance of a permit does not:

1. Convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privileges;
2. Authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights, or any infringement of Federal, State, or local laws or regulations;
3. Release the permittee of any responsibility or requirement under other environmental statutes or regulations.

(9) Monitoring, Recording, and Reporting Requirements.

(a) Monitoring, recording and reporting requirements shall be in accordance with those outlined in paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(11\)](#) of this Chapter.

(b) General permits that do not require submittal of monitoring reports at least annually shall report to the Director in writing all instances of noncompliance at least annually. These annual reports are due the first working day of each January unless otherwise specified in a permit.

(10) **Control of Disposal of Pollutants into Wells** shall be in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(14\)](#).

(11) Modification, Revocation and Reissuance, and Termination of Permits.

The Director in accordance with the provisions of Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.61](#), [122.62](#), [122.63](#), [122.64](#), and [124.5](#), may modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate an issued permit in whole or in part during its term for cause, including, but not limited to, the causes listed in Federal Regulations, [40 CFR 122.62](#) and [122.64](#), or the cause listed in the Act or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Prior to any such modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination of an issued permit by the Director (other than modification in accordance with the provision of [40 CFR 122.63](#)), the Director will give public notice in accordance with the procedures set forth in subparagraph 391-3-6-.15(7)(b) and an opportunity for public hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in subparagraph 391-3-6-.15(7)(c).

(12) Duration, Continuation, and Transferability of Permits.

(a) Any permit issued under O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30](#) shall have a fixed term not to exceed five_(5) years. Upon expiration of such permit, a new permit may be issued by the Director in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30](#) and [40 C.F.R. 122.6](#), [122.28](#), [122.46](#), and [122.61](#). The issuance of such new permit shall likewise have a fixed term not to exceed five (5) years.

(b) Any owner or operator authorized by a general permit may request that coverage under the general permit be terminated by submitting a written Notice of Termination. The contents of the Notice of Termination shall be specified in the general permit and shall be signed in accordance with subparagraph 391-3-6-.15(5)(d).

(c) When the permittee has submitted a timely and sufficient application for a new individual NPDES permit or a Notice of Intent for a general permit and the Director is unable, through no fault of the permittee, to issue the new permit before the expiration date of the existing permit, then the Director shall extend the existing permit until a new permit is issued.

(d) For those industrial categories for which EPA will establish effluent limitations based on best available technology, permits will be issued to ensure compliance with the effluent limits by the statutory deadline. This will

be accomplished by utilizing short-term permits and/or reopener clauses that will allow the permit to be modified, revoked, reissued to comply with limitations promulgated pursuant to the Act and subsequent regulations.

(e) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a) above, if a toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under Section 307(a) of the Act for a toxic pollutant which is present in a discharge and such standard prohibition is more stringent than any limitation for such pollutant in a permit, the permit shall be revised or modified in accordance with the toxic effluent standard or prohibition and the permittee so notified.

(13) **Enforcement.** Any person who violates any provision of the Act, any rule promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, or any term, condition, schedule of compliance or other requirement contained in a permit issued pursuant to the Act shall be subject to enforcement proceedings pursuant to the Act.

(14) **NPDES Electronic Reporting.** The federal NPDES Electronic Reporting rule, [40 CFR Part 127](#) and associated amendments, became effective on December 21, 2015. The requirements of this rule relating to the submission of Notices of Intent, Notices of Termination and reports may include the electronic submission of such items and electronic signature for such items, as applicable and approved by EPD. The use of the terms "in writing" or "written" in the rule may include such electronic submissions.

(15) **Effective Date.** This Rule shall become effective twenty days after filing with the Secretary of State's Office.

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391-3-6-.16 Storm Water Permit Requirements

(1) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Rule 391-3-6-.16 is to provide for the uniform procedures and practices to be followed relating to the application for issuance, modification, revocation and reissuance, and termination of permits for the discharge of any storm water into the waters of the State. Unless specifically adopted by reference herein, no other part of this Chapter 391-3-6 shall govern the issuance of any storm water permit.

(2) **Definitions.** All terms used in this Rule shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Act and in [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(b\)](#) unless otherwise defined in this Paragraph or in any other Rules of this Chapter:

(a) "Area Wide Permit" means either an individual or a general permit issued to a municipality or a group of municipalities.

(b) "Associated with Industrial Activity" means any industrial activity or industrial facility identified in [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(b\)\(14\)](#).

(c) "Storm Water Point Source" means a conveyance or system of conveyances (including pipes, conduits, ditches, and channels or sheet flow which is later conveyed) primarily used for collecting and conveying storm water runoff excluding conveyances that discharge storm water runoff combined with municipal sewage.

(d) "Associated with Small Construction Activity" means any construction activity identified in [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(b\)\(15\)](#).

(e) "Small Municipal Storm Sewer System" means all separate storm sewers identified in [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(b\)\(16\)](#).

(3) Permit Requirements.

(a) Authorization to Discharge. Storm water point sources, as defined in this Rule, are point sources subject to the NPDES permit program. The Director may issue an NPDES permit or permits for discharges into waters of the State from a storm water source covering all conveyances which are part of that storm water point source. Where there is more than one owner or operator of a storm water point source, any or all discharges into that storm water point source may be identified in the application submitted by the owner or operator of the portion of the storm water point source that discharges directly into waters of the State. Any such application shall include all information regarding discharges into the storm water point source that would be required if the dischargers submitted separate applications. Dischargers so identified shall not require a separate permit unless the Director specifies otherwise. Any permit covering more than one owner or operator shall identify the effluent limitations, if any, which apply to each owner or operator. Where there is more than one owner or operator, no discharger into the storm water point source may be subject to a permit condition for discharges into the storm water source other than its own discharges into that system without his consent. All dischargers into a storm water point source must either be covered by an individual permit, an area wide permit or a general permit issued to the owner or operator of that portion of the system that directly discharges into waters of the State.

(b) Applicability. The following discharges composed entirely of storm water are required to obtain an NPDES permit for the storm water discharge:

1. Associated with industrial activity;
2. Large municipal separate storm sewer systems;
3. Medium municipal separate storm sewer systems; and
4. Any storm water point source that the Director determines to contribute to a violation of a water quality standard or is a significant contributor of pollutants to the waters of the State as provided in [40 C.F.R. 122.26](#). In making this determination the Director shall consider the following factors:
 - (i) The location of the storm water point source with respect to waters of the State;
 - (ii) The size of the storm water point source;
 - (iii) The quantity and nature of the pollutants reaching waters of the State; and
 - (iv) Other relevant factors.
5. Case-by-case designation of storm water point sources. The Director may designate a conveyance or system of conveyances primarily used for collecting and conveying storm water runoff as a storm water point source. This designation may be made to the extent allowed or required by effluent limitations guidelines for point sources in the storm water discharge category or when a Water Quality Management Plan under Section 208 of the Federal CWA Act which contains requirements applicable to such point sources is approved.

6. Associated with Small Construction Activity.

7. Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems which are required to be regulated pursuant to [40 C.F.R. 122.32](#).

8. Any storm water point source for which the Director determines that storm water controls are needed based on wasteload allocations that are part of total maximum daily loads that address the pollutant(s) of concern.

9. Any municipal separate storm sewer system that the Director determines based on a petition pursuant to [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(f\)](#).

10. The Director may allow certain industrial activities to receive a conditional exclusion for "no exposure" of industrial activities and materials to storm water based on [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(g\)](#).

(c) General provisions.

1. General and area wide permits may be issued, modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated in accordance with applicable requirements of Rule 391-3-6-.16. Public notice and public participation for issuance, modification, revocation and reissuance, and termination of general permits shall be in accordance with paragraph 391-3-6-.16(7).

2. The contents of the notice of intent shall be specified in the general permit and shall conform to the requirements specified in [40 C.F.R. 122.28](#). The notice of intent shall be signed in accordance with subparagraph 391-3-6-.16(5)(a) 6.

3. General permits shall specify the deadline for submitting notices of intent to be covered and the date(s) when a discharge is authorized under the permit.

4. General permits shall specify whether a discharger that has submitted a timely notice of intent to be covered in accordance with a general permit and that is eligible for coverage under the general permit, is authorized to discharge in accordance with the general permit either upon receipt of the notice of intent by the Director, after a waiting period specified in the general permit, on a date specified in the general permit, or upon receipt of notification of inclusion by the Director. Coverage may be revoked in accordance with subparagraph 391-3-6-.16(3)(c)(5).

5. Requiring an individual permit for storm water discharges.

(i) The Director may require any person authorized by a general permit for storm water discharges to apply for and obtain an individual NPDES permit. Any interested person may petition the Director to take action under this paragraph. Cases where an individual NPDES permit may be required include the following:

(I) The discharge(s) is a significant contributor of pollution as determined by the Director. In making this determination, the Director may consider the following factors:

- (1) The location of the discharge with respect to the waters of the State;
- (2) The size of the discharge;
- (3) The quantity and nature of the pollutants discharged to waters of the State; and
- (4) Other relevant factors.

(II) The discharger is not in compliance with the conditions of the general permit;

(III) A change has occurred in the availability of demonstrated technology or practices for the control or abatement of pollutants applicable to the point source;

(IV) Effluent limitation guidelines are promulgated for point sources covered by the general permit;

(V) A total maximum daily load containing additional requirements applicable to such point sources is approved; or

(VI) Circumstances have changed since the time of the request to be covered so that the discharger is no longer appropriately controlled under the general permit, or either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge is necessary.

(ii) Any owner or operator authorized by a general permit may request to be excluded from the coverage of the general permit by applying for an individual NPDES permit. The owner or operator shall submit an application under paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(5\)](#), with reasons supporting the request, to the Director.

(iii) When an individual NPDES permit is issued to an owner or operator otherwise subject to a general permit, the applicability of the general permit to the individual NPDES permittee is automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual NPDES permit.

(iv) A source excluded from a general permit solely because it already has an individual NPDES permit may request that the individual NPDES permit be revoked, and that it be covered by the general permit. Upon revocation of the individual NPDES permit, the general permit shall apply to the source.

(v) Whenever the Director decides an individual NPDES permit is required, the Director shall notify the discharger in writing of the decision and the reasons for it, and shall send an application form with the notice. The discharger must apply for a permit under paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(5\)](#) and [40 C.F.R. 122.21](#) within sixty (60) days of notice unless a later date is granted by the Director. Public notice and public participation shall be in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(7\)](#).

(4) **Degree of Waste Treatment Required.** All pollutants shall receive such treatment or corrective action so as to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the issued permit and with the following, whenever applicable:

(a) Effluent limitations established by the EPA pursuant to Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318, and 405 of the Federal Act;

(b) Criteria and standards for Best Management Practices established by EPA pursuant to Section 304(e) of the Federal Act;

(c) Notwithstanding the above, more stringent effluent limitations may be required as deemed necessary by the Division (a) to meet any other existing Federal laws or regulations, or (b) to ensure compliance with any applicable State water quality standards, effluent limitations, treatment standards, or schedules of compliance; and

(d) Calculations and specifications of effluent limits and standards shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Federal Regulations, [40 CFR 122.44\(k\)](#) and [122.45](#); provided, however, that in regard to [40 CFR 122.44\(k\)\(2\)](#), the feasibility of establishing numeric effluent limitations shall be made by the Director based upon best professional judgment.

(5) **Applications.**

(a) Application Requirements.

1. Large and medium municipal separate storm sewer systems shall submit an application in accordance with the requirements specified in [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(d\)](#) and [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(g\)](#) unless otherwise modified by the Director.

2. Small municipal separate storm sewer systems shall submit an application in accordance with the requirements specified in [40 C.F.R. 122.33](#) unless otherwise modified by the Director.

3. Discharges associated with industrial activity and discharges associated with small construction activity shall either submit an application for an individual NPDES permit in accordance with Rule [391-3-6-.06](#) or apply for coverage under a general permit in accordance with Rule 391-3-6-.16. Application for an individual NPDES permit

shall be made in accordance with Rule [391-3-6-.06](#) and [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(c\)](#) and [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(g\)](#). A discharger who fails to submit a notice of intent in accordance with the terms of the general permit is not authorized to discharge under the terms of the general permit. A complete and timely notice of intent to be covered in accordance with the general permit requirements, fulfills the requirements for permit applications for purposes of [40 C.F.R. 122.6](#), [122.21](#) and [122.26](#).

4. Notice of Intent (NOI). A NOI shall be on forms as may be prescribed and furnished from time to time by the Division. A NOI shall be accompanied by all pertinent information as the Division may require in order to establish, where applicable, effluent limitations in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(4\)](#), which may include but is not limited to, complete engineering reports, schedule of progress, plans, specifications, maps, measurements, quantitative and qualitative determinations, records, and all related materials.

5. Engineering reports, plans, specifications, and other similar material submitted to the Division shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision or review of, and bear the seal of, a Professional Engineer competent in the field of storm water, sewage, or industrial waste treatment, consistent with the type of wastewater involved. At no time shall this requirement be in conflict with O.C.G.A. Section [43-15](#) governing the practices of professional engineering and surveying. Storm water pollution prevention plans, erosion and sediment control plans, best management plans and similar reports shall be prepared in accordance with the applicable storm water permit.

6. Material submitted shall be complete and accurate.

7. Any NOI form, NOT form, and permit application submitted to the Division shall be signed as follows in accordance with the Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.22](#):

(i) For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer. For this subparagraph a responsible corporate officer means:

(a) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or

(b) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second-quarter 1980 dollars), if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

(ii) For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

(iii) For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

8. All other reports, engineering reports, plans, specifications, similar materials, or requests for information required by the permit issuing authority shall be signed by a person designated in 6. above or a duly authorized representative of such person, if:

(i) The representative so authorized is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which the discharge originates, e.g., a plant manager, superintendent or person of equivalent responsibility;

(ii) The authorization is made in writing by the person designated under 6. above; and

(iii) The written authorization is submitted to the Director.

9. Any changes in the written authorization submitted to the permitting authority under 7. above which occur after the issuance of a permit shall be reported to the permitting authority by submitting a copy of a new written authorization which meets the requirements of 7.(i) and 7.(ii) above.

10. Any person signing any document under 6. or 7. above shall make the following certification: "I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under direction or supervision in accordance

with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

(b) Application Deadlines.

1. Application for an individual NPDES permit for storm water discharges associated with industrial activity shall be submitted at least 180 days before the day that the facility commences industrial activity which may result in a discharge of storm water associated with industrial activity, unless permission for a later date is granted by the Director.

2. Facilities with storm water discharges associated with industrial activity that are applying for coverage under a general permit shall comply with the Notice of Intent submittal requirements specified in the general permit.

3. Facilities with stormwater discharges associated with small construction activity that are applying for coverage under a general permit shall comply with the Notice of Intent requirements specified in the general permit.

4. In municipalities with a population of less than 100,000, municipality owned or operated facilities with storm water discharges associated with industrial activity shall submit an application in accordance with [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(e\)\(1\)](#) except for airports, power plants, uncontrolled sanitary landfills, and those designated by the Director, which shall follow the application deadlines designated under (1.) above.

5. Large municipal separate storm sewer systems shall submit an application to the Director in accordance with [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(e\)\(3\)](#).

6. Medium municipal separate storm sewer systems shall submit an application to the Director in accordance with [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(e\)\(4\)](#).

7. Facilities identified in subparagraph 391-3-6-.16(3)(b) 4., 5. or 6. shall submit an application to the Director within 180 days of notice, unless permission is granted for a later date.

8. Small municipal separate storm sewer systems shall submit an application to the Director in accordance with [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(e\)\(9\)](#).

9. Small construction shall apply in accordance with [40 C.F.R. 122.26\(e\)\(8\)](#).

(6) **Receipt and Use of Application and Data** shall be in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(6\)](#) of this Chapter. Notice of Intent and Notice of Termination forms shall not be required to be transmitted to the Regional Administrator for comments unless requested to do so by the Regional Administrator.

(7) **Notice and Public Participation.** The notice and public participation procedures of Rule 391-3-6-.26 shall apply to the tentative determination to issue individual or general permits.

(8) **Prohibitions.**

(a) No permit shall be issued authorizing any of the following discharges:

1. The discharge of any radiological, chemical, or biological warfare agent or high-level radioactive waste into navigable waters;

2. Any discharge which in the judgment of the Secretary of the Army would substantially impair anchorage and navigation in or on any of the waters of the United States;

3. Any discharge to which the Regional Administrator has objected in writing in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 123.44](#), pursuant to any right to object provided the Administrator of EPA under Section 402(d) of the Federal Act;

4. Any discharge from a point source which is in conflict with a plan or amendment thereto approved pursuant to Section 208(b) of the Federal Act;

5. Any discharge to the territorial sea, the waters of the contiguous zone, or the oceans in the following circumstances:

(i) Prior to the promulgation of the guidelines under section 403(c) of the Act, unless the Director determines permit issuance to be in the public interest; or

(ii) After promulgation of guidelines under section 403(c) of the Act, where insufficient information exists to make a reasonable judgment as to whether the discharge complies with any such guidelines.

6. To a facility which is a new source or a new discharger, if the discharge from the construction or operation of the facility will cause or contribute to the violation of water quality standards, except as in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.4\(i\)](#).

(b) The issuance of a permit does not:

1. Convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privileges;

2. Authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights, or any infringement of Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

3. Release the permittee of any responsibility or requirement under other environmental statutes or regulations.

(9) **Schedules of Compliance.** Any person who obtains a permit who is not in compliance with the applicable standards shall be required to achieve compliance with the standards in accordance with a schedule of compliance as set forth in subparagraphs [391-3-6-.06\(10\)\(a\), \(b\), \(c\), and \(e\)](#) of this Chapter. This provision is not applicable to general permits.

(10) Monitoring, Recording, and Reporting Requirements.

Except as provided below, monitoring, recording, and reporting requirements shall be in accordance with those outlined in paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(11\)](#) of this Chapter.

(a) Inspection, monitoring, recording, and reporting requirements for general permits for storm water discharges associated with industrial activity, which do not contain numeric effluent limitations, shall, at the discretion of the Director, be established for each general permit on a case-by-case basis with a frequency dependent on the nature and effect of the discharge. At a minimum, the permit must require:

1. an annual inspection of the facility site to identify areas contributing to a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity and evaluate whether measures to reduce pollutant loadings identified in a storm water pollution prevention plan are adequate and properly implemented in accordance with the terms of the permit or whether additional control measures are needed;

2. maintaining for a period of three years a record summarizing the results of the inspections and a certification that the facility is in compliance with the storm water pollution prevention plan and the permit, and identifying any incidents of non-compliance;

3. reports and certifications be signed in accordance with [40 CFR 122.22](#); and

4. where annual inspections are impracticable at inactive mining operations, a certification once every three years by a Georgia Registered Professional Engineer that the facility is in compliance with the permit.

(b) Requirements for area wide permits for storm water discharges from municipal separate storm water sewer systems shall be established for each permit on a case-by-case basis.

(c) General permits that do not require submittal of monitoring reports at least annually shall report to the Director in writing all instances of noncompliance at least annually. These annual reports are due the first working day of each January unless otherwise specified in a permit.

(11) **Control of Disposal of Pollutants into Wells** shall be in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.06\(14\)](#).

(12) **Modification, Revocation and Reissuance, and Termination of Permits.**

(a) The Director may revise or modify the schedule of compliance set forth in an issued permit if the permittee requests such modification or revision in writing and such modification or revision will not cause an interim date in the compliance schedule to be extended more than one hundred twenty (120) days or affect the final date in the compliance schedule. The Director may grant requests in accordance with this subparagraph if he determines after documented showing by the permittee that good and valid cause (including Acts of God, strikes, floods, material shortages or other events over which the permittee has little or no control) exists for such revision. This provision is not applicable to general permits.

(b) The Director in accordance with the provisions of Federal Regulations, [40 CFR 122.61](#), [122.62](#), [122.63](#), [122.64](#), and [124.5](#), may modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate an issued permit in whole or in part during its term for cause, including, but not limited to, the causes listed in Federal Regulations, [40 CFR 122.62](#) and [122.64](#), or the cause listed in the Act or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Prior to any such modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination of an issued permit by the Director (other than modification or revision of a compliance schedule pursuant to subparagraph (a) above, or modification in accordance with the provisions of [40 CFR 122.63](#)), the Director will give public notice in accordance with the procedures set forth in subparagraph 391-3-6-.16(7)(b) and an opportunity for public hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in subparagraph 391-3-6-.16(7)(c).

(13) **Duration, Continuation, and Transferability of Permits.**

(a) Any permit issued under O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30](#) shall have a fixed term not to exceed five (5) years. Upon expiration of such permit, a new permit may be issued by the Director in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30](#) and [40 C.F.R. 122.6](#), [122.28](#), [122.46](#), and [122.61](#). The issuance of such new permit shall likewise have a fixed term not to exceed five (5) years.

(b) Any owner or operator authorized by a general permit may request that coverage under the general permit be terminated by submitting a written Notice of Termination. The contents of the Notice of Termination shall be specified in the general permit and shall be signed in accordance with subparagraph 391-3-6-.16(5)(a) 6.

(c) A general permit may not be transferred to another party. The new owner or operator must submit a new Notice of Intent in accordance with paragraph 391-3-6-.16(5).

(d) Any owner or operator authorized by an individual permit for a storm water discharge may request the permit be transferred to another party in accordance with subparagraph [391-3-6-.06\(15\)\(b\)](#).

(e) When the permittee has submitted a timely and sufficient application for a new individual NPDES permit or a Notice of Intent for a general permit and the Director is unable, through no fault of the permittee, to issue the new permit before the expiration date of the existing permit, then the Director shall extend the existing permit until a new permit is issued.

(f) For those industrial categories for which EPA will establish effluent limitations based on best available technology, permits will be issued to ensure compliance with the effluent limits by the statutory deadline. This will

be accomplished by utilizing short-term permits and/or reopener clauses that will allow the permit to be modified, revoked, reissued to comply with limitations promulgated pursuant to the Act and subsequent regulations.

(g) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a) above, if a toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under Section 307(a) of the Act for a toxic pollutant which is present in a discharge and such standard prohibition is more stringent than any limitation for such pollutant in a permit, the permit shall be revised or modified in accordance with the toxic effluent standard or prohibition and the permittee so notified.

(14) **Enforcement.** Any person who violates any provision of the Act, any rule promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, or any term, condition, schedule of compliance or other requirement contained in a permit issued pursuant to the Act shall be subject to enforcement proceedings pursuant to the Act.

(15) **NPDES Electronic Reporting.** The federal NPDES Electronic Reporting rule, [40 CFR Part 127](#) and associated amendments, became effective on December 21, 2015. The requirements of this rule relating to the submission of applications, Notices of Intent, Notices of Termination and reports may include the electronic submission of such items and electronic signature for such items, as applicable and approved by EPD. The use of the terms "in writing" or "written" in the rule may include such electronic submissions.

(16) **Effective Date.** This Rule shall become effective twenty days after filing with the Secretary of State's Office.

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391-3-6-.17 Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) Requirements

(1) **Purpose.** The purpose of Rule 391-3-6-.17 is to establish requirements for the beneficial use of sewage sludge through land application. This rule includes general requirements, pollutant limits, pathogen and vector attraction reduction requirements, operational standards, management practices, monitoring, record keeping reporting, and permitting requirements.

(2) **Definitions.** All terms used in this Rule shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Act unless otherwise defined in this Paragraph or in any other Rules of this Chapter:

(a) "Aerobic digestion" is the biochemical decomposition of organic matter in sewage sludge into carbon dioxide and water by microorganisms in the presence of air.

(b) "Agricultural land" is land on which a food crop, feed crop, or a fiber crop is grown. This includes land used as pasture.

(c) "Agronomic rate" is the sludge application rate based on a dry weight basis determined:

1. to provide the amount of nitrogen needed by the food crop, feed crop, fiber crop, cover crop or vegetation grown on the land; and
 2. to minimize the amount of nitrogen in the sewage sludge that passes below the root zone of the crop or vegetation grown on the land to the groundwater.
- (d) "Anaerobic digestion" is the biochemical decomposition of organic matter in sewage sludge into methane gas and carbon dioxide by microorganisms in the absence of air.
- (e) "Annual pollutant loading rate" is the maximum amount of a pollutant that may be applied to a unit area of land during a 365-day period.
- (f) "Annual sludge application rate" is the maximum amount of sewage sludge (dry weight basis) that may be applied to a unit area of land during a 365-day period.
- (g) "Applier" is the person who applies bulk sewage sludge to the land.
- (h) "Biosolids" means any sewage sludge, as defined in 391-3-6-.17(2)(gg), that fulfills all requirements under this chapter, and is used in a beneficial manner.
- (i) "Bulk sewage sludge" or "bulk biosolids" is sewage sludge that is not sold or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land.
- (j) "Cover crop" is a temporary crop, such as winter rye or clover, planted to protect the soil from erosion and to provide humus or nitrogen when plowed under.
- (k) "Cumulative pollutant loading rate" is the maximum amount of an inorganic pollutant that may be applied to an area of land.
- (l) "Density of microorganisms" is the number of microorganisms per unit mass of total solids (dry weight) in the sewage sludge.
- (m) "Domestic sewage" is water waste and wastewater from humans or from household operations that are discharged to or that otherwise enter a treatment works.
- (n) "Dry weight basis" means calculated on the basis of having been dried at 105 degrees Celsius until reaching a constant mass (i.e., essentially 100 percent solids content).
- (o) "Exceptional quality sludge" is sewage sludge that meets the pollutant concentrations in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 3, one of the Class A pathogen requirements in 391-3-6-.17(7)(a) and one of the vector attraction reduction requirements in 391-3-6-.17(8)(a) through (h).
- (p) "Facility" means any NPDES point source or any other system or activity that may be regulated by the Water Protection Branch of the EPD, including land application systems regulated under [391-3-6-.11](#), and industrial pretreatment systems regulated under [391-3-6-.08](#).
- (q) "Feed crops" are crops produced primarily for consumption by animals.
- (r) "Fiber crops" are crops such as flax and cotton.
- (s) "Food crops" are crops consumed by humans. These include, but are not limited to, fruits, vegetables, and tobacco.
- (t) "Forest" is a tract of land thick with trees and underbrush.

(u) "Land application" or "applied to the land" means the spraying or spreading of sewage sludge on the land surface; the injection of sewage sludge below the land surface; or the incorporation of sewage sludge into the soil at agronomic rates for the purpose of soil conditioning or fertilization of crops or vegetation grown in the soil.

(v) "Land with a high potential for public exposure" is land that is frequently used by the public. This includes but is not limited to public parks, ball fields, cemeteries, plant nurseries, turf farms, and golf courses.

(w) "Land with a low potential for public exposure" is land that the public uses infrequently. This includes, but is not limited to, agricultural land, forest, and a reclamation site located in an unpopulated area.

(x) "Monthly average" is the arithmetic mean of all measurements taken during the month.

(y) "Other container" is either an open or closed receptacle. This includes, but is not limited to, a bucket, a box, a carton, and a vehicle or trailer with a load capacity of 2,200 pounds or less.

(z) "Pasture" means land on which animals feed directly on feed crops such as legumes, grasses, grain stubble, or stover.

(aa) "Pathogenic organisms" are disease-causing organisms. These include, but are not limited to, certain bacteria, protozoa, viruses, and viable helminth ova.

(bb) "pH" means the logarithm of the periodical of the hydrogen ion concentration.

(cc) "Pollutant" is an organic substance, an inorganic substance, a combination of organic and inorganic substances, or a pathogenic organism that after discharge and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation, or assimilation into an organism either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through the food chain, could, on the basis of information available to the Administrator of EPA, cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions (including malfunction in reproduction), or physical deformations in either organisms or offspring of the organisms.

(dd) "Pollutant limit" is a numerical value that describes the amount of a pollutant allowed per unit amount of sewage sludge (e.g., milligrams per kilograms of total solids); the amount of a pollutant that can be applied to a unit area of land (e.g., pounds [per acre]); or the volume of a material that can be applied to a unit area of land (e.g., gallons per acre).

(ee) "Preparer" is either the person who generates sewage sludge during the treatment of domestic sewage or a combination of domestic sewage and industrial wastewater in a treatment works or the person who derives a material from sewage sludge.

(ff) "Reclamation site" means drastically disturbed land that is reclaimed using sewage sludge or product derived from sewage sludge. This includes, but is not limited to, strip mines and construction sites.

(gg) "Sewage sludge" means solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage or a combination of domestic sewage and industrial wastewater in a treatment works. Sewage sludge includes, but is not limited to scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment processes. Sewage sludge does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge incinerator, grit and screenings generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works, treated effluent, or materials excluded from definition of "sewage sludge" by O.C.G.A. § [12-5-30-.3\(a\)\(1\)](#).

(hh) "Sludge management plan" means a detailed plan of operation for land application of sewage sludge, or any other method of sewage sludge disposal other than co-disposal in a permitted sanitary landfill. The plan shall, at a minimum, comply with the regulations and any additional requirements established by the EPD pursuant to the Federal Act Section 405(d), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and [40 CFR 503](#).

(ii) "Specific oxygen uptake rate (SOUR)" is the mass of oxygen consumed per unit time per unit mass of total solids (dry weight basis) in the sewage sludge.

(jj) "Stockpile" means to place sewage sludge on land in piles or in any other manner that does not constitute application to the land as defined in 391-3-6-.17(2)(u).

(kk) "Total solids" are the materials in sewage sludge that remain as residue when the sewage sludge is dried at 103 to 105 degrees Celsius.

(ll) "Treat or treatment of sewage sludge" is the preparation of sewage sludge for final use or disposal. This includes, but is not limited to, thickening, stabilization, dewatering of sewage sludge.

(mm) "Treatment works" is either a Federally owned, publicly owned, or privately owned device or system used to treat, recycle or reclaim either domestic sewage or combination of domestic sewage and industrial wastewater.

(nn) "Unstabilized solids" are organic materials in sewage sludge that have not been treated in either an aerobic or anaerobic treatment process.

(oo) "Vector attraction" is the characteristic of sewage sludge that attracts rodents, flies, mosquitos, or other organisms capable of transporting infectious agents.

(pp) "Volatile solids" is the amount of the total solids in sewage sludge lost when the sewage sludge is combusted at 550 degrees Celsius in the presence of excess air.

(qq) "Wetlands" means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface water or ground water at a frequency and duration to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

(3) Coverage.

(a) This rule applies to any person who prepares sewage sludge for land application or who applies sewage sludge to the land, to any sewage sludge applied to the land, and to the land on which sewage sludge is applied.

(b) This rule does not apply to:

1. Processes used to treat sewage or processes used to treat sewage sludge before final use or disposal, except as provided in 391-3-6-.17(7) and 391-3-6-.17(8).
2. Sewage sludge determined to be hazardous in accordance with [40 CFR 261](#).
3. Grit and screenings generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage or a combination of domestic sewage and industrial wastewater in a treatment works.
4. Sludge generated during treatment of process wastewater at an industrial facility. A facility operated by the federal government is an industrial facility for the purpose of this rule if it treats any wastewater generated by an industrial process.
5. Disposal of sewage sludge by means other than land application at agronomic rates with the exception of sewage sludge applied to reclamation sites.
6. Domestic, commercial, or industrial septage, or any mixture thereof.
7. Sludge generated during treatment of drinking water.
8. Sewage sludge with a concentration of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) equal to or greater than 50 milligrams per kilogram of total solids (dry weight basis).
9. The incineration of sewage sludge.

10. Ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator.

(c) Other exclusions:

1. The operator of any treatment Processes to Further Reduce Pathogens as described in [40 CFR 503 Appendix B](#), or any treatment process determined by the EPD to be equivalent to a Process to Further Reduce Pathogens which results in the derivation of compost from sewage sludge shall obtain a Solid Waste Handling Permit from EPD according to 391-3-4, unless the composting operation is part of a treatment works already regulated by an NPDES, LAS or other permit from EPD, in which case that permit will be modified in accordance with this rule to incorporate any necessary requirements for regulating the composting operation. The end product shall be regulated by the Georgia Department of Agriculture. Compost derived from any Processes to Significantly Reduce Pathogens as described in [40 CFR 503 Appendix B](#) shall comply with the requirements contained in this rule.

2. The operator of any treatment process which consists of heat drying or incinerating sewage sludge shall obtain an Air Quality Permit from EPD in accordance with 391-3-1 and a processing permit by rule in accordance with [391-3-4.06\(3\)\(d\)](#). If the heat drying process results in the derivation of a product for agricultural application, the end product shall be regulated by the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

3. Preparers proposing to sell or give away sewage sludge in a bag or other container for application to the land, must first obtain approval from the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

4. If sewage sludge is ultimately disposed of by land application or surface disposal, and is not beneficially used as a recovered material, the owner or operator of the site shall obtain a Solid Waste Handling Permit from the EPD in accordance with 391-3-4.

(4) **Permits Required.** The requirements in this Rule shall be implemented through a permit:

(a) All facilities in Georgia which generate sewage sludge from the treatment of domestic (or industrial) sewage shall obtain either an NPDES permit as described in [391-3-6-.06](#), a land application system (LAS) permit as described in [391-3-6-.11](#), or a local or State pretreatment permit as described in [391-3-6-.08](#) through -.10, regardless of their method of handling sewage sludge.

(b) Facilities in Georgia which handle sewage sludge by one or more of the following requirements, as applicable:

1. If a facility intends to utilize land application or intends to sell or give sludge away as a means of sludge handling, the facility shall submit a Sludge Management Plan to the EPD for approval. The Sludge Management Plan shall, at a minimum, comply with the requirements contained in 391-3-6-.17 as well as any additional requirements as determined by the EPD. Upon approval by the EPD, the plan will become part of the facility's NPDES or LAS permit.

2. If bulk sewage sludge from more than one permittee will be land applied to the same site or sites, or if both bulk sewage sludge from a permittee and an industrial sludge will be land applied on the same site or sites, the owner or operator of the site shall obtain an LAS permit in accordance with [391-3-6-.11](#).

(c) If the sewage sludge is generated outside of the State of Georgia but will be transported to a site in Georgia for land application, the owner or operator of the site shall obtain an LAS permit in accordance with [391-3-6-.11](#).

(d) Any person who prepares sewage sludge shall ensure that the applicable requirements in this part are met when the sewage sludge is land applied, fired in a sewage sludge incinerator, or disposed of by any means other than landfilling in an approved municipal solid waste landfill.

(e) Any person who uses or disposes of sewage sludge through any practice for which requirements are established in this Rule shall comply with these requirements.

(5) **Pollutant Limits.**

(a) Bulk sewage sludge and sewage sludge sold or given away in a bag or other container shall comply with the pollutant ceiling concentration limits in Table 1 as well as the following requirements:

1. Bulk sewage sludge applied to agricultural land, forests, public contact sites, or reclamation sites shall comply with either the pollutant concentration limits in Table 3 or, in the event that the pollutant concentration limits in Table 3 cannot be met, with the cumulative pollutant loading rates in Table 2.
2. Bulk sewage sludge applied to lawns and home gardens shall comply with the pollutant concentration limits in Table 3.
3. Sewage sludge sold or given way in bags and containers as defined in 391-3-6-.17(2)(y) shall with the pollutant concentration limits in Table 3 or the annual sewage sludge application rates which are based on the annual pollutant loading rates in Table 4. Annual sewage sludge application rates shall be calculated in accordance with EPD requirements.

Table 1 -- Ceiling Concentration Limits

Pollutant	Ceiling Concentration (mg/kg)*
Arsenic	75
Cadmium	85
Copper	4300
Lead	840
Mercury	57
Molybdenum	75
Nickel	420
Selenium	100
Zinc	7500

* Dry weight basis

Table 2 -- Cumulative Pollutant Loading Rates

Pollutant	Cumulative Pollutant Loading Rate (lbs/acre)
Arsenic	37
Cadmium	35
Copper	1338
Lead	268
Mercury	15
Nickel	375
Selenium	89
Zinc	2498

Table 3 - Pollutant Concentration

Pollutant	Monthly Average Concentrations (mg/kg)*
Arsenic	41
Cadmium	39
Copper	1500
Lead	300
Mercury	17
Nickel	420
Selenium	100

	Pollutant	Monthly Average Concentrations (mg/kg)*
Zinc		2800

* Dry weight basis

Table 4 - Annual Pollutant Loading Rates

Pollutant	Annual Pollutant Loading Rate (lbs/acre/year)
Arsenic	1.8
Cadmium	1.7
Copper	67
Lead	13
Mercury	0.76
Nickel	19
Selenium	4.5
Zinc	125

(6) Operational Standards - Pathogens and Vector Attraction Reduction.

(a) The Class A pathogen requirements contained in 391-3-6-.17(7)(a) shall be met when bulk sewage sludge is applied to a lawn or home garden or when sewage sludge is sold or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land.

(b) The Class A pathogen requirements contained in 391-3-6-.17(7)(a) or the Class B pathogen requirements contained in [391-3-6-.16\(7\)\(b\)](#) and the site restrictions described in 391-3-6-.17(7)(c) shall be met when bulk sewage sludge is applied to agricultural land, forests, public contact sites, or reclamation sites.

(c) Sewage sludge that is applied to the land shall meet one of the vector attraction reduction requirements contained in 391-3-6-.17(8)(a) through (h) except that bulk sewage sludge that is applied to agricultural land, forests, public contact sites, or reclamation sites may instead meet the vector attraction reduction requirements contained in 391-3-6-.17(8)(i) or (j).

(7) **Pathogen Requirements.** This paragraph contains the requirements for a sewage sludge to be classified as either Class A or Class B with respect to pathogens as well as specific site restrictions for land application of a Class B sewage sludge.

(a) Class A Sewage Sludge. To be classified as Class A with respect to pathogens the sewage sludge shall meet the requirements in 391-3-6-.17(7)(a) 1. as well as the requirements of one of the six alternatives described in 391-3-6-.17(7)(a) 2. through (a)7. The Class A pathogen requirements shall be met either before or at the same time the vector attraction reduction requirements are met, with the exception of the vector attraction reduction requirements in 391-3-6-.17(8)(f) through (h).

1. Either the density of fecal coliform in the sewage sludge shall be less than 1000 Most Probable Number per gram of total solids (dry weight basis), or the density of Salmonella sp. bacteria in the sewage sludge shall be less than three Most Probable Number per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis) at the time the sewage sludge is land applied or is prepared for sale or given away in a bag or other container for application of the land.

2. Alternative 1. The temperature of the sewage sludge shall be maintained at a specific value for a period of time.

(i) When the percent solids of the sewage sludge is seven percent or higher, the temperature of the sewage sludge shall be 50 degrees Celsius or higher; the time period shall be 20 minutes or longer; and the temperature and time period shall be determined using equation (3), except when small particles of sewage sludge are heated by either warmed gases or an immiscible liquid.

$$D = \frac{131,700,000}{10^{0.1400t}}$$

Where,

D = time in days.

t = temperature in degrees Celsius.

(ii) When the percent solids of the sewage sludge is seven percent or higher and small particles of sewage sludge are heated by either warmer gases or an immiscible liquid, the temperature of the sewage sludge shall be 50 degrees Celsius or higher, the time period shall be 15 seconds or longer, and the temperature and time period shall be determined using equation (3).

(iii) When the percent solids of the sewage sludge is less than seven percent and the time period is at least 15 seconds, but less than 30 minutes, the temperature and time period shall be determined using equation (3).

(iv) When the percent solids of the sewage sludge is less than seven percent; the temperature of the sewage sludge is 50 degrees Celsius or higher; and the time period is 30 minutes or longer, the temperature and time period shall be determined using equation (4).

$$D = \frac{50,070,000}{10^{0.1400t}}$$

Where,

D = time in days.

t = temperature in degrees Celsius.

3. Alternative 2. The sewage sludge pH shall be raised to above 12 standard units and shall remain above 12 standard units for 72 hours. At the end of the 72 hour period, the sewage sludge shall be air dried to achieve greater than 50 percent solids. The temperature of the sewage sludge shall be maintained above 52 degrees Celsius for at least 12 hours while the sewage sludge pH is above 12 standard units.

4. Alternative 3. The sewage sludge shall be analyzed before pathogen treatment to determine whether the sewage sludge contains enteric viruses.

(i) If the density of enteric viruses is less than one Plaque-forming Unit per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis), the sewage sludge shall be considered Class A until the next monitoring episode.

(ii) If the density of enteric viruses is equal to or greater than one Plaque-forming Unit per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis), the sewage sludge shall be analyzed for enteric viruses after pathogen treatment. The sewage sludge shall be considered Class A if the density of enteric viruses after pathogen treatment is less than one Plaque-forming Unit per four grams of total solids and the values or range of values for the pathogen treatment process operating parameters are documented. Once the enteric virus reduction is demonstrated for the pathogen treatment process, the sewage sludge shall be considered Class A as long as the pathogen treatment operating parameters are consistent with the documented values or ranges of values.

5. Alternative 4. The sewage sludge shall be analyzed before pathogen treatment to determine if the sewage sludge contains viable helminth ova.

(i) If the density of viable helminth ova is less than one per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis), the sewage sludge shall be considered Class A until the next monitoring episode.

(ii) If the density of viable helminth ova is equal to or greater than one per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis), the sewage sludge shall be analyzed for viable helminth ova after pathogen treatment. The sewage sludge

shall be considered Class A if the density of viable helminth ova after pathogen treatment is less than one per four grams of total solids and the values or range of values for the pathogen treatment process operating parameters are documented. Once the viable helminth ova reduction is demonstrated for the pathogen treatment process, the sewage sludge shall be considered Class A as long as the pathogen treatment operating parameters are consistent with the documented values of ranges of values.

6. Alternative 5. The density of enteric viruses in the sewage sludge shall be less than one Plaque-forming Unit per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis) or the density viable helminth ova in the sewage sludge shall be less than one per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis) at the time the sewage sludge is either land applied, prepared for sale, or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land.

7. Alternative 6. The sewage sludge shall be treated in one of the Processes to Further Reduce Pathogens as described in [40 CFR 503 Appendix B](#) or treated in a process determined by the EPD to be equivalent to a Process to Further Reduce Pathogens.

(b) Class B Sewage Sludge. To be classified as Class B with respect to pathogens the sewage sludge shall meet one of the following alternatives.

1. Alternative 1. Seven samples of the sewage sludge shall be collected at the time of land application. The geometric mean of the density of fecal coliform in the samples shall be less than either 2,000,000 Most Probable Number per gram of total solids or 2,000,000 Colony Forming Units per gram of total solids.

2. Alternative 2. Sewage sludge that is to be land applied shall be treated in one of the Processes to Significantly Reduce Pathogens as described in [40 CFR 503 Appendix B](#) or treated in a process that is equivalent to a Process to Significantly Reduce Pathogens, as determined by the EPD.

(c) Restrictions for Land Application Sites Receiving Class B Sewage Sludge.

1. Food crops with harvested parts that touch the sewage sludge/soil mixture and are totally above the land surface shall not be harvested for 14 months after application of sewage sludge.

2. Food crops with harvested parts below the surface of the land shall not be harvested for 20 months after application of sewage sludge when the sewage sludge remains on the land surface for four months or longer before incorporation, or for 38 months after application when the sewage sludge remains on the land surface for less than four months before incorporation.

3. All other crops, as well as feed crops, and fiber crops shall not be harvested for 30 days after application of sewage sludge.

4. Animals shall not be allowed to graze on the land for 30 days after application of sewage sludge.

5. Turf grown on land where sewage sludge is applied shall not be harvested for one year after application of the sewage sludge when the harvested turf is placed on either land with a high potential for public exposure or a lawn, unless otherwise specified by the EPD.

6. Public access to land with a high potential for public exposure shall be restricted for one year after application of sewage sludge.

7. Public access to land with a low potential for public exposure shall be restricted for 30 days after application of sewage sludge.

8. Additional restrictions as may be determined by the EPD.

(8) **Vector Attraction Reduction.** Sewage sludge that is land applied, including sewage sludge sold or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land, shall meet one of the vector attraction reduction requirements contained in 391-3-6-.17(8)(a) through (8)(h) except that bulk sewage sludge that is applied to agricultural land,

forests, public contact sites, or reclamation sites may instead meet the vector attraction reduction requirements contained in 391-3-6-.17(8)(i) or (8)(j).

(a) The mass of volatile solids in the sewage sludge shall be reduced by at least 38 percent.

(b) If the mass of volatile solids in an anaerobically digested sewage sludge cannot be reduced by at least 38 percent, vector attraction reduction can be demonstrated by anaerobically digesting a portion of the previously digested sewage sludge in the laboratory in a bench-scale unit for 40 additional days at a temperature between 30 and 37 degrees Celsius. The volatile solids shall be measured at the beginning and end of the forty day test period. Vector attraction reduction is achieved when the volatile solids in the sewage sludge are reduced by less than 17 percent over the test period.

(c) If the mass of the volatile solids in an aerobically digested sewage sludge cannot be reduced by at least 38 percent, vector attraction reduction can be demonstrated by aerobically digesting a portion of the previously digested sewage sludge that has a maximum of 2 percent solids in the laboratory in a bench-scale unit for thirty additional days at 20 degrees Celsius. The volatile solids shall be measured at the beginning and end of the thirty day test period. Vector attraction reduction is achieved when the volatile solids in the sewage sludge are reduced by less than 15 percent over the test period.

(d) The specific oxygen uptake rate (SOUR) for sewage sludge treated in an aerobic process shall be equal to or less than 1.5 milligrams of oxygen per hour per gram of total solids (dry weight basis) at 20 degrees Celsius.

(e) Sewage sludge shall be treated in an aerobic process for at least fourteen days. During that time, the temperature of the sewage sludge shall be maintained above 40 degrees Celsius with the average temperature above 45 degrees Celsius.

(f) The sewage sludge pH shall be raised to 12 standard units or higher by addition of alkaline material and shall remain at 12 standard units or higher for two hours and then 11.5 standard units or higher for an additional 22 hours without the addition of more alkaline material.

(g) If sewage sludge does not contain unstabilized solids generated in a primary wastewater treatment process, the percent solids shall be equal to or greater than 75 percent based on the moisture content and total solids before mixing with other materials.

(h) If sewage sludge contains unstabilized solids generated in a primary wastewater treatment process, the percent solids shall be equal to or greater than 90 percent based on the moisture content and total solids before mixing with other materials.

(i) Injection of Sewage Sludge.

1. Sewage sludge shall be injected below the surface of the land.

2. No significant amount of the sewage sludge shall be percent on the land surface within one hour after the sewage sludge is injected.

3. Class A sewage sludge shall be injected below the land surface within eight hours after being discharged from the pathogen treatment process.

(j) Incorporation of Sewage Sludge.

1. Sewage sludge shall be incorporated into the soil within six hours after land application.

2. Class A sewage sludge that is to be incorporated into the soil shall be applied to the land within eight hours after being discharged from the pathogen treatment process.

(9) General Requirements.

(a) No person shall land apply sewage sludge except in accordance with the requirements in this rule and the permit as well as any additional requirements as determined by the EPD.

(b) No person shall land apply bulk sewage sludge subject to the cumulative pollutant loading rates in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 2 to a site on which any of the cumulative pollutant loading rates in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 2 have been reached.

(c) No person shall land apply bulk sewage sludge to a site on which the nitrogen requirements have been met for the calendar year.

(d) The preparer shall provide the person who land applies bulk sewage sludge written notification of the analytical results obtained in accordance with 391-3-6-.17(11) and 391-3-6-.17(13).

(e) The person who land applies sewage sludge shall obtain information needed to comply with the requirements in this subpart.

1. Before bulk sewage sludge subject to the cumulative pollutant loading rates in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 2 is applied to the land, the applier shall contact the EPD to determine if bulk sewage sludge subject to cumulative pollutant loading rates has been previously applied to the site.

(i) If bulk sewage sludge has been applied to the site and the cumulative amount of each pollutant applied to the site is known, that amount shall be subtracted from the cumulative pollutant loading rate for each pollutant in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 2 to determine the additional amount of each pollutant that can be applied to the site. For arsenic, mercury, and selenium, the cumulative amount of each pollutant applied to the site since July 20, 1993 shall be utilized for the calculations. For copper, lead, zinc, nickel, and cadmium the cumulative amount of each pollutant applied to the site since the first bulk sewage sludge application shall be utilized for the calculations.

(ii) If bulk sewage sludge subject to the cumulative pollutant loading rates in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 2 has been applied to the site and the cumulative amounts of pollutants applied to the site are unknown, no additional amount of each pollutant shall be applied to the site.

2. Before bulk sewage sludge is land applied, the applier shall contact the EPD to determine whether bulk sewage sludge has been previously applied to the site. If bulk sewage sludge has been previously applied to the site, the amount of mineralized nitrogen from previous sewage sludge applications that is available for crop uptake, as well as the amount of nitrogen from other sources that is available for crop uptake, shall be taken into account in determining the agronomic loading rate.

(f) When a preparer provides bulk sewage sludge to an applier, the preparer shall provide the applier notice and necessary information to comply with the requirements in this subparagraph.

(g) When a preparer provides sewage sludge to another preparer, the person who provides the sewage sludge shall provide the person who receives the sewage sludge notice and necessary information to comply with the requirements in this subparagraph.

(h) The applier shall provide the owner or lease holder of the land application site notice and necessary information to comply with the requirements in this subparagraph.

(i) Any person who land applies bulk sewage sludge subject to the cumulative pollutant loading rates in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 2 shall provide written notice to the EPD before the initial application to a site, and the EPD shall retain the notice and provide access to it. The notice shall include:

1. The location, by either street address or latitude and longitude, of the land application site.

2. The name, address, telephone number, and permit number (if appropriate) of the person who will apply the bulk sewage sludge.

(10) Management Practices.

(a) Bulk sewage sludge shall not be applied to the land if it is likely to adversely affect a threatened or endangered species listed under section 4 of the Federal Endangered Species Act ([16 U.S.C. §§1531- 1544](#)) or its designated critical habitat.

(b) Bulk sewage sludge shall not be applied to an agriculture land, forest, a public contact site, or a reclamation site that is flooded, frozen, or snow covered so that the bulk sewage sludge enters a wetland or others waters of the State of Georgia except as provided in a permit issued pursuant to the Georgia Water Quality Control Act and [391-3-6-.06](#).

(c) Site restrictions, buffer areas, and any additional EPD requirements shall apply to the land application of bulk sewage sludge. Class B sewage sludge shall also be subject to the site restrictions in 391-3-6-.17(17)(c). Reduction of buffer areas on sites where exceptional quality sludge is land applied will be considered by the EPD upon written request. However, in no case shall bulk sewage sludge be applied to areas located 35 feet or less from waters of the State of Georgia.

(d) Bulk sewage sludge shall not land applied at greater than agronomic rates except on reclamation sites. Agronomic rates shall be calculated using the sludge application rate determination procedures as determined by the EPD. The application rate for sewage sludge on reclamation sites shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

(e) Sewage sludge that is sold or given away in a bag or other container for land application shall have a label affixed to the bag or other container or an information sheet shall be provided to the person who receives the sewage sludge. The label or information sheet shall contain the following information.

1. The name and address of the person who prepared the sewage sludge.
2. A statement that application of the sewage sludge to the land is prohibited except in accordance with the instructions on the label or information sheet.
3. The annual sludge application rate that does not cause any of the annual pollutant loading rates in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 4 to be exceeded.
4. Any additional information required by Georgia Department of Agriculture rules.

(f) Under no conditions may sewage sludge be stockpiled at a land application site.

(11) Monitoring.

(a) The pollutants listed in 391-3-6-.17(5), the pathogen density requirements listed in 391-3-6-.17(7) and the vector attraction reduction requirements listed in 391-3-6-.17(8)(a) through (8)(h), and any additional parameters contained in the permit, shall be monitored at the frequency listed in Table 5.

Table 5 -- Monitoring Frequency

Amount of Sewage Sludge (dry tons/year)*	Frequency
0 - 300	once/year
300 - 1600	once/quarter
1600 - 16000	once/two months
16000	once/month

*The "amount of sewage sludge" refers to either the amount of bulk sewage sludge (dry weight) applied to the land or the amount of sewage sludge (dry weight) received by a preparer that sells or otherwise distributes sewage sludge in a bag or other container for application to the land.

(b) After the sewage sludge has been monitored at the frequency in Table 5 for two years, the EPD may reduce the monitoring frequency for the pollutants listed in 391-3-6-.17(5). In no case shall the monitoring frequency be less than once per year.

(12) **Analytical Methods.** Representative sewage sludge samples shall be analyzed in accordance with the methods contained in [40 CFR 503.8](#). Test methods used to determine toxicity, such as the Toxicity Characteristic Leachate Procedure, may be used to determine whether sewage sludge is hazardous, but shall not be used for the purpose of determining compliance with any of the inorganic pollutant requirements contained in this rule.

(13) **Recordkeeping.**

(a) Persons who prepare bulk sewage sludge for land application or who sell or give away sewage sludge in a bag or other container, shall develop the following information and retain it for five years:

1. The concentration of each pollutant listed in 391-3-6-.17(5), and any additional parameters required by the permit.

2. One of the following certification statements.

(i) Certification statement of persons preparing bulk sewage sludge for land application: "I certify, under penalty of law, that the Class (insert "A" or "B") pathogen requirement in 391-3-6-.17(7) and the vector attraction reduction requirements in 391-3-6-.17 [8]) has been met. This determination has been made under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information used to determine that the pathogen requirements and the vector attraction reduction requirements have been met. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

(ii) Certification statement for persons preparing sewage sludge that is sold or given away in a bag or other container: "I certify, under penalty of law, that the management practice in 391-3-6-.17(10)(e); the Class A pathogen requirement in 391-3-6-.17(7)(a), and the vector attraction reduction requirement in (insert one of the vector attraction reduction requirements in 391-3-6-.17(8)(a) through [h]) have been met. This determination has been made under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information used to determine that the management practice, pathogen requirements, and vector attraction reduction requirements have been met. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including the possibility of the fine and imprisonment."

3. A description of how either Class A or Class B pathogen requirements are met.

4. A description of how the vector attraction reduction requirement is met.

5. The annual sludge application rate that does not cause the annual pollutant loading rates in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 4 to be exceeded shall also be retained by the preparer when the sewage sludge is sold or given away in a bag or other container.

6. All other information required as described in the permit.

(b) The person who land applies bulk sewage sludge shall develop the following information. The information in 391-3-6-.17(13)(b) 1. through 5. shall be retained indefinitely. The information in 391-3-6-.17(13)(b) 6. through 10. shall be retained for five years.

1. The location, by either street address or latitude and longitude, of each site on which the sewage sludge is applied.

2. The number of acres on which sewage sludge is applied for each site.

3. The date and time of each application of sewage sludge for each site.

4. For bulk sewage sludge subject to the cumulative pollutant loading rates in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 2, the cumulative amount of each pollutant listed in 391-3-6-.17(5) in pounds per acre for each site.
5. The amount of sewage sludge, in dry tons, applied to each site.
6. The following certification statement: "I certify, under penalty of law, that the management practices in 391-3-6-.17(10), the site restrictions in (insert 391-3-6-.17(7)(c) only if the sewage sludge is classified as Class B), the vector attraction requirements in (insert 391-3-6-.17(8)(i) or (8)(j), if one of those requirements is met), and additional requirements set forth by the EPD, have been met for each site on which bulk sewage sludge is applied. This determination has been made under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information used to determine that the management practices and site restrictions (and the vector attraction reduction requirements if applicable) have been met. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."
7. A description of how the management practices in 391-3-6-.17(10) and any additional management requirements set forth by the EPD, or if applicable, contained in the permit, are met for each land application site.
8. A description of how the vector attraction reduction requirements in either 391-3-6-.17(8)(i) or (j) are met, if applicable, for each land application site.
9. A description of how the site restrictions are met for each land application site.
10. On sites where the sewage sludge is subject to the cumulative pollutant loading rates in 391-3-6-.17(5) Table 2, the following certification statement and description shall be developed:
 - (i) "I certify, under penalty of law, that the requirements to obtain information in 391-3-6-.17(9)(e) have been met for each land application site. This determination has been made under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information used to determine that the requirements to obtain information have been met. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including fine and imprisonment."
 - (ii) A description of how the requirements to obtain information in 391-3-6-.17(9)(e) are met.

(14) Reporting.

- (a) Each facility or person that is permitted under this Rule shall submit to the EPD an annual report containing the information required in 391-3-6-.17(13) pertaining to the most recent calendar year. The report shall be submitted to the EPD no later than February 19 of the following year.
- (b) Any facility permitted under this Rule that generates sewage sludge shall submit to the EPD a monthly report of the volume and concentration, or weight in dry pounds, of solids removed from the facility during that month. This report may be included with the monthly Discharge Monitoring Report described in [391-3-6-.06\(11\)](#) but in any case must be submitted to the EPD no later than the 15th day of the following month.
- (c) The federal NPDES Electronic Reporting rule, [40 CFR Part 127](#) and associated amendments, became effective on December 21, 2015. The monthly and annual reporting requirements noted above may include the electronic submission of such items, as applicable and approved by EPD.

(15) Compliance Period. Compliance with the standards for land application of sewage sludge shall be achieved in accordance with the dates contained in [40 CFR 503.2](#).

(16) Addition of More Stringent Requirements. On a case-by-case basis, the EPD may impose additional or more stringent requirements when necessary to protect public health and the environment.

(17) Right to Monitor and Assess Fees.

(a) The local governing authority in which a land application site is located may assess the generator of the sewage sludge and the owner of the land application site reasonable fees for environmental monitoring of the site and may hire persons to monitor the site. The assessed fee shall be limited to charges incurred for monitoring those parameters contained in the approved sludge management plan and the permit. Payment of the assessed fee shall be made prior to the application of sewage sludge. Failure to pay such fees, if assessed, shall be grounds for the local governing authority to seek an injunction to stop the land application of sewage sludge.

(18) Application for a Permit.

(a) Any facility with a Georgia NPDES permit that generate sewage sludge for land application, either as bulk sewage sludge or for sale or given away in a bag or other container, or for disposal by any means other than disposal in an approved municipal landfill, shall submit the following information with a NPDES permit application at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit.

1. The information required in [391-3-6-.06\(5\)](#).

(b) Any facility with an NPDES permit that proposes to land apply bulk sewage sludge or that currently land applies sewage sludge but does not have an approved sludge management plan, shall submit the following additional information:

1. Description of the proposed land application site(s):

(i) Location map(s) with the site(s) clearly denoted.

(ii) Topographic map(s) with the following features identified and labelled:

I. Site boundaries (including buffer areas);

II. onsite access roads;

III. portions of the 100-year flood plain;

IV. location of any soil borings;

V. location of houses;

VI. location of wells;

VII. surface water, including ditches and intermittent streams.

(iii) Soil survey map(s) with application site(s) clearly denoted.

(iv) An aerial photograph of the site(s), if available.

2. Soil series descriptions for each series represented, as described in the U.S. Department of Agriculture and University of Georgia, College of Agriculture soil survey(s) for the county(ies) in which each site is located.

3. Soil analysis performed within the last six months, conducted in accordance with the requirements set forth by the EPD.

4. Analysis of the sewage sludge performed within the last six months to include the parameters listed in 391-3-6-.17 as well as any additional parameters required by the EPD.

5. The name of the facility generating the sewage sludge.

6. The amount of sewage sludge to be applied per year. If some of the sewage sludge will be dewatered and some will be liquid, state the amount of each type.

7. Whether the sewage sludge is to be dewatered, liquid, or both and the percent solids.

8. The proposed method for meeting the pathogen reduction requirements in 391-3-6-.17(7) and vector attraction reduction requirements in 391-3-6-.17(8).

9. The site use, crops to be grown on site and whether site will be used for grazing.

10. The proposed method of application to the land and a description of operational procedures.

11. A letter of agreement between the permittee and the owner of the site, if the owner is not the permittee.

12. The proposed method for transporting the sludge to the application site.

13. Any other information that the EPD may require.

(c) Any facility with a LAS permit that generates sewage sludge for land application and has an approved sludge management plan, or generates sewage sludge for disposal by any means other than disposal in an approved municipal landfill shall submit the following information with a LAS permit application at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit:

1. The information required in [391-3-6-.11\(5\)](#).

(d) Any facility with a LAS permit proposing to land apply sewage sludge, or that currently land applies sewage sludge but does not have an approved sludge management plan, shall submit the information listed in 391-3-6-.17(18)(b) 1. through (b)13.

(e) Any person owning or operating a land application site or sites where bulk sewage sludge from more than one permittee is land applied, or where both bulk sewage sludge from a permittee and an industrial sludge are applied shall submit the following information with a land application system permit application:

1. The information in [391-3-6-.11\(5\)](#).

2. The information in 391-6-.17(18)(b) 1. through (b)13.

(f) Any person owning or operating a land application site on which bulk sewage sludge, generated outside the State of Georgia, is currently land applied, or is proposed to be land applied, shall submit the following information with a land application system permit application:

1. The information in 391-2-6-.11(5).

2. The information in 391-3-6-.17(18)(b) 1. through (b)13.

(19) Notice and Public Participation.

(a) Notice must be provided for any planned significant changes to the permittee's sewage sludge use or disposal practices or sites.

(b) Notice will be made in accordance with the provisions of Rule 391-3-6-.26. The public notice for permits with an approved Sludge Management Plan will also include publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the area affected by the discharge.

(20) Terms and Conditions of Permits. All permits, issued under Rule 391-3-6-.17 shall contain the terms and conditions required to comply with one or more of the following: [391-3-6-.06](#) and [391-3-6-.11](#).

(21) **Schedules for Compliance.** Notwithstanding any requirements contained in Paragraph 391-3-6-.17(20), should a schedule for compliance with any requirement of 391-3-6-.17 exceed one year, the milestone dates in the schedule shall not be more than six months apart.

(22) **Modification, Revocation, Reissuance, and Termination of Permits.** Modification, revocation, reissuance, or termination of any permit issued pursuant to this Rule shall comply with one or more of the Rules listed in 391-3-6-.17(20) above.

(23) **Duration, Continuation and Transferability.** Any permit issued under this Rule will comply with the requirements of one of more of the following: [391-3-6-.06\(15\)](#), [391-3-6-.11\(11\)](#).

(24) **Enforcement.** Any person who violates any provision of the Act, any rule promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, or any term, condition, schedule or other requirements contained in a permit issued pursuant to the Act shall be subject to enforcement proceedings pursuant to the Act.

(25) **Effective Date.** This rule shall become effective twenty days after filing with Secretary of State's Office.

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391-3-6-.19 General Permit - Land Application System Requirements

(1) **Purpose.** The purpose of Rule 391-3-6-.19 is to provide for the degree of waste treatment required and the uniform procedures and practices to be followed relating to the application for issuance, modification, revocation and reissuance, and termination of general Land Application System (LAS) permits for the discharge of any pollutant to a LAS and then into the waters of the State.

(2) **Definitions.** All terms used in this Rule shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Act unless otherwise defined in this paragraph or in any other Rules of this Chapter:

(a) "Land Application System" (LAS) means any method of disposing of pollutants in which the pollutants are applied to the surface or beneath the surface of the parcel of land and which results in the pollutants percolating, infiltrating, or being absorbed into the soil and then into the waters of the State.

(b) "General LAS Permit Application" means any application filed by any person with the Director for a general LAS permit.

(c) A "General of LAS Permit" means a LAS permit issued under this Rule within a geographical area.

(d) "Notice of Intent" (NOI) means a form used by a potential permittee to notify the Division, within a specified time, that they intend to comply with a general LAS permit.

(e) "Notice of Termination" (NOT) means a form used by a permittee to notify the Division that they wish to cease coverage under a general LAS permit.

(3) General Permit - LAS Requirements.

(a) Coverage. The Director may issue a general LAS permit in accordance with the following:

1. Area. The general LAS permit shall be written to cover a category of LAS facilities described in the permit under subparagraph (3)(a)2. of this section, except those covered by individual permits, within a geographic area. The area shall correspond to existing geographic or political boundaries.

2. Sources. The general LAS permit may be written to regulate, within the area described in subparagraph 1. of this section, a category of LAS facilities if the LAS facilities all:

(i) Involve the same or substantially similar types of operations;

(ii) Land apply the same types of wastes; conditions;

(iii) Require the same treatment requirements or operating conditions;

(iv) Require the same or similar monitoring; and

(v) In the opinion of the Director, are more appropriately controlled under a general LAS permit than under individual permits.

(b) Administration.

1. General LAS permits may be issued, modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated in accordance with applicable requirements of Rules [391-3-6-.11](#) and 391-3-6-.19. Public notice for issuance, modification, revocation and reissuance, and termination of general LAS permits shall be in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.11\(6\)](#).

2. Authorization to discharge.

(i) Any person seeking coverage under a general LAS permit shall submit to the Director a written notice of intent to be covered by the general LAS permit. Any person who fails to submit a notice of intent in accordance with the terms of the general LAS permit is not authorized to land apply under the terms of the general LAS permit. A complete and timely notice of intent to be covered in accordance with the general LAS permit requirements, fulfills the requirements for the permit applications.

(ii) The contents of the notice of intent shall be specified in the general LAS permit. The notice of intent shall be signed in accordance with subparagraph 391-3-6-.19(5)(d).

(iii) General LAS permits shall specify the deadline for submitting notices of intent to be covered and the date(s) when land application is authorized under the permit.

(iv) General LAS permits shall specify whether a person that has submitted a timely notice of intent to be covered in accordance with a general LAS permit and that is eligible for coverage under the general LAS permit, is authorized to land apply in accordance with the general LAS permit either upon receipt of the notice of intent by the Director, after a waiting period specified in the general LAS permit, on a date specified in the general LAS permit, or upon receipt of notification of inclusion by the Director. Coverage may be revoked in accordance with subparagraph 391-3-6-.19(3)(b)(3).

3. Requiring an individual permit.

(i) The director may require any person authorized by a general LAS permit to apply for and obtain an individual LAS permit. Any interested person may petition the Director to take action under this rule.

(ii) Any owner or operator authorized by a general LAS permit may request to be excluded from the coverage of the general LAS permit by applying for an individual LAS permit. The owner or operator shall submit an application under paragraph [391-3-6-.11\(5\)](#), with reasons supporting the request, to the Director.

(iii) When an individual LAS permit is issued to an owner or operator otherwise subject to a general LAS permit, the applicability of the general LAS permit to the individual LAS permittee is automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual LAS permit.

(iv) A source excluded from a general LAS permit solely because it already has an individual LAS permit may request that the individual LAS permit be revoked, and that it be covered by the General LAS permit. Upon revocation of the individual LAS permit, the general LAS permit shall apply to the source.

(v) Whenever the Director decides an individual LAS permit is required, the Director shall notify the permittee in writing if the decision and the reasons for it, and shall send an application form with the notice. The permittee must apply for a permit under paragraph [391-3-6-.11\(5\)](#) within sixty (60) days of notice unless a later date is granted by the Director. Public notice and public participation shall be in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.11\(6\)](#).

(4) Degree of Waste Treatment Required.

(a) All pollutants shall receive such treatment so as to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the issued permit and with the following, whenever applicable:

1. The requirements established in paragraph [391-3-6-.11\(4\)](#).

2. Notwithstanding the above, more stringent effluent limitations may be required as deemed necessary by the Division (a) to meet any applicable Federal laws or regulations, or (b) to ensure compliance with any applicable State water quality standards, treatment standards, or schedules of compliance.

(5) Notice of Intent (NOI).

(a) A NOI shall be on forms as may be prescribed and furnished from time to time by the Division. A NOI shall be accompanied by all pertinent information as the Division may require in order to establish permit limitations in accordance with paragraph [391-3-6-.11\(4\)](#), which may include but is not limited to, complete engineering reports, schedule of progress, plans, specifications, maps, measurements, quantitative and qualitative determinations, records and all related materials.

(b) Engineering reports, plans, specifications, and other similar material submitted to the Division shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision or review of, and bear the seal of, a Professional Engineer competent in the field of storm water, sewage and industrial waste treatment. At no time shall this requirement be in conflict with O.C.G.A. Section [43-15](#) governing the practices of professional engineering and surveying. Storm water pollution prevention plans, erosion and sediment control plans, best management plans and similar reports shall not be subject to this requirement.

(c) Material submitted shall be complete and accurate.

(d) Any NOI form, NOT form, and permit application submitted to the Division shall be signed in accordance with the requirements contained in [391-3-6-.11\(5\)\(d\) 1. -3.](#)

(e) All other reports or request for information required by the permit issuing authority shall be signed by in accordance with the requirements contained in [391-3-6-.11\(5\)\(e\)](#).

(f) Any changes in the written authorization submitted to the permitting authority under (e) above which occur after the issuance of a permit shall be reported to the permitting authority by submitting a copy of a new written authorization which meets the requirement of [391-3-6-.11\(5\)\(e\) 1.](#) -2. above.

(g) Any person signing any document under (d) or (e) above shall make the following certification: "I certify under the penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in the attached document; and based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

(6) Notice and Public Participation. The notice and public participation procedures of Rule 391-3-6-.26 shall apply to the tentative determination to issue a general LAS permit.

(7) Schedules of Compliance. Any person who obtains a General LAS Permit and who is not in compliance with the permit shall be required to achieve compliance in accordance with a schedule as set forth in paragraph [391-3-6-.11\(7\)](#).

(8) Monitoring, Recording, and Reporting Requirements.

(a) Monitoring, recording, and reporting requirements shall be in accordance with those outlined in paragraph [391-3-6-.11\(8\)](#) of this Chapter.

(b) General LAS permits that do not require submittal of monitoring reports at least annually shall report to the Director in writing all instances on noncompliance at least annually.

(9) Duration, Continuation, and Transferability of Permits.

(a) Any general LAS permit under O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30](#) shall have a fixed term not to exceed five (5) years. Upon expiration of such permit, a new permit may be issued by the Director in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section [12-5-30](#). The issuance of such new permit shall likewise have a fixed term not to exceed five (5) years.

(b) Any owner or operator authorized by a general LAS permit may request that coverage under the general LAS permit be terminated by submitting a written Notice of Termination. The contents of the Notice of Termination shall be specified in the general LAS permit and shall be signed in accordance with subparagraph 391-3-6-.11 5(d). Subparagraph [391-3-6-.11\(11\)\(b\)](#) is not applicable to general LAS permits.

(c) When the permittee has submitted a timely and sufficient application for a new individual LAS permit or a notice of intent for a general LAS permit and the Director is unable, through no fault of the permittee, to issue the new permit before the expiration date of the existing permit, then the Director shall extend the existing permit until a new permit is issued.

(10) **Enforcement.** Any person who violates any provision of the Act, any rule promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, or any term, condition, schedule of compliance or other requirement contained in a permit issued pursuant to the Act shall be subject to enforcement proceedings pursuant to the Act.

(11) Effective Date. This rule shall become effective twenty days after filing with the Secretary of State's office.

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391-3-6-.23 Land Disposal of Septage

(1) Purpose.

The purpose of Rule 391-3-6-.23 is to establish procedures:

- (a) For the regulation and permitting of any land disposal site that receives septic tank waste (septage) that is applied via subsurface injection or incorporation into the soil;
- (b) To be followed by persons submitting to the Division engineering reports, plans and specifications, and related materials for the construction of any system for the storage and/or pretreatment of septage; and
- (c) To provide for public participation during the permitting process for any land disposal site that receives septic tank waste (septage).

This Rule includes general requirements, pollutant limits, pathogen and vector attraction reduction requirements, pretreatment standards, management practices, monitoring, record keeping, reporting, and permitting requirements.

(2) Definitions.

All terms used in this Rule shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in this Paragraph, in Rule [391-3-6-.17](#), or in any other Rules of this Chapter:

- (a) "Agronomic Rate" is the septage application rate based on a dry weight basis determined to provide the amount of nitrogen needed by the food crop, feed crop, fiber crop, cover crop or vegetation grown on the land; and to minimize the amount of nitrogen in the domestic septage that passes below the root zone of the crop or vegetation grown on the land to the groundwater.
- (b) "Annual septage application rate" is the maximum amount of septage (dry weight basis) that may be applied to a unit area of land during a 365-day period.
- (c) "Applicant" means the owner of the site or the operator of the site.
- (d) "Applier" is the person who applies septage to the land.
- (e) "Certification" means the procedure by which an accreditation or certification agency, a state, or a Federal agency evaluates and acknowledges a person as meeting certain qualifications or standards. The certification shall be valid only for the time period specified by the agency.
- (f) "Closure Plan" means a plan approved by the Division for the clean up and closure of a Tier 2 operation and associated waste storage and pretreatment facilities.
- (g) "County Board of Health" means the County Board of Health established by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Title [31-3-1](#) or its designee.
- (h) "DPH" means the Department of Public Health of the State of Georgia.

- (i) "Domestic Septage" is the liquid or solid material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, portable toilet, type III marine sanitation device, or a similar system that receives only domestic sewage. Domestic septage does not include liquid or solid material removed from a septic tank or similar treatment works that receives either commercial wastewater or industrial wastewater. Domestic septage does not include grease removed from a grease trap.
- (j) "Domestic Sewage" means water and wastewater from humans or household operations that is discharged to a treatment works. This includes wastes derived from a toilet, bath, shower, sink, garbage disposal, dishwasher, and/or washing machine. Domestic sewage may include household sewage as well as sewage from establishments such as schools, restaurants, businesses and motels as long as the sewage does not contain other types of waste than those listed above.
- (k) "EPA" or "US EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency and any of its authorized personnel.
- (l) "Existing Site" means any site that was in operation on January 1, 2002.
- (m) "Land disposal" or "applied to the land" means the spraying or spreading of septage on the land surface; the injection of septage below the land surface; or the incorporation of septage into the soil at agronomic rates for the purpose of soil conditioning or fertilization of crops or vegetation grown in the soil.
- (n) "Land with a low potential for public exposure" is land that the public uses infrequently. This includes, but is not limited to, agricultural land, forest, and a reclamation site located in an unpopulated area.
- (o) "Monitoring well" means a well purposely installed, in accordance with Division guidelines, to ensure monitoring results that provide an accurate representation of groundwater quality.
- (p) "New Site" means any site that was not in operation on January 1, 2002.
- (q) "Operator" or "Certified Operator" means the person who has direct general charge of the day-to-day field operation of the septage storage, pretreatment, and disposal system and who is responsible for the quality of the treated septage; and who holds a valid certification acceptable to the Division.
- (r) "Owner" means any person owning land where septage or septic tank waste will be land applied.
- (s) "Permit" means a land disposal system permit issued to an applicant by the Division for a land disposal site that receives septage.
- (t) "Person" means any owner or operator who applies septage to land.
- (u) "Septage" means the same as "domestic septage".
- (v) "Septage management plan" means a detailed plan of operation for land disposal of septage. The plan shall, at a minimum, comply with these regulations, the Federal Code of Regulations, Title 40, Part 503, and any additional requirements established by the Division.
- (w) "Septage Removal and Disposal Permit" is a permit issued by a county board of health under the Rule for Onsite Sewage Management Systems of the Department of Public Health. The permit authorizes a business to remove and dispose of the contents of the on-site sewage management system.
- (x) "Septic Tank Pumping and Hauling Business" is a business that has been issued a septage removal and disposal permit by a county board of health for the removal and/or disposal of domestic septage.
- (y) "Soil Fertility Test" shall mean a test to determine the nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium requirements for a crop grown on a unit of land.

(z) "Soil Report and Map" means a site specific soil interpretative table that identifies as a minimum the following: the name of the soil series, the percent slope, the seasonal high groundwater table, the depth of any impervious layer, and the absorption rate for each horizon.

(aa) "Stockpile" means to place septage on land in piles or in any other manner that does not constitute application to the land as defined in land disposal above.

(bb) "Tier 1 operation" means a land disposal site that receives and land applies septic tank waste from a single permitted septic tank pumping and hauling business.

(cc) "Tier 2 operation" means a land disposal site that receives septic tank waste from more than one permitted septic tank pumping and hauling business.

(dd) "Total solids" are the materials in septage that remain as residue when the septage is dried at 103 to 105 degrees Celsius.

(ee) "Treat, treatment, or pretreatment of septage" is the preparation of septage for final use or disposal. This includes, but is not limited to, thickening, stabilization, and dewatering of septage. This does not include storage of septage.

(ff) "Vector attraction" is the characteristic of septage that attracts rodents, flies, mosquitoes, or other organisms capable of transporting infectious agents.

(gg) "Volatile solids" is the amount of the total solids in septage lost when the septage is combusted at 550 degrees Celsius in the presence of excess air.

(hh) "Well" means an excavation or opening into the ground by which groundwater is sought for use. This term shall not include monitoring wells used to sample for groundwater quality.

(3) Coverage.

(a) This Rule applies to any site that receives septage, to any person who prepares septage for land application, or to any person who applies septage to the land for subsurface injection or incorporation into soil. Any Tier 2 operation shall be required to adhere to the additional requirements specified in Paragraphs (10), (17), (20), and (21).

(b) This Rule does not apply to:

1. Grit and screenings generated during pretreatment of septage.
2. Disposal of septage by means other than land application at agronomic rates via subsurface injection or incorporation into soil with the exception of septage applied to reclamation sites.
3. The incineration of septage.
4. Ash generated during the firing of septage in a septage incinerator.
5. Persons proposing to sell or give away septage in a bag or other container for application to the land. Approval to sell or give away such bagged or contained septage must be obtained from the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

(4) Permit Required.

The requirements in this Rule shall be implemented through a permit issued or reissued to an applicant. If the applicant is not the owner of the site, then the applicant must submit a letter of agreement between the applicant and the owner of the site.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a land disposal site without having first obtained a valid permit from the Division pursuant to this Rule; provided however, that any site that as of June 30, 2007, operated under a valid permit issued on or before such date by the Department of Public Health under Code Section [31-2-8](#) may continue to operate under such Code Section until July 1, 2014, but a permit shall be obtained from EPD prior to such date in order to continue such operation thereafter as a Tier 1 operation in accordance with this Rule.

(b) Disposal of domestic septage by land disposal shall only occur on land with a low potential for public exposure.

(c) Prior to the issuance of a land disposal permit, the applicant shall have submitted and the Division shall have approved a septage management plan. The application for a permit and information for the septage management plan shall be on forms provided by the Division. All information required for the septage management plan must be submitted prior to Division review. For Tier 1 operations the septage management plan shall include an identified section specifying details for the clean up and closure of the operation.

(5) Monitoring, Recording and Reporting Requirements.

Any pollutant discharged into a land disposal system authorized by a permit shall be subject to such monitoring, recording and reporting requirements as may be reasonably required by the Director. These requirements may include: the installation of monitoring wells or other equipment; the monitoring of surface waters; the use and maintenance of such monitoring equipment; specific requirements for recording of monitoring activities and results; and periodic reporting of monitoring results to the Division. The monitoring, recording and reporting requirements shall be specified in a permit when issued, provided, however, the Director may modify or require additional monitoring, recording and reporting by written notification to the permittee. Any Tier 1 operations covered under this Rule will have twenty-four (24) months after date of initial permit issuance to comply with any groundwater or surface water monitoring, recording and reporting requirements that may be specified in a permit.

(a) The frequency of sampling and reporting shall be specified in the permit, but in no case shall the frequency be less than once per year.

(b) The permittee shall retain any records of monitoring activities and results for a minimum of five (5) years, unless otherwise required or extended by the Director upon written notification.

(c) Any holder of a permit that requires monitoring of the authorized pollutant discharged into a land disposal system shall report periodically to the Division results of all required monitoring activities.

(6) Buffer Criteria.

The following buffer distance requirements must be met as a minimum. The Division may require additional buffer distances, on a case-by-case basis.

(a) Land disposal sites shall not be located within 300 feet of a residence or other facility or land frequently used by the general public.

(b) Domestic septage shall not be applied within 300 feet from the normal water level of any impoundment, tributary, stream, or other body of water considered waters of the State; within 300 feet of a sinkhole; within 300 feet of a marsh, wetland or coastal waters.

(c) Domestic septage shall not be applied within 500 feet of a public, non-public, or individual well.

(d) An undisturbed vegetative buffer strip of at least 50 feet wide shall be maintained along all streams and drainage ditches within or adjacent to the land disposal site.

(7) Management of Land Disposal Sites.

(a) Only domestic septage shall be applied to the site. No grease, industrial, solid or hazardous waste shall be applied on the site.

(b) Land disposal of domestic septage shall not be permitted unless an approved pretreatment process has properly treated such septage. Proper pretreatment includes screening and stabilization of all septage. Such pretreatment must occur at the land disposal site.

(c) The pH of the soil in the land disposal area shall be maintained at a pH amenable for growing the cover crop. The pH shall be measured by annual soil tests.

(d) Public access to the land disposal site shall be restricted by fencing or other means approved by the Division. The method of public access control shall be specified in the permit.

(e) Each site entrance shall be posted with a "No Trespassing" sign identifying the area as a land disposal site. The sign shall include the name and address of the person or business engaging in the land disposal of septage and the site permit number.

(f) An annual soil fertility test shall be required and utilized to determine the agronomic application rate. No person shall land apply domestic septage to a site on which the nitrogen requirements have been met for the calendar year.

(g) No person shall land apply domestic septage to a site at a rate that exceeds the annual pollutant loading rate limit in Table 1 for arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium and zinc.

(h) No person shall land apply domestic septage to a site that exceeds the cumulative pollutant loading rate limit in Table 1 for arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium and zinc.

(i) The Division shall maintain current minimum requirements for a septage management plan.

(j) The Division shall maintain a list of all acceptable certification agencies and certifications.

(k) All application of septage shall be under the general supervision of certified operator unless no acceptable certification process exists.

(8) Vector Attraction Reduction Management.

Land application of domestic septage must meet one of the following two vector attraction reduction management practices.

(a) Subsurface injection: Domestic septage shall be injected below the surface of the land and no significant amount of septage shall be present on the land surface within one hour after septage is injected. Injection may be accomplished by any device(s) that place the septage beneath the soil in a narrow trench at a depth of no greater than 18 inches and promptly replaces the cover soil in the same action of trenching and placing septage. Excavation of a trench followed by placement of septage and later covering of the trench is not considered injection.

(b) Incorporation: Domestic septage applied to the surface of the land shall be incorporated into the soil within six hours after septage application.

(9) Pathogen Control Requirements.

The following management practices must be met for compliance with pathogen control requirements.

(a) Food crops with harvested parts that touch the land surface or that develop above the land surface shall not be harvested for fourteen (14) months after domestic septage application.

(b) Feed crops or fiber crops shall not be harvested for thirty (30) days after domestic septage application.

(c) Food crops with harvested parts below the land surface shall not be harvested for thirty-eight (38) months after domestic septage application.

(d) Turf grown on land where domestic septage is applied shall not be harvested for one (1) year after domestic septage application.

(e) Animals shall not be allowed to graze on the land for thirty (30) days after the application of domestic septage.

(f) Public access shall be restricted for thirty (30) days after the application of domestic septage.

(g) Domestic septage shall not be applied to soils saturated with water or during rain events.

(10) Monitoring.

The pollutants listed in Table 1, and any additional parameters contained in the permit, shall be monitored at least once per year for Tier 1 operations and once per quarter for Tier 2 operations. Representative septage samples shall be analyzed in accordance with the analytical methods contained in [40 CFR 503.8](#) (or as revised by EPA). All samples shall be analyzed by a certified wastewater laboratory analyst or in a commercial environmental laboratory that is approved under the Division's Rules for Commercial Environmental Laboratories.

(11) Application Rate.

The annual application rate for domestic septage applied to a land disposal site shall be based on the Division approved septage management plan.

(12) Septage Holding Facilities.

All septage land disposal systems shall have an alternative method for the temporary holding of domestic septage during periods of adverse weather. Such method(s) shall comply with Division requirements and shall be part of the septage management plan.

(13) Record Keeping.

Individuals involved in the land disposal of domestic septage shall maintain the following information for five (5) years. The information shall be available for inspection at the place of business by the Division, the DPH, the local County Board of Health, or the US EPA. A septage application record form shall be used to record the following information:

(a) The location, by street address (if available) and either latitude and longitude or GIS coordinates, of each site on which domestic septage is applied.

(b) The number of acres of each site on which domestic septage is applied.

(c) The date, time, and quantity of domestic septage applied to each site.

(d) The crop or vegetation grown on each site.

(e) The rate in gallons per acre per year at which domestic septage is applied to each site.

(f) The cumulative loading of the parameters in Table 1 per acre for the site(s).

(g) A description of how management requirements for pathogen control and vector reduction requirements are met.

(h) The name and signature of the person who land applied the domestic septage.

(i) The person supervising the land disposal of domestic septage at the site shall sign the following certification statement: "I certify under penalty of law, that the pathogen control requirements and the vector reduction

requirements have been met. This determination has been made under my direction and supervision and I am aware that there are significant penalties for the false certification including the possibility of fine or imprisonment".

(14) Inspection.

(a) Representatives of the Division, the Department of Public Health, the local County Health Department and or the US Environmental Protection Agency, after proper identification, shall be permitted to enter any property permitted as a land disposal site at any reasonable time for the purpose of making inspections to determine compliance with this Rule or the permit.

(b) Representatives of the Division, the Department of Public Health, the local County Health Department and or the US Environmental Protection Agency, during inspections of the land disposal site, may review records to determine compliance with provisions of these regulations.

(15) Compliance.

Except as described in 391-3-6-.23(4)(a), a land disposal site that receives septic tank waste shall not operate until such time as the Division has issued a valid permit and the permit becomes effective.

(16) Modification, Revocation, Suspension and Termination of Permits.

(a) The Director shall have the power and authority to modify, suspend, or revoke permits for good cause, including failure to provide accurate information in the permit application or septage management plan, or failure to comply with any provisions of the permit or this Rule. Suspension is effective upon service of a written notice and operation must cease immediately. The notice must state the basis for the suspension and advise the permit holder of the right to a preliminary hearing on request within 72 hours. If a hearing is not requested, upon correction of all violations, the permit holder may request an inspection to reinstate the permit.

(b) Prior to any such modification, suspension or termination of an issued permit by the Director (other than modification of the monitoring, recording or reporting requirements), the Director will provide public notice and an opportunity for public hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Rule.

(17) Application for a Permit.

The Division may issue individual permits or coverage under a general permit. Any person seeking coverage under an individual permit shall submit an application for an individual permit to the Director. Any person seeking coverage under a general permit shall submit a notice of intent, or NOI, to the Director.

(a) Applications for a permit required under O.C.G.A. [12-8-41](#) shall be on forms as may be prescribed and furnished from time to time by the Division. Applications shall be accompanied by all pertinent information as the Division may require, including but not limited to complete engineering reports, closure plan, schedule of progress, plans and specifications, maps, measurements, quantitative and qualitative determinations, records, local ordinances applicable to the land disposal of septage and all related materials.

(b) Engineering reports, plans, and specifications submitted to the Division in support of a Tier 2 operation permit application shall be prepared by a professional engineer, competent in the field of sewage and industrial waste treatment. Other materials in support of engineering reports, plans, specifications, and permit applications may be prepared by other persons competent in their field.

(c) Materials submitted shall be complete and accurate.

(d) Any permit application form or any other form submitted to the Division shall be signed in accordance with the following:

1. For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer. For this subparagraph a responsible corporate officer means a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation; or

2. For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

3. For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

(e) All other reports or requests for information required by the permit issuing authority shall be signed by a person designated in (d) above or a duly authorized representative of such person, if:

1. The representative so authorized is responsible for the overall operation of the facility, e.g., a manager, superintendent or person of equivalent responsibility; and

2. The authorization is made by the person designated under (d) above and written authorization of such is submitted to the Director.

(f) Any changes in the written authorization submitted to the permitting authority under (e) above which occur after the issuance of a permit shall be reported to the permitting authority by submitting a copy of a new written authorization which meets the requirements of (e) above.

(g) Any person signing any document under (d) or (e) above shall make the following certification: "I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

(h) A complete NOI for coverage under a general permit shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of paragraph [391-3-6-.19\(5\)](#).

(18) Notice and Public Participation. The notice and public participation provisions of Rule 391-3-6-.26 shall apply. The public notice for permits with an approved Septage Management Plan will also include publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the area affected by the discharge.

(19) Authorization Under a General Permit

(a) Authorization to operate under a general permit shall be effective upon receipt of notification of inclusion from the Division, except for any site that as of June 30, 2007, operated under a valid permit issued on or before such date by the Department of Public Health under Code Section [31-2-8](#). For such sites, initial coverage shall be effective upon submission of an NOI.

(b) The Director may revoke such authorization if the conditions of the general permit are not met, if the septage management plan is not approvable, if the closure plan, if required, is not approvable, or as otherwise provided for by State law.

(20) Trust Indenture for Non-governmentally Owned Septage Systems.

For non-governmentally owned Tier 2 operations, a trust indenture or other legal contract or agreement, acceptable to the Division, must be filed with the application for a permit. The trust indenture or other legal contract must establish and maintain evidence of financial responsibility to provide for the clean up and closure of the septage treatment facilities and the proper disposal of any remaining septage after closure of the facility. Available financial responsibility mechanisms include but are not limited to insurance, trust funds, surety bonds, letters of credit, personal bonds, certificates of deposit, financial tests, and corporate guarantees.

(21) Closure Plans for Non-governmentally Owned Septage Systems.

Prior to the issuance of a land disposal permit to a Tier 2 operation, the applicant shall have submitted and the Division shall have approved a detailed closure plan for clean up and closure of the facility. The closure plan shall include a schedule for completion of closure within six months after the facility is removed from service. This plan shall be updated with future reissuances of the permit.

(22) Duration, Transferability, and Reissuance of Permits.

(a) Any permit issued shall have a fixed term not to exceed five years. Upon expiration of such permit a new permit may be issued by the Director, provided that an application for renewal is filed with the Director at least 180 days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit. The issuance of such new permit shall likewise have a fixed term not to exceed five years.

(b) A permit may be transferred to another person by a permittee if:

1. The permittee notifies the Director of the proposed transfer;
2. A written agreement containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility and coverage between the current and new permittee (including acknowledgment that the existing permittee is liable for violations up to that date, and that the new permittee is liable for violations from that date on) is submitted to the Director; and
3. The Director within thirty (30) days does not notify the current permittee and the new permittee of the Division's intent to modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate the permit and to require that new application be filed rather than agreeing to the transfer of the permit. A new application will be required when the change of ownership is accompanied by a change or proposed change in process or wastewater characteristics or a change or a potential change in any circumstances that the Director believes will affect the conditions or restrictions in the permit.

(23) **Enforcement.**

Any person who violates any provision of the Act, any rule promulgated and adopted pursuant thereto, or any term, condition, schedule of compliance or other requirement contained in a permit issued pursuant to the Act shall be subject to enforcement proceedings pursuant to the Act.

(24) Effective Date.

This Rule shall become effective twenty days after filing with the Secretary of State's office.

Table 1

Land Application Pollutant Limits for Domestic Septage

Pollutant	Annual Pollutant Loading Rate Limits (kilograms per hectare per 365-day period)	Cumulative Pollutant Loading Rate Limits (kilograms per hectare)
Arsenic	2.0	41
Cadmium	1.9	39
Chromium	150	3,000
Copper	75	1,500
Lead	15	300
Mercury	0.85	17
Nickel	21	420
Selenium	5.0	100

Pollutant	Annual Pollutant Loading Rate Limits (kilograms per hectare per 365-day period)	Cumulative Pollutant Loading Rate Limits (kilograms per hectare)
Zinc	140	2,800

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-3-6-.23

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [12-5-20](#) *et seq.*

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Land Disposal of Septage" adopted. F. Feb. 2, 2004; eff. Feb. 22, 2004.

Amended: F. Feb. 7, 2008; eff. Feb. 27, 2008.

Amended: F. May 30, 2014; eff. Jun. 19, 2014.

Amended: F. May 13, 2020; eff. June 2, 2020.

391-3-6-.26 Notice and Public Participation

(1) Tentative Determination and Draft Permits:

(a) When the Division is satisfied that a permit application is complete, a tentative determination will be made to issue or deny the permit. If the tentative determination is to issue the permit, a draft permit will be prepared in accordance with applicable Federal regulations and State laws prior to the issuance of a public notice. If the tentative determination is to deny the permit, the Division will public notice the denial in accordance with applicable Federal regulations and State laws.

(b) If the Division makes a tentative determination to issue a general permit, a draft permit and fact sheet will be prepared in accordance with applicable Federal regulations and State laws prior to issuance of a public notice.

(2) Public Notice: Public notice of every complete permit application will be prepared and circulated in a manner designated to inform interested and potentially interested persons of the proposed permit and of the proposed determination to issue or deny a permit. Procedures for circulation of the public notice shall include the following:

(a) A copy of the public notice will be provided to the permit applicant, will be available at the EPD office in Atlanta, and will be posted to the EPD website;

(b) Electronic mailing (e-mail) notification of the public notice to any persons or groups included on the electronic mailing list to receive such notices. The EPD shall maintain an electronic mailing list for distribution of public notices. Any person or group may request that their e-mail address be added to the electronic mailing list or they may sign-up through the EPD website;

(c) The EPD shall provide a period of not less than thirty (30) days following the date of the public notice in which interested persons may submit their written views on the tentative determination with respect to the permit application. All written comments submitted during the thirty (30) day comment period will be retained by the EPD and considered in the final determination with respect to the permit application and shall be responded to in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 124.17](#), and applicable State laws. The comment period may be extended at the discretion of the Director;

(d) The contents of the public notice will be in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 124.10\(d\)](#) and applicable State laws;

(e) The EPD will prepare a fact sheet in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 124.8](#) and [124.56](#), and applicable State laws. A copy of the permit application, draft permit, and fact sheet will be available for public

inspection at the EPD office in Atlanta and information on how to access electronic copies of these materials will be included in the contents of the public notice. Any person may request in writing a copy of the permit application, draft permit, and fact sheet and it will be provided;

(f) The Director will provide a copy of the public notice to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal and State agencies with jurisdiction over fish, shellfish and wildlife resources and to other appropriate governmental authorities and will provide such agencies an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 124.10](#) and applicable State laws. The comments of the District Engineer of the Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, or any State or Federal Agency with jurisdiction over fish, wildlife, or public health shall be considered in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 124.59](#);

(g) Copies of draft, proposed, and issued NPDES and applicable UIC permits shall be transmitted to the Regional Administrator for review and comments in such manner as the Director and Regional Administrator agree, and in accordance with applicable Federal regulations, and the Memorandum of Agreement between the agencies pursuant to [40 C.F.R. 123.24](#).

(3) Public Hearings:

(a) The Director shall provide an opportunity for an applicant, any affected state or interstate agency, the Regional Administrator or any other interested agency, person or group of persons to request a public hearing with respect to a permit application. Any such request for a public hearing shall be filed within the 30-day comment period prescribed in subparagraph (2)(c) and shall indicate the interest of the party filing such a request, the reasons why a hearing is requested, and those specific portions of the application or other form or information to be considered at the public interest in holding such a hearing;

(b) Any public hearing held pursuant to this paragraph shall be held in the geographical area of the draft permit or other appropriate location at the discretion of the Director;

(c) The Director may hold one public hearing on related groups of permit applications;

(d) Public notice of any hearing held pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided at least thirty (30) days in advance of the hearing date and shall be circulated in accordance with the public notification procedures in paragraph (2) and in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 124.10](#), or applicable State law.

(4) Public Access to Information:

(a) A copy of the permit application, public notice, applicable fact sheet and draft permit, and other forms related thereto, including written public comments and comments of all governmental agencies thereon and other reports, files and information not involving methods or processes entitled to protection as trade secrets, may be available online and will be available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours at the EPD office in Atlanta. Effluent data, Notice of Intent forms, and information regarding Class I, II and III injection wells that deals with the existence, absence, or level of contaminants in drinking water shall not be considered as information entitled to protection. Public access to NPDES and applicable UIC information shall be in accordance with Federal Regulations, [40 C.F.R. 122.7](#);

(b) Any information submitted with reports, records or plans that is considered confidential by the permittee (applicant), and that is not specifically excluded in subparagraph (4)(a) above, should be clearly labeled "Confidential" and be supported by a statement as to the reason that such information should be considered confidential. If the Director, with the concurrence of the Regional Administrator, determines that such information is entitled to confidential protection, he shall label and handle same accordingly;

(c) Any information accorded confidential status whether or not contained in an application form shall be made available, upon written request, to the Regional Administrator or his authorized representative who shall maintain the information as confidential.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-3-6-.26

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [12-5-20](#) *et seq.*

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Notice and Public Participation" adopted. F. May 13, 2020; eff. June 2, 2020.

Department 391. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Chapter 391-4. WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

Subject 391-4-2. HUNTING REGULATIONS

391-4-2-.03 Harvest Recording and Reporting Requirements

(1) It is unlawful for any person killing a deer, turkey, or alligator to:

(a) remove such carcass from the place of killing without first recording all information specified by the department in the manner specified by the department.

(b) fail to report the harvest of each alligator, deer, or turkey within 24 hours of carcass recovery by providing such information specified by the department in the manner specified by the department; provided, however, that such wildlife killed by a motor vehicle (O.C.G.A. Sec. [27-3-28](#)), taken under authorization of a nuisance or depredation permit (O.C.G.A. Secs. [27-2-18](#) or [27-2-31](#)) or tagged by authorized personnel at a public land managed hunt are exempt from harvest recording and reporting requirements.

(c) transfer possession to any private or commercial cold storage or processing facility without first providing the harvest-reporting confirmation number to such facility.

(d) transport a carcass (not processed for human consumption) killed by another person unless the following written information is attached to the carcass: name and address of the hunter who killed such deer, turkey, or alligator, date and county of kill, and the harvest-reporting confirmation number.

(e) provide false harvest recording or reporting information.

(2) It is unlawful for any private or commercial cold storage or processing facility to take possession of a deer without first recording the following information for each deer: name of the hunter who killed the deer, date and county of kill, and sex of deer.

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AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [27-3-29](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Required Clothing" adopted. F. Oct. 19, 1973; eff. Nov. 8, 1973.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. July 22, 1974; eff. Aug. 11, 1974.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Dec. 9, 1975; eff. Dec. 29, 1975.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 5, 1976; eff. Aug. 25, 1976.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Legal Hours" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1977; eff. Oct. 4, 1977.

Repealed: F. Jun. 13, 2013; eff. Jul. 3, 2013.

Adopted: New Rule entitled "Harvest Recording and Reporting Requirements." F. May 26, 2015; eff. June 15, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 1, 2017; eff. June 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 27, 2020; eff. June 16, 2020.

391-4-2-.20 General Regulations for Hunting Alligators

(1) It is unlawful to:

(a) hunt alligators except for hunters with a valid alligator harvest permit issued by the department for such purpose and except for assistants directly accompanying the alligator harvest permit holder if the assistant has in their possession a required valid license to hunt.

(b) transfer an alligator harvest permit to another person.

(c) hunt alligators in any management zone or any harvest period not designated on the alligator harvest permit.

(d) to fail to affix a department issued CITES (Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species) tag to an alligator carcass as specified by the department in the manner specified by the department.

(e) transfer a CITES tag to another person or use a CITES tag more than once.

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AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15](#), [27-3-19](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Totally Protected Species" was filed on October 19, 1973; effective November 8, 1973.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 22, 1974; effective August 11, 1974.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Unprotected Species" adopted. Filed December 9, 1975; effective December 29, 1975.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed August 5, 1976; effective August 25, 1976.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed September 14, 1977; effective October 4, 1977.

Adopted: New Rule entitled "General Regulations for Hunting Alligators." F. Jun. 13, 2013; eff. Jul. 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 4, 2019; eff. June 24, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 27, 2020; eff. June 16, 2020.

391-4-2-.21 Alligator Seasons, Zones, Quotas and Limits

(1) The open season for alligators is from sunset on the day immediately preceding the 3rd Saturday in August through sunrise the day immediately following the 1st Sunday in October for persons in possession of a valid alligator harvest permit only.

(2) The bag limit on alligators is one (1), greater than or equal to forty-eight (48) inches in length as measured from the end of the snout to the tip of the tail, per season, except that in Zone 1A only alligators greater than or equal to ninety-six (96) inches in length as measured from the end of the snout to the tip of the tail may be taken.

(3) For the purpose of hunting alligators, the State is divided into eleven hunting zones with established quotas:

	ZONE	COUNTY	QUOTA
1		Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Early, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, Talbot, Terrell, and Webster Cos.	35
1A		Lake Walter F. George	30
2		Baker, Decatur, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, and Seminole Cos.	220
3		Crawford, Crisp, Dooly, Dougherty, Houston, Lee, Macon, Monroe, Peach, Schley, Sumter, Taylor, Upson, and Worth Cos.	60
4		Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Thomas, Tift, and Turner Cos.	85
5		Baldwin, Ben Hill, Bibb, Bleckley, Coffee, Dodge, Jeff Davis, Jones, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Twiggs, Wheeler, Wilcox, and Wilkinson Cos.	100
6		Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols, Pierce and Ware Cos.	80
7		Appling, Glynn, Long, McIntosh, Tattnall, Toombs, and Wayne Cos.	150
8		Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham (excluding the Bradley River, Cane Patch Creek, and Rush Creek areas located within the boundaries of Ossabaw Island), Effingham, Evans, and Liberty Cos.	160
8A		Fort Stewart	30
9		Burke, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Warren, and Washington Cos.	80

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.21

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-2-6](#), [27-3-15](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Unprotected Species" adopted. F. Oct. 19, 1973; eff. Nov. 8, 1973.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. July 22, 1974; eff. Aug. 11, 1974.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Possession, Sale or Transportation of Alligators and Their Hides" adopted. F. Dec. 9, 1975; eff. Dec. 29, 1975.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 5, 1976; eff. Aug. 25, 1976.

Repealed: F. Sept. 14, 1977; eff. Oct. 4, 1977.

Adopted: New Rule entitled "Alligator Seasons, Zones, Quotas and Limits." F. Jun. 13, 2013; eff. Jul. 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2015; eff. June 15, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 1, 2017; eff. June 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 27, 2020; eff. June 16, 2020.

391-4-2-.42 Special Regulations for Hunting Waterfowl on Certain Reservoirs

(1) No vegetation shall be cut or removed on Corps of Engineers or Georgia Power property. Temporary hunting blinds may be constructed, but are to be removed completely at the end of each day.

(2) The following U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Lakes are open to hunting during statewide seasons and during federal special opportunity hunting days, unless otherwise specified: Allatoona Lake, Carters Lake, George W. Andrews Lake, Hartwell Lake, J. Strom Thurmond Lake (Lake Clarks Hill), Lake Seminole, Lake Sidney Lanier (after Labor Day), Richard B. Russell Lake, Walter F. George Lake (Lake Eufaula), and West Point Lake.

(3) Special regulations for Walter F. George Lake:

(a) A permit purchased from the US Army Corps of Engineers Resource Management in Ft. Gaines, Georgia is required to hunt waterfowl.

(b) Hunting from land is prohibited outside of specified hunting areas and wildlife management areas.

(c) Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the waters of Walter F. George Lake within the Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge unless otherwise specified by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(d) Hunting is prohibited within 600 feet of docks, structures, vessels, roads, public parks, public walking/biking trails, and other developed areas such as subdivisions.

(4) Special regulations for Lake Sidney Lanier:

(a) No hunting without written permission is allowed within 600 feet of any dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina, or open recreation area outside of Lula Bridge WMA.

(b) Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to 10:00 AM daily during September and conform to federal legal hunting hours thereafter.

(c) Waterfowl hunting is permitted on closed parks as designated by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The 600 foot restriction does not apply within closed parks where waterfowl hunting is permitted.

(5) Special Regulations for Lake Allatoona:

(a) No hunting without written permission is allowed within 600 feet of any dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina, or open recreation area.

(b) Waterfowl hunting is permitted on closed parks as designated by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The 600 foot restriction does not apply within closed parks where waterfowl hunting is permitted.

(6) No hunting without written permission is allowed within 300 feet of any dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina, or open recreation area on Lake Seminole or Lake Blackshear.

(7) The following Georgia Power Lakes are open to hunting during statewide seasons and during federal special opportunity hunting days unless otherwise specified: Lake Burton, Lake Seed, Lake Rabun, Tallulah Falls Lake, Lake Tugalo, Lake Yonah, Lake Oconee, Lake Sinclair, Lake Oliver, Lake Harding, Goat Rock Lake, Lake Worth, and the Langdale and Riverview Projects.

(8) No hunting without written permission is allowed within 300 feet of any dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina, or open recreation area on Lake Burton, Lake Seed, Lake Rabun, Tallulah Falls Lake, Lake Tugalo, Lake Yonah, Lake Oconee, Lake Sinclair, and that portion of Lake Oliver south of Standing Boy Creek.

(9) It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Lake Sinclair from the confluence of Shoulder Bone Creek north to Wallace Dam except as may otherwise be provided.

(10) The main portion of Lake Jackson is closed to waterfowl hunting. Those portions of Lake Jackson lying north of Georgia Highway 36 and north of Newton Factory Bridge Road are open under statewide regulations.

(11) It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Lake North Highlands.

(12) Waterfowl regulations specific to Rum Creek Wildlife Management Area shall apply to Lake Juliette.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.42

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [27-1-4](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Quail" was filed on October 19, 1973; effective November 8, 1973.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed July 22, 1974; effective August 11, 1974.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed December 9, 1975; effective December 29, 1975.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Opossum" adopted. Filed August 5, 1976; effective August 25, 1976.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed September 14, 1977; effective October 4, 1977.

Adopted: New Rule entitled "Special Regulations for Hunting Waterfowl on Certain Reservoirs" adopted. F. June 1, 2017; eff. June 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.43 Canada Geese, Snow Geese, White-fronted Geese and Brant

(1) The open season for hunting Canada Geese is September 5-27, October 10-25, November 21-29, and December 12, 2020 - January 31, 2021. Snow Geese (including Blue Geese) and White-Fronted Geese may be taken during open dates for hunting Canada Geese except during September. The season is closed on Atlantic Brant.

(2) The daily bag limits on Canada Geese and White-Fronted Geese combined are five (5) per day with a possession limit of fifteen (15) for both species combined. Bag limits on Snow Geese are five (5) per day with a possession limit of fifteen (15).

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AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Rabbit" was filed on October 19, 1973; effective November 8, 1973.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 22, 1974; effective August 11, 1974.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed December 9, 1975; effective December 29, 1975.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Quail" adopted. Filed August 5, 1976; effective August 25, 1976.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed September 14, 1977; effective October 4, 1977.

Adopted: New Rule entitled "Canada Geese, Snow Geese, White-fronted Geese and Brant." F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 31, 2015; eff. Sep. 20, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.45 Coots

(1) The open season for hunting coots is November 21-29, and December 12, 2020 - January 31, 2021.

(2) The daily bag limit is fifteen (15) daily and forty-five (45) in possession.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.45

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Squirrel" was filed on October 19, 1973; effective November 8, 1973.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 22, 1974; effective August 11, 1974.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed December 9, 1975; effective December 29, 1975.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Raccoon" adopted. Filed August 5, 1976; effective August 25, 1976.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed September 14, 1977; effective October 4, 1977.

Adopted: New Rule entitled "Coots." F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 31, 2015; eff. Sep. 20, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.47 Ducks

(1) The open season for hunting ducks is November 21-29, and December 12, 2020 - January 31, 2021.

(2) The bag limit on ducks is six (6) daily with a possession limit of eighteen (18). This limit can not include more than three (3) wood ducks daily and nine (9) in possession; nor more than two (2) mallards daily of which no more than one (1) may be a hen and six (6) in possession of which no more than three (3) may be hens; nor more than one (1) black duck or mottled duck daily and three (3) of both species combined in possession; nor more than one (1) pintail daily and three (3) in possession; nor more than two (2) redheads daily and six (6) in possession; nor more than one (1) lesser or greater scaup in any combination daily and three (3) of both species combined in possession; nor more than two (2) canvasback daily and six (6) in possession; nor more than one (1) fulvous whistling duck daily and three (3) in possession; nor more than four (4) scoters daily and twelve (12) in possession; nor more than four (4) eiders daily and twelve (12) in possession; and nor more than four (4) long-tailed ducks daily and twelve (12) in possession.

(3) The season is closed for the taking of harlequin ducks.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.47

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Turkey" adopted. F. Oct. 19, 1973; eff. Nov. 8, 1973.

Repealed: Rule reserved. F. July 22, 1974; eff. Aug. 11, 1974.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Rails" adopted. F. Oct. 15, 1974; eff. Nov. 4, 1974.

Repealed: Rule reserved. F. Dec. 9, 1975; eff. Dec. 29, 1975.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Rails" adopted. F. Dec. 10, 1975; eff. Dec. 30, 1975.

Repealed: F. Aug. 5, 1976; eff. Aug. 25, 1976.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Mourning Doves" adopted. F. Aug. 24, 1976; eff. Sept. 13, 1976.

Amended: F. Sept. 2, 1977; eff. Aug. 26, 1977; the date of adoption, in accordance with Ga. L. 1977, pp. 396, 455.

Amended: F. Aug. 11, 1978; eff. Aug. 31, 1978.

Repealed: F. Sept. 6, 1978; eff. Sept. 26, 1978.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Mourning Doves" adopted. F. Aug. 9, 1979; eff. Aug. 29, 1979.

Amended: F. Aug. 6, 1980; eff. Aug. 26, 1980.

Amended: F. Aug. 6, 1981; eff. Aug. 26, 1981.

Amended: F. July 29, 1982; eff. Aug. 18, 1982.

Amended: F. July 25, 1983; eff. Aug. 14, 1983.

Amended: F. July 30, 1984; eff. Aug. 19, 1984.

Amended: F. July 17, 1985; eff. Aug. 6, 1985.

Amended: F. July 31, 1986; eff. Aug. 20, 1986.

Amended: F. July 16, 1987; eff. Aug. 5, 1987.

Amended: F. July 15, 1988; eff. Aug. 4, 1988.

Amended: F. July 17, 1989; eff. Aug. 6, 1989.

Amended: F. July 24, 1990; eff. Aug. 13, 1990.

Amended: F. July 17, 1991; eff. Aug. 6, 1991.

Amended: F. June 5, 1992; eff. June 25, 1992.

Amended: F. June 2, 1994; eff. June 22, 1994.

Amended: F. Apr. 30, 1999; eff. May 20, 1999.

Amended: F. May 30, 2003; eff. June 19, 2003.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. July 1, 2004; eff. July 21, 2004.

Amended: F. May 29, 2008; eff. June 18, 2008.

Amended: F. Sept. 2, 2008; eff. Sept. 22, 2008.

Amended: F. Sept. 1, 2010; eff. Sept. 21, 2010.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Ducks" adopted. F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 31, 2015; eff. Sep. 20, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.48 Extended Falconry Season for Ducks, Coots, Gallinules (Common Moorhen), Mergansers and Sea Ducks

(1) The open season for hunting ducks by means of falconry is during the September and October Canada Goose season and November 14-15, and November 21 - December 5, and December 12, 2020 - January 31, 2021.

(2) Bag limits are three (3) daily and nine (9) in possession of a single species or in the aggregate of the above species during falconry season.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.48

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Turkey" adopted. F. Oct. 19, 1973; eff. Nov. 8, 1973.

Repealed: Rule reserved. F. July 22, 1974; eff. Aug. 11, 1974.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Woodcock" adopted. F. Oct. 15, 1974; eff. Nov. 4, 1974.

Repealed: Rule reserved. F. Dec. 9, 1975; eff. Dec. 29, 1975.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Woodcock" adopted. F. Dec. 10, 1975; eff. Dec. 30, 1975.

Repealed: F. Aug. 5, 1976; eff. Aug. 25, 1976.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Rails" adopted. F. Aug. 24, 1976; eff. Sept. 13, 1976.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Rails (Marsh Hens)" adopted. F. Sept. 2, 1977; eff. Aug. 26, 1977; the date of adoption, in accordance with Ga. L. 1977, pp. 396, 455.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 11, 1978; eff. Aug. 31, 1978.

Repealed: F. Sept. 6, 1978; eff. Sept. 26, 1978.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Rails (Marsh Hens)" adopted. F. Aug. 9, 1979; eff. Aug. 29, 1979.

Amended: F. Aug. 6, 1980; eff. Aug. 26, 1980.

Amended: F. Aug. 6, 1981; eff. Aug. 26, 1981.

Amended: F. July 29, 1982; eff. Aug. 18, 1982.

Amended: F. July 25, 1983; eff. Aug. 14, 1983.

Amended: F. July 30, 1984; eff. Aug. 19, 1984.

Amended: F. July 17, 1985; eff. Aug. 6, 1985.

Amended: F. July 31, 1986; eff. Aug. 20, 1986.

Amended: F. July 16, 1987; eff. Aug. 5, 1987.

Amended: F. July 15, 1988; eff. Aug. 4, 1988.

Amended: F. July 17, 1989; eff. Aug. 6, 1989.

Amended: F. July 24, 1990; eff. Aug. 13, 1990.

Amended: F. July 17, 1991; eff. Aug. 6, 1991.

Amended: F. June 5, 1992; eff. June 25, 1992.

Amended: F. June 3, 1993; eff. June 23, 1993.

Amended: F. June 2, 1994; eff. June 22, 1994.

Amended: F. May 25, 1995; eff. June 14, 1995.

Amended: F. May 30, 1996; eff. June 19, 1996.

Amended: F. June 2, 1997; eff. June 22, 1997.

Amended: F. May 21, 1998; eff. June 10, 1998.

Amended: F. Apr. 30, 1999; eff. May 20, 1999.

Amended: F. May 29, 2001; eff. June 18, 2001.

Amended: F. May 30, 2003; eff. June 19, 2003.

Amended: F. June 16, 2005; eff. July 6, 2005.

Amended: F. May 24, 2007; eff. June 13, 2007.

Amended: F. May 27, 2009; eff. June 16, 2009.

Amended: F. Jun. 1, 2011; eff. Jun. 21, 2011.

Amended: F. Sep. 5, 2012; eff. Sep. 25, 2012.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Extended Falconry Season for Ducks, Coots, Gallinules (Common Moorhen), Mergansers and Sea Ducks" adopted. F. Jun. 13, 2013; eff. Jul. 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 31, 2015; eff. Sep. 20, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.49 Gallinules (Common Moorhen)

(1) The open season for hunting gallinules is November 21-29, and December 12, 2020 - January 31, 2021.

(2) The bag limit on gallinules is fifteen (15) daily and forty-five (45) in possession.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.49

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Turkey" adopted. F. Oct. 19, 1973; eff. Nov. 8, 1973.

Amended: F. Jan. 21, 1974; eff. Feb. 10, 1974.

Repealed: Rule reserved. F. July 22, 1974; eff. Aug. 11, 1974.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Mourning Doves" adopted. F. Oct. 15, 1974; eff. Nov. 4, 1974.

Repealed: Rule reserved. F. Dec. 9, 1975; eff. Dec. 29, 1975.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Mourning Doves" adopted. F. Dec. 10, 1975; eff. Dec. 30, 1975.

Repealed: F. Aug. 5, 1976; eff. Aug. 25, 1976.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Woodcock" adopted. F. Aug. 24, 1976; eff. Sept. 13, 1976.

Amended: F. Sept. 2, 1977; eff. Aug. 26, 1977; the date of adoption, in accordance with Ga. L. 1977, pp. 396, 455.

Amended: F. Aug. 11, 1978; eff. Aug. 31, 1978.

Repealed: F. Sept. 6, 1978; eff. Sept. 26, 1978.

Amended: Rule entitled "Woodcock" adopted. F. Aug. 9, 1979; eff. Aug. 29, 1979.

Amended: F. Aug. 6, 1980; eff. Aug. 26, 1980.

Amended: F. Aug. 6, 1981; eff. Aug. 26, 1981.

Amended: F. July 29, 1982; eff. Aug. 18, 1982.

Amended: F. July 25, 1983; eff. Aug. 14, 1983.

Amended: F. July 30, 1984; eff. Aug. 19, 1984.

Amended: F. July 17, 1985; eff. Aug. 6, 1985.

Amended: F. July 31, 1986; eff. Aug. 20, 1986.

Amended: F. July 16, 1987; eff. Aug. 5, 1987.

Amended: F. July 15, 1988; eff. Aug. 4, 1988.

Amended: F. June 3, 1993; eff. June 23, 1993.

Amended: F. Aug. 27, 1997; eff. Sept. 16, 1997.

Amended: F. Aug. 27, 1998; eff. Sept. 16, 1998.

Amended: F. Aug. 26, 1999; eff. Sept. 15, 1999.

Amended: F. Aug. 28, 2000; eff. Sept. 17, 2000.

Amended: F. May 29, 2001; eff. June 18, 2001.

Amended: F. May 30, 2003; eff. June 19, 2003.

Amended: F. June 16, 2005; eff. July 6, 2005.

Amended: F. May 24, 2007; eff. June 13, 2007.

Amended: F. May 27, 2009; eff. June 16, 2009.

Amended: F. Jun. 1, 2011; eff. Jun. 21, 2011.

Amended: F. Sep. 5, 2012; eff. Sep. 25, 2012.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Gallinules (Common Moorhen)" adopted. F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 31, 2015; eff. Sep. 20, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.50 Mergansers

(1) The open season for hunting mergansers is November 21-29, and December 12, 2020 - January 31, 2021.

(2) In addition to the limits applying to other ducks during the regular duck season, the bag limit on mergansers is five (5) daily with a possession limit of fifteen (15). This limit can not include more than two (2) hooded mergansers daily and six (6) in possession.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.50

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Rails" was filed on November 14, 1973; effective December 4, 1973.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed July 22, 1974; effective August 11, 1974.

Amended: Rule entitled "Common (Wilson's) Snipe" adopted. Filed October 15, 1974; effective November 4, 1974.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed December 9, 1975; effective December 29, 1975.

Amended: Rule entitled "Common (Wilson's) Snipe" adopted. Filed August 24, 1976; effective September 13, 1976.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 2, 1977; effective Aug. 26, 1977; the day of adoption, in accordance with Ga. L. 1977, pp. 396, 455.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed August 11, 1978; effective August 31, 1978.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed September 6, 1978; effective September 26, 1978.

Amended: Rule entitled "Common (Wilson's) Snipe" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979.

Amended: Filed August 6, 1980; effective August 26, 1980.

Amended: Filed August 6, 1981; effective August 26, 1983.

Amended: Filed July 30, 1984; effective August 19, 1984.

Amended: Filed July 17, 1985; effective August 6, 1985.

Amended: Filed July 31, 1986; effective August 20, 1986.

Amended: Filed July 16, 1987; effective August 5, 1987.

Amended: Filed July 15, 1988; effective August 4, 1988.

Amended: F. Sept. 10, 1991; eff. Sept. 30, 1991.

Amended: F. Aug. 25, 1995; eff. Sept. 14, 1995.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Mergansers" adopted. F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 31, 2015; eff. Sep. 20, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.51 Mourning Doves

(1) For the purpose of hunting mourning doves and white-winged doves, the open seasons are from the first Saturday in September through September 30; the Saturday before Thanksgiving and 8 days thereafter, and December 8, 2020 - January 31, 2021.

(2) The daily bag limit is fifteen (15) mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate and the possession limit shall be forty-five (45) mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.

(3) Daily shooting hours are from 12 noon until sunset on opening day of the First Season and, thereafter, one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.51

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-3](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Woodcock" was filed on November 14, 1973; effective December 4, 1973.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed July 22, 1974; effective August 11, 1974.

Amended: Rule entitled "Ducks" adopted. Filed October 15, 1974; effective November 4, 1974.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed December 9, 1975; effective December 29, 1975.

Amended: Rule entitled "Baiting" adopted. Filed August 24, 1976; effective September 13, 1976.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new rule of same title adopted. Filed September 2, 1977; effective Aug. 26, 1977; the day of adoption, in accordance with Ga. L. 1977, pp. 396, 455.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed August 11, 1978; effective August 31, 1978.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed September 6, 1978; effective September 26, 1978.

Amended: Rule entitled "Baiting" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 26, 1999; eff. Sept. 15, 1999.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Mourning Doves" adopted. F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2015; eff. June 15, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.52 Rails (Marsh Hens)

(1) The open season for hunting rails (marsh hens) is September 17 - October 21 and November 13 - December 17, 2020.

(2) The daily bag limit on marsh hens (king and clapper rails) is fifteen (15) with a possession limit of forty-five (45), either singly or in combination.

(3) In addition to marsh hens, a daily bag limit of twenty-five (25) sora and Virginia rails may be taken with a possession limit of seventy-five (75), either singly or in combination.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.52

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Mourning Doves" adopted. F. Nov. 14, 1973; eff. Dec. 4, 1973.

Repealed: Rule reserved. F. July 22, 1974; eff. Aug. 11, 1974.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Extra Scaup Limit" adopted. F. Oct. 15, 1974; eff. Nov. 4, 1974.

Repealed: Rule reserved. F. Dec. 9, 1975; eff. Dec. 29, 1975.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Extra Scaup Limit" adopted. F. Dec. 10, 1975; eff. Dec. 30, 1975.

Repealed: F. Aug. 5, 1976; eff. Aug. 25, 1976.

Amended: Rule entitled "Ducks" adopted. F. Oct. 26, 1976; eff. Nov. 15, 1976.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sept. 16, 1977; eff. Aug. 26, 1977; the date of adoption, in accordance with Ga. L. 1977, pp. 396, 455.

Amended: Rule repealed. F. Sept. 6, 1978; eff. Sept. 26, 1978.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Ducks" adopted. F. Nov. 2, 1978; eff. Sept. 29, 1978, as specified by Certification of said Rule in accordance with Ga. Code Sec. [45-513\(d\)](#).

Amended: F. Nov. 2, 1979; eff. Nov. 22, 1979.

Amended: F. Sept. 12, 1980; eff. Oct. 2, 1980.

Amended: F. Sept. 22, 1981; eff. Oct. 12, 1981.

Amended: F. July 29, 1982; eff. Aug. 18, 1982.

Amended: F. July 25, 1983; eff. Aug. 14, 1983.

Amended: F. July 30, 1984; eff. Aug. 19, 1984.

Amended: F. July 17, 1985; eff. Aug. 6, 1985.

Amended: ER. 391-4-2-0.7-.52 adopted. F. Oct. 1, 1985; eff. Sept. 25, 1985, the date of adoption.

Amended: F. Oct. 22, 1986; eff. Nov. 11, 1986.

Amended: F. Sept. 22, 1987; eff. Oct. 12, 1987.

Amended: F. Oct. 14, 1988; eff. Nov. 3, 1988.

Amended: F. Sept. 12, 1989; eff. Oct. 2, 1989.

Amended: F. Aug. 30, 1990; eff. Sept. 19, 1990.

Amended: F. July 17, 1991; eff. Aug. 6, 1991.

Amended: F. Sept. 10, 1991; eff. Sept. 30, 1991.

Amended: F. June 5, 1992; eff. June 25, 1992.

Amended: F. Aug. 28, 1992; eff. Sept. 17, 1992.

Amended: F. Dec. 14, 1992; eff. Jan. 3, 1993.

Amended: F. Aug. 27, 1993; eff. Sept. 16, 1993.

Amended: F. Sept. 1, 1994; eff. Sept. 21, 1994.

Amended: F. Aug. 25, 1995; eff. Sept. 14, 1995.

Amended: F. Sept. 6, 1996; eff. Sept. 26, 1996.

Amended: F. Aug. 27, 1997; eff. Sept. 16, 1997.

Amended: F. Aug. 27, 1998; eff. Sept. 16, 1998.

Amended: F. Aug. 26, 1999; eff. Sept. 15, 1999.

Amended: F. Aug. 28, 2000; eff. Sept. 17, 2000.

Amended: F. Aug. 28, 2001; eff. Sept. 17, 2001.

Amended: F. Aug. 19, 2002; eff. Sept. 8, 2002.

Amended: F. Sept. 2, 2003; eff. Sept. 22, 2003.

Amended: F. Aug. 27, 2004; eff. Sept. 16, 2004.

Amended: F. Aug. 25, 2005; eff. Sept. 14, 2005.

Amended: F. Aug. 24, 2006; eff. Sept. 13, 2006.

Amended: F. Aug. 30, 2007; eff. Sept. 19, 2007.

Amended: F. Sept. 2, 2008; eff. Sept. 22, 2008.

Amended: F. Sept. 8, 2009; eff. Sept. 28, 2009.

Amended: F. Sept. 1, 2010; eff. Sept. 21, 2010.

Amended: F. Aug. 25, 2011; eff. Sep. 14, 2011.

Amended: F. Sep. 5, 2012; eff. Sep. 25, 2012.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Rails (Marsh Hens)" adopted. F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2015; eff. June 15, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.53 Sea Ducks (Scoters, Eiders, Long-tailed Ducks)

(1) The open season for hunting scoters, eiders, and long-tailed ducks is November 21-29, and December 12, 2020 - January 31, 2021.

(2) In addition to the limits applying to other ducks during the regular duck season, bag limits on sea ducks are five (5) daily with a possession limit of fifteen (15). This limit can not include more than four (4) scoters daily and twelve (12) in possession; nor more than four (4) eiders daily and twelve (12) in possession; and nor more than four (4) long-tailed ducks daily and twelve (12) in possession in the special sea duck area for Georgia as defined in Federal regulations.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.53

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Common (Wilson's) Snipe" was filed on November 14, 1973; effective December 4, 1973.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed July 22, 1974; effective August 11, 1974.

Amended: Rule entitled "Extra Blue-Winged Teal Limit" adopted. Filed October 15, 1974; effective November 4, 1974.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed December 9, 1975; effective December 29, 1975.

Amended: Rule entitled "Extra Blue Winged Teal Limit" adopted. Filed December 10, 1975; effective December 30, 1975.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed August 5, 1976; effective August 25, 1976.

Amended: Rule entitled "Extra Scaup Limit" adopted. Filed October 26, 1976; effective November 15, 1976.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed September 16, 1977; effective August 26, 1977; the day of adoption, in accordance with Ga. L. 1977, pp. 396, 455.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed September 6, 1978; effective September 26, 1978.

Amended: Rule entitled "Extra Scaup Limit" adopted. Filed November 2, 1978; effective September 29, 1978, as specified by Certification of said Rule in accordance with Ga. Code. Sec. [45-513\(d\)](#).

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed October 14, 1988; effective November 3, 1988.

Adopted: New Rule entitled "Sea Ducks (Scoters, Eiders, Long-tailed Ducks)." F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 31, 2015; eff. Sep. 20, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.54 Teal

(1) In addition to the open season for hunting ducks, the open season for hunting teal includes September 12-27, 2020.

(2) The bag limits on teal during this season are six (6) daily with a possession limit of eighteen (18).

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.54

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Ducks" was filed on November 14, 1973; effective December 4, 1973.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed July 22, 1974; effective August 11, 1974.

Amended: Rule entitled "Coots" adopted. Filed October 15, 1974; effective November 4, 1974.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed December 9, 1975; effective December 29, 1975.

Amended: Rule entitled "Coots" adopted. Filed December 10, 1975; effective December 30, 1975.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed August 5, 1976; effective August 25, 1976.

Amended: Rule entitled "Extra Blue-Winged Teal Limit" adopted. Filed October 26, 1976; effective November 15, 1976.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed September 16, 1977; effective Aug. 26, 1977; the date of adoption, in accordance with Ga. L. 1977, pp. 396, 455.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed September 6, 1978; effective September 26, 1978.

Amended: Rule entitled "Extra Blue-Winged Teal Limit" adopted. Filed November 2, 1978; effective September 29, 1978, as specified by Certification of said Rule in accordance with Ga. Code Sec. [45-513\(d\)](#).

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Extra Teal Limit" adopted. Filed November 2, 1979; effective November 22, 1979.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed September 12, 1980; effective October 2, 1980.

Amended: Filed September 22, 1981; effective October 12, 1981.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 29, 1982; effective August 18, 1982.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 17, 1985; effective August 6, 1985.

Amended: Emergency Rule 391-4-2-0.7-.54 adopted. Filed October 1, 1985; effective September 25, 1985, the date of adoption to remain in effect for a period of 120 days, as specified by the Agency to comply with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed October 22, 1986; effective November 11, 1986.

Amended: Filed September 22, 1987; effective October 12, 1987.

Amended: Rule repealed. Filed October 14, 1988; effective November 3, 1988.

Adopted: New Rule entitled "Teal." F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 31, 2015; eff. Sep. 20, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.56 Special Opportunity Waterfowl Season

The open season for youths 17 years of age or less, active duty military, and veterans hunting ducks, coots, gallinules (common moorhen), mergansers, sea ducks, Canada Geese and Snow Geese is November 14-15, 2020. An adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth into the field during this season but may not hunt.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-4-2-.56

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-3-15\(d\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Coots" adopted. F. Nov. 14, 1973; eff. Dec. 4, 1973.

Repealed: Rule reserved. F. July 22, 1974; eff. Aug. 11, 1974.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Mergansers" adopted. F. Oct. 15, 1974; eff. Nov. 4, 1974.

Repealed: Rule reserved. F. Dec. 9, 1975; eff. Dec. 29, 1975.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Mergansers" adopted. F. Dec. 10, 1975; eff. Dec. 30, 1975.

Repealed: F. Aug. 5, 1976; eff. Aug. 25, 1976.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Gallinules" adopted. F. Oct. 26, 1976; eff. Nov. 15, 1976.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sept. 16, 1977; eff. August 26, 1977; the date of adoption, in accordance with Ga. L. 1977, pp. 396, 455.

Amended: Rule repealed. F. Sept. 6, 1978; eff. Sept. 26, 1978.

Amended: Rule entitled "Gallinules" adopted. F. Nov. 2, 1978; eff. Sept. 29, 1978, as specified by Certification of said Rule in accordance with Ga. Code Sec. [45-513\(d\)](#).

Amended: F. Nov. 2, 1979; eff. Nov. 22, 1979.

Amended: F. Sept. 12, 1980; eff. Oct. 2, 1980.

Amended: F. Sept. 22, 1981; eff. Oct. 12, 1981.

Amended: F. July 29, 1982; eff. Aug. 18, 1982.

Amended: F. July 25, 1983; eff. Aug. 14, 1983.

Amended: F. July 30, 1984; eff. Aug. 19, 1984.

Amended: F. July 17, 1985; eff. Aug. 6, 1985.

Amended: F. Oct. 22, 1986; eff. Nov. 11, 1986.

Amended: F. Sept. 22, 1987; eff. Oct. 12, 1987.

Amended: F. Oct. 14, 1988; eff. Nov. 3, 1988.

Amended: F. Sept. 12, 1989; eff. Oct. 2, 1989.

Amended: F. Aug. 30, 1990; eff. Sept. 19, 1990.

Amended: F. Sept. 10, 1991; eff. Sept. 30, 1991.

Amended: F. Aug. 28, 1992; eff. Sept. 17, 1992.

Amended: F. Aug. 27, 1993; eff. Sept. 16, 1993.

Amended: F. Sept. 1, 1994; eff. Sept. 21, 1994.

Amended: F. Aug. 25, 1995; eff. Sept. 14, 1995.

Amended: F. Sept. 6, 1996; eff. Sept. 26, 1996.

Amended: F. Aug. 27, 1997; eff. Sept. 16, 1997.

Amended: F. Aug. 27, 1998; eff. Sept. 16, 1998.

Amended: F. Aug. 26, 1999; eff. Sept. 15, 1999.

Amended: F. Aug. 28, 2000; eff. Sept. 17, 2000.

Amended: F. Aug. 28, 2001; eff. Sept. 17, 2001.

Amended: F. Aug. 19, 2002; eff. Sept. 8, 2002.

Amended: F. Sept. 2, 2003; eff. Sept. 22, 2003.

Amended: F. Aug. 27, 2004; eff. Sept. 16, 2004.

Amended: F. Aug. 25, 2005; eff. Sept. 14, 2005.

Amended: F. Aug. 24, 2006; eff. Sept. 13, 2006.

Amended: F. Aug. 30, 2007; eff. Sept. 19, 2007.

Amended: F. Sept. 2, 2008; eff. Sept. 22, 2008.

Amended: F. Aug. 25, 2011; eff. Sep. 14, 2011.

Amended: F. Sep. 5, 2012; eff. Sep. 25, 2012.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Youth Waterfowl Season" adopted. F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 28, 2013; eff. Sep. 17, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 3, 2014; eff. Sep. 23, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 31, 2015; eff. Sep. 20, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 1, 2017; eff. May 21, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 9, 2019; eff. May 29, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Special Opportunity Waterfowl Season" adopted. F. May 1, 2020; eff. May 21, 2020.

391-4-2-.70 Wildlife Management Areas, Other State Lands, and Federal Areas

The following species may be hunted on State areas in accordance with restrictions set forth below except as prescribed in [391-4-2-.60](#) through [391-4-2-.68](#), and on Federal areas in accordance with the restrictions set forth below.

Alapaha River WMA	
Deer	
2019-20	
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 20 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Oct 26-Oct 27 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 14-Nov 16 Check-in	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 27-Dec 1, Dec 17-Dec 22 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 18 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Oct 24-Oct 25 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 14 Check-in	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 25-Nov 29, Dec 15-Dec 20 Sign-in	

Dove
2019-20
Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Nov 26, Dec 6-Dec 16, Dec 23-Jan 31 Sign-in
Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 50
2020-21
Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21-Nov 24, Dec 8-Dec 14, Dec 21-Jan 31 Sign-in
Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 50
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 25, Oct 28-Nov 13, Nov 17-Nov 26, Dec 2-Dec 16, Dec 23-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 23, Oct 26-Nov 11, Nov 15-Nov 24, Nov 30-Dec 14, Dec 21-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 4-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 21-Mar 27, Mar 28-Apr 3 Sign-in Quota 15
2020-21
Apr 3-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 20-Mar 26, Mar 27-Apr 2 Sign-in Quota 15
Waterfowl
*State season during small game dates.
Albany Nursery WMA
*Special Regulations
Physically Disabled hunters should apply by letter by Mar. 10 to Albany Nursery Quota Turkey Hunt, Game Management, 2024 Newton Road, Albany, Georgia 31701. Include a phone number. See page 74 for all other quota hunt application instructions.; No camping. Dog training in designated area only. No May 16-31 coyote season
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Dec 8-Jan 12 Sign-in
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 3, Nov 28-Dec 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Dec 6-Jan 10 Sign-in
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 29-Nov 1, Nov 26-Nov 29 Sign-in
Dove
*Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public.
2019-20
Sep 14, Nov 23-Nov 26, Dec 8-Jan 17, Jan 19-Jan 31
Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 35
2020-21
Sep 12, Nov 23-Nov 25, Dec 8-Jan 16, Jan 17-Jan 31
Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 35
Quail
*Quail hunting by quota only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.
2019-20
Youth Nov 23, Dec 7, Jan 18 Check-in Quota 1
2020-21
Youth Nov 21, Dec 5, Jan 16 Check-in Quota 1
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 30, Dec 8-Jan 17, Jan 19-Feb 28
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 29, Dec 6-Jan 16, Jan 17-Feb 28

Turkey	
2019-20	
Mobility Impaired Apr 4-Apr 10, May 2-May 8 Sign-in Quota 1	
Youth Mar 28-Apr 3, Apr 18-Apr 24 Sign-in Quota 1	
2020-21	
Mobility Impaired Apr 4-Apr 10, May 2-May 8 Sign-in Quota 1	
Youth Mar 28-Apr 3, Apr 18-Apr 24 Sign-in Quota 1	
Alexander WMA	
*Special Regulations	
No camping.	
Coyote	
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.	
Deer	
2019-20	
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 18, Dec 1-Jan 12 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Nov 30 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 16, Dec 1-Jan 10 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Nov 30 Sign-in	
Dove	
*Quota; No dove hunting outside of dove field; Shooting hours from 12 noon - sunset on quota hunts	
2019-20	
Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31 Sign-in	
Sep 7, Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 50	
2020-21	
Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31 Sign-in	
Sep 5, Sep 12 Sign-in Quota 50	
Small Game	
2019-20	
Aug 15-Feb 29 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in	
Turkey	
2019-20	
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in	
Waterfowl	
*State season during small game dates.	
Allatoona WMA	
*Special Regulations	
No firearms allowed in U.S. Corps of Engineers developed campsites. Horse and bicycle trails & areas are closed all day during Firearms Specialty Hunt and before 10:00 a.m. EST during all other deer and turkey seasons. No ATVs. No camping.	
Bear	
2019-20	
Archery Sep 14-Oct 18 Sign-in	
Firearms Nov 2-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Specialty Firearms Oct 19-Oct 20 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Sep 12-Oct 16 Sign-in	
Firearms Nov 3-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Specialty Firearms Oct 17-Oct 18 Sign-in	
Deer	

2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 20 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Jan 1 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Oct 18 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 18, Oct 21-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 16, Oct 19-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Alligator Creek WMA
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Jan 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Altama Plantation WMA
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 6, Dec 29-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 26-Dec 28 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Nov 28-Nov 30 Sign-in Quota 50
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Nov 11, Jan 1-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 29-Dec 31 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 14, Dec 3-Dec 5 Sign-in Quota 50
Small Game
*No furbearer season.
2019-20

Aug 15-Nov 6, Nov 10-Nov 27, Dec 1-Dec 25, Dec 29-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Nov 11, Nov 15-Dec 2, Dec 6-Dec 28, Jan 1-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Altamaha WMA - Buffalo Swamp, Lewis Island, and McGowan Lake Tracts
*Special Regulations
This area includes those Altamaha WMA lands west of Butler & Champney Islands.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*State season during small game dates.
Altamaha WMA - Waterfowl Management Area
*Special Regulations
This area includes Broughton, Butler, Champney, and Rhetts Islands. Butler Refuge (located on Butler Island east of HWY 17) and Ansley Hodges MARSH Project (located west of HWY 17 on Champney Island) are closed to firearms at all times but open to archery deer & hog hunting seasons and archery rabbit hunting after the last Saturday of waterfowl season. Airboats are prohibited inside managed waterfowl impoundments. Access to Rhetts Island at designated crossover sites only. Boats are restricted to one motor of 25hp or less. Rhetts Island is closed to fishing, shrimping & crabbing during early teal season & statewide waterfowl season. Butler Island ponds & impoundments closed to cast netting west of Highway 17.
Coyote
*Mar. 1-May 31. No centerfire rifles, small game weapons only. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 15 Sign-in
2020-21

Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Nov 15 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7-Sep 8, Sep 14-Sep 15, Sep 21-Sep 22, Sep 28-Sep 29
2020-21
Sep 5-Sep 6, Sep 12-Sep 13, Sep 19-Sep 20, Sep 26-Sep 27
Rabbit
*Bag Limit of 6/person/day. Special Archery Youth Only Hunt in Butler Refuge Area
2019-20
Youth Archery Jan 25-Jan 26
2020-21
Youth Archery Jan 30-Jan 31
Small Game
*Aug 15 - Nov 15, Feb 1 - 28, Except Butler Island which opens after the last Saturday of waterfowl season. No furbearer season. Snipe hunting is allowed Wednesday-Sunday and State Holidays during season, except on Butler Island which opens after last Saturday of waterfowl season.
2019-20
Aug 15-Nov 15, Feb 1-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Nov 15, Feb 1-Feb 28
Turkey
*No turkey season
Waterfowl
*Wed., Sat., Sun. and State Holidays during state season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon, except that on last day of season shooting hours end at sunset. Q25 Butler Island: Saturday Only. Stand selection drawing will be held at 5:00am. Stand-by hunters will be issued unfilled quota slots based on drawing the morning of the hunt. Maximum of 3 persons per blind. Disabled hunters selected for hunt should contact Area Manager at 912-262-3173 as soon as possible after quota selection.
Appling County Dove Field VPA
*Special Regulations
On opening day, hunters shall not enter a managed dove field and hunting structures shall not be placed on a managed dove field prior to 10:00 am. Youth hunt begins at 1:30 pm. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2019-20
Sep 14, Sep 21 Sign-in
Youth Sep 7 Sign-in
2020-21
Sep 12, Sep 19 Sign-in
Youth Sep 5 Sign-in
Arrowhead WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATVs. No camping.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Dec 1-Jan 1 Sign-in
Youth Archery Nov 1-Nov 30 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Dec 1-Jan 1 Sign-in
Youth Archery Nov 1-Nov 30 Sign-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Small game weapons only.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 1 Sign-in

Youth Archery Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 30 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 1 Sign-in
Youth Archery Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 30 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Youth Aug 15-Oct 17, Feb 1-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 15, Feb 1-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Youth Mar 31-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Saturdays only during state season.
B.F. Grant WMA
*Special Regulations
No hunting on or access through pastures.
Deer
*Only bucks with a 15" spread or a 16" main beam are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Sep 22, Dec 5-Dec 8 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 7-Nov 9, Nov 21-Nov 23 Check-in Quota 400
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 20-Dec 22 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Sep 20, Dec 3-Dec 6 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 5-Nov 7, Nov 19-Nov 21 Check-in Quota 400
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 18-Dec 20 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 24-Dec 1, Dec 9-Dec 19, Dec 23-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 22-Nov 29, Dec 8-Dec 17, Dec 21-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Sep 23-Nov 6, Nov 10-Nov 20, Nov 24-Dec 4, Dec 9-Dec 19, Dec 23-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Sep 21-Nov 4, Nov 8-Nov 18, Nov 22-Dec 2, Dec 7-Dec 17, Dec 21-Feb 28
Turkey
*Bag limit 1 on quota hunt.
2019-20
Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 30-Apr 5 Sign-in Quota 80
Youth Mar 21-Mar 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 29-Apr 4 Sign-in Quota 80
Youth Mar 20-Mar 28 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*No waterfowl hunting on MARSH ponds outside of Quota hunts. Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season during small game dates. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates. 2019-20
Dec 28, Jan 25 Sign-in Quota 3
2020-21

Dec 26, Jan 23 Sign-in Quota 3
Balls Ferry State Park
*Special Regulations
No camping. On youth hunts, only youth may hunt.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Oct 19-Jan 12 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9, Oct 17-Jan 10 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 11, Oct 19-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 9, Oct 17-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Archery Mar 30-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Mar 21-Mar 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Mar 29-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Mar 20-Mar 28 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. Other Migratory Birds: State season.
Bartram Forest WMA
*Special Regulations
Archery only for all species. No May 16-31 Coyote season. No firearms hunting is allowed. Bartram Forest is a multiple- use recreation area; other users may be present during open hunting seasons. Gates may be opened or closed at the discretion of Georgia Forestry Commission. Please see WMA maps for safety zones. No camping.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Archery Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Archery Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*State season, shooting hours end at 12 noon. Other Migratory Birds: State season.
Beaverdam WMA
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 20, Sep 28-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 28-Nov 30, Dec 18-Dec 21 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 2 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Sep 21-Sep 27 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 18, Sep 26-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 26-Nov 28, Dec 16-Dec 19 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Sep 19-Sep 25 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 20, Sep 28-Oct 30, Nov 3-Nov 27, Dec 1-Dec 17, Dec 22-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 18, Sep 26-Nov 4, Nov 8-Nov 25, Nov 29-Dec 15, Dec 20-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Berry College WMA
*Special Regulations
There is no open season for the taking of any wildlife on Berry College campus and refuge. Firearms and archery equipment are prohibited on the campus and refuge. Hunters may not use the campus or refuge for gaining access to the WMA. No ATV's. Horse, bicycle, and foot trails and areas are closed all day during firearms deer season and before 10:00am during deer archery and turkey season. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 29, Nov 3-Nov 15 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 30-Nov 2, Dec 4-Dec 7 Check-in Quota 1000
Specialty Firearms Jan 4-Jan 5 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Nov 3, Nov 8-Nov 13 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 4-Nov 7, Dec 2-Dec 5 Check-in Quota 1000
Specialty Firearms Jan 9-Jan 10 Check-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 4-Oct 29, Nov 3-Nov 15 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 4-Dec 7 Check-in Quota 1000
Firearms Either-Sex Last 2 Days Oct 30-Nov 2 Check-in Quota 1000
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Jan 4-Jan 5 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Nov 3, Nov 8-Nov 13 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 2-Dec 5 Check-in Quota 1000
Firearms Either-Sex Last 2 Days Nov 4-Nov 7 Check-in Quota 1000
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Jan 9-Jan 10 Check-in
Dog Training
*Aug 1 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts.
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 8-Jan 3, Jan 6-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 8, Jan 11-Jan 31
Small Game

2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 29, Nov 3-Dec 3, Dec 8-Jan 3, Jan 6-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Nov 3, Nov 8-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 8, Jan 11-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Big Dukes Pond WMA
*Special Regulations
Camping, ATVs & horses prohibited. Note Safety Zone on map - access prohibited between Feb. 1 and July 15.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Nov 30 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Nov 30 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Wed & Sat only during statewide seasons. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Big Hammock WMA
*Special Regulations
If the river stage is 9 feet or higher, measured at the Doctortown Gauge, the gates will be closed. Deer hunters may not hunt within 50 feet of the nature trail off Mack Phillips Rd.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 9, Oct 13-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 1-Nov 2, Dec 11-Dec 14 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Oct 26 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 12 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 29-Dec 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 7, Oct 11-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 30-Oct 31, Dec 9-Dec 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 24 Sign-in

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 10 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 27-Nov 29 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 9, Oct 19-Oct 22, Oct 27-Oct 31, Nov 3-Nov 28, Dec 2-Dec 10, Dec 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 7, Oct 17-Oct 20, Oct 25-Oct 29, Nov 1-Nov 26, Nov 30-Dec 8, Dec 13-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Big Lazer Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch or longer) on both side or a 15 inch outside spread are legal. Youth are exempt from the quality antler restrictions on the Youth Hunt.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Sep 27, Oct 20-Nov 13 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 17-Oct 19, Nov 21-Nov 23 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 24-Nov 26 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 28-Sep 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Sep 25, Oct 18-Nov 11 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 15-Oct 17, Nov 19-Nov 21 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 22-Nov 24 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 26-Sep 27 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21-Sep 30, Nov 27-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19-Sep 30, Nov 25-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 27, Sep 30-Oct 16, Oct 20-Nov 20, Nov 27-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 25, Sep 28-Oct 14, Oct 18-Nov 18, Nov 25-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 27-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 21-Mar 29, Apr 4-Apr 12, Apr 18-Apr 26 Sign-in Quota 50
2020-21
Apr 26-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 20-Mar 28, Apr 3-Apr 11, Apr 17-Apr 25 Sign-in Quota 50
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon for both PFA and WMA. Big Lazer Creek PFA is only open for hunting on Wed & Sat during small game dates concurrent with state waterfowl season. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
Blackbeard Island NWR
*Special Regulations
All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.savannahcoastalpermits.com. No alligator hunting. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/blackbeard_island for seasons, dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Blanton Creek WMA

*Special Regulations
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch or longer) on either side or a 15 inch outside spread are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 11, Oct 14-Oct 20, Nov 10-Nov 17 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 24-Oct 26, Nov 7-Nov 9 Check-in Quota 200
Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 12-Oct 13 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Oct 9, Oct 12-Oct 18, Nov 15-Nov 22 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 22-Oct 24, Nov 5-Nov 7 Check-in Quota 200
Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 10-Oct 11 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 21-Sep 30, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 8-Jan 31
Sep 7, Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 75
2020-21
Sep 19-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Sep 5, Sep 12 Sign-in Quota 75
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 11, Oct 14-Oct 23, Oct 27-Nov 6, Nov 10-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 9, Oct 12-Oct 21, Oct 25-Nov 4, Nov 8-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 21-Mar 29, Apr 4-Apr 12 Sign-in Quota 35
2020-21
Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 20-Mar 28, Apr 3-Apr 11 Sign-in Quota 35
Waterfowl
*No waterfowl hunting on MARSH ponds. Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season during small game dates. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
Blue Ridge WMA
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 8, Oct 14-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 23-Oct 26, Nov 27-Nov 30 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 9-Oct 13 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 6, Oct 12-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 21-Oct 24, Nov 25-Nov 28 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 7-Oct 11 Sign-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Oct 8, Oct 14-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 23-Oct 26, Nov 27-Nov 30 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 9-Oct 13 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Buck Only Sep 12-Oct 6, Oct 12-Oct 16 Sign-in

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Oct 24, Nov 25-Nov 28 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 7-Oct 11 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 8, Oct 14-Oct 22, Oct 27-Nov 26, Dec 1 -Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 6, Oct 12-Oct 20, Oct 25-Nov 23, Nov 29-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Bond Swamp NWR
*Special Regulations
Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Quota deer and waterfowl application deadline is September 25, 2019 & September 23, 2020. Quota turkey application deadline is February 19, 2020 & February 17, 2021. Sign-in required for youth deer hunt. Contact the Piedmont Refuge office to obtain applications, permits and refuge specific hunting regulations. Hunters are required to sign out harvested game at refuge check stations. Feral hogs may only be taken during refuge big game and small game hunts with applicable weapons restrictions. Baiting is prohibited. For more information call 478-986-5441 or email piedmont@fws.gov. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 10
Firearms Either Sex Nov 22-Nov 23, Dec 6-Dec 7 Quota 200
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 16-Nov 17 Sign-in Quota 50
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Nov 8
Firearms Either Sex Nov 20-Nov 21, Dec 4-Dec 5 Quota 200
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 14-Nov 15 Sign-in Quota 50
Quail
2019-20
Dec 8-Jan 31
2020-21
Dec 6-Jan 31
Rabbit
2019-20
Dec 8-Jan 31
2020-21
Dec 6-Jan 31
Squirrel
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Dec 8-Jan 31
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Dec 6-Jan 31
Turkey
*Bag limit 1 on hunts.
2019-20
Mar 21-Mar 22, Apr 3-Apr 4 Quota 40
2020-21
Mar 20-Mar 21, Apr 2-Apr 3 Quota 40
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
2019-20

Dec 14-Dec 15, Dec 27-Dec 28, Jan 10-Jan 11, Jan 24-Jan 25 Quota 20
2020-21
Dec 12-Dec 13, Dec 26-Dec 27, Jan 8-Jan 9, Jan 22-Jan 23 Quota 20
Broad River WMA
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Nov 30
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Nov 30
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Nov 30
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Nov 30
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15
Buck Shoals WMA
*Special Regulations
Day Use access is available on River Rd. Access for scheduled events is available on Cloverleaf Dr. and Buck Shoals Dr. Limit of 1 for all big game (Turkey and Deer) hunts. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Bear
2019-20
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Nov 2-Nov 3 Check-in Quota 12
Youth Firearms Nov 16-Nov 17, Nov 30-Dec 1 Check-in Quota 12
2020-21
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Nov 7-Nov 8 Check-in Quota 12
Youth Firearms Nov 21-Nov 22, Dec 5-Dec 6 Check-in Quota 12
Deer
*1 deer limit on all hunts
2019-20
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 3 Check-in Quota 12
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 16-Nov 17, Nov 30-Dec 1 Check-in Quota 12
2020-21
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 8 Check-in Quota 12
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 21-Nov 22, Dec 5-Dec 6 Check-in Quota 12
Dove
2019-20
Hunt-and-Learn Sep 14-Sep 15 Check-in Quota 15
Youth Sep 7 Check-in Quota 25
2020-21
Hunt-and-Learn Sep 12-Sep 13 Check-in Quota 15
Youth Sep 5 Check-in Quota 25
Small Game
2019-20

Hunt-and-Learn Dec 7 Check-in Quota 10
2020-21
Hunt-and-Learn Dec 11 Check-in Quota 10
Turkey
*1 gobbler limit on all hunts
2019-20
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 4-Apr 5 Check-in Quota 3
Youth Apr 18-Apr 19, May 2-May 3 Check-in Quota 5
2020-21
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 3-Apr 4 Check-in Quota 3
Youth Apr 17-Apr 18, May 1-May 2 Check-in Quota 5
Bullard Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
Montgomery County Tract access is limited to foot or boat travel only and is quality buck which means bucks must have a minimum of four points (1 inch or longer) on one side. No firearms deer hunting within designated archery-only areas (Montgomery County, Ocmulgee, Bell Telephone and Towns Bluff Tracts) but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game hunting.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 25, Sep 29-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 19, Dec 19-Dec 21 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 27-Nov 30 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 26-Sep 28 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 3 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 23, Sep 27-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 14-Oct 17, Dec 17-Dec 19 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 25-Nov 28 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 24-Sep 26 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Nov 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 25, Sep 29-Oct 15, Oct 20-Oct 31, Nov 4-Nov 26, Dec 1-Dec 18, Dec 22-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 23, Sep 27-Oct 13, Oct 18-Oct 29, Nov 2-Nov 24, Nov 29-Dec 16, Dec 20-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Bullard Creek WMA - Ocmulgee Tract
*Special Regulations
No firearms deer hunting within designated archery -only areas (Montgomery County, Ocmulgee, Bell Telephone and Towns Bluff Tracts) but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Camp Creek VPA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 31
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 31
Camp Thunder VPA
*Special Regulations
No ATVs. No camping. No hog dogs.
Coyote
*May 16-31, archery only.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Archery Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Archery Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Canoochee Sandhills WMA
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 10 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 19-Dec 21 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 26, Nov 14-Nov 16 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 10 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 17-Dec 19 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 24, Nov 12-Nov 14 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 23, Oct 27-Nov 13, Nov 17-Dec 18, Dec 22-Feb 29
2020-21
Oct 25-Nov 11, Aug 15-Oct 21, Nov 15-Dec 16, Dec 20-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in

Cardinal VPA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Cedar Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
ATVs prohibited.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 13 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 2-Dec 15 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 19 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 14-Nov 16 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Buck Only Nov 26-Dec 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 30-Dec 13 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 15-Oct 17 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 12-Nov 14 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Buck Only Nov 24-Nov 29 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Nov 25, Dec 6-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21-Nov 23, Dec 8-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 16, Oct 20-Nov 13, Nov 17-Nov 25, Dec 2-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 14, Oct 18-Nov 11, Nov 15-Nov 23, Nov 30-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 4-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Apr 3-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season during small game dates. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
Cedar Creek WMA - Little River Area
*Special Regulations

No ATVs. No camping.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Oct 19-Jan 12 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9, Oct 17-Jan 10 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 11, Oct 19-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 9, Oct 17-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 4-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Apr 3-May 15 Sign-in
Chattahoochee Bend State Park
*Special Regulations
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 2, 2019 and Nov. 30, 2020. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. Campsites (hunters only) will be available for hunter use and may be reserved through the park office at (770) 254-7271. ATVs Prohibited. All park access will be closed to the general public from Dec. 3-4, 2019 and Dec. 1-2, 2020. No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Firearms Either Sex Dec 3-Dec 4 Check-in Quota 100
2020-21
Firearms Either Sex Dec 1-Dec 2 Check-in Quota 100
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Almo
*Special Regulations
No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and location.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch or longer) on either side or a 15 inch outside spread are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 17 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 24-Oct 26, Nov 14-Nov 16 Check-in Quota 150
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Oct 15 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 22-Oct 24, Nov 12-Nov 14 Check-in Quota 150
Quail
*Bag limit is 6 per person or 12 per party for quail.
2019-20
Dec 7, Dec 14, Jan 11 Sign-in Quota 3
2020-21
Dec 5, Dec 19, Jan 16 Sign-in Quota 3
Small Game
*Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 23, Oct 27-Nov 13, Nov 17-Dec 6, Dec 8-Dec 13, Dec 15-Jan 10, Jan 12-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 21, Oct 25-Nov 11, Nov 15-Dec 4, Dec 6-Dec 18, Dec 20-Jan 15, Jan 17-Feb 28

Turkey
2019-20
Apr 27-May 15 Sign-in
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 17-Apr 20 Check-in
Mar 21-Mar 29, Apr 4-Apr 12 Sign-in Quota 50
2020-21
Apr 26-May 15 Sign-in
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 23-Apr 25 Check-in
Mar 20-Mar 28, Apr 3-Apr 11 Sign-in Quota 50
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season during small game dates. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Blackjack Crossing
*Special Regulations
Archery only for all hunting. No camping. No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and location.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch or longer) on either side of a 15 inch outside spread are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
*Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.
2019-20
Archery Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
*Exception to Archery Area Rules. Hunt and Learn can use firearms.
2019-20
Archery Mar 21-Apr 16, Apr 21-May 15 Sign-in
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 17-Apr 20 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Mar 20-Apr 22, Apr 26-May 15 Sign-in
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 23-Apr 25 Check-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season during small game dates. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Fort Perry
*Special Regulations
No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch or longer) on either side or a 15 inch outside spread are legal. Youth Hunt and Hunt and Learn exempt from antler restrictions.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Sep 22, Oct 5-Oct 13 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 31-Nov 2, Nov 14-Nov 16 Check-in Quota 35
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Oct 25-Oct 27 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 28-Sep 29 Sign-in Quota 35
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Sep 20, Oct 3-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 29-Oct 31, Nov 12-Nov 14 Check-in Quota 35

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Oct 25 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 26-Sep 27 Sign-in Quota 35
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21-Sep 27, Sep 30, Nov 24-Dec 1, Dec 6, Dec 8-Jan 3, Jan 5-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19-Sep 25, Sep 28-Sep 30, Nov 22-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 1, Jan 3-Jan 31
Quail
*Bag limit is 6 per person or 12 per party.
2019-20
Nov 23, Dec 7, Jan 4 Sign-in Quota 3
2020-21
Nov 21, Dec 5, Jan 2 Sign-in Quota 3
Small Game
*Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 27, Sep 30-Oct 24, Oct 28-Oct 30, Nov 3-Nov 13, Nov 17-Nov 22, Nov 24-Dec 6, Dec 8-Jan 3, Jan 5-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 25, Sep 28-Oct 22, Oct 26-Oct 28, Nov 1-Nov 11, Nov 15-Nov 20, Nov 22-Dec 4, Dec 6-Jan 1, Jan 3-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 17-Apr 20 Check-in
Mar 21-Mar 23, Apr 4-Apr 6 Sign-in Quota 15
May 11-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Mar 28-Mar 30 Sign-in Quota 15
2020-21
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 23-Apr 25 Check-in
Mar 20-Mar 22, Apr 3-Apr 5 Sign-in Quota 15
May 11-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Mar 27-Mar 29 Sign-in Quota 15
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season during small game dates. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Hilliard
*Special Regulations
No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations. Dove - Designated Youth Field is by quota only for the first two Saturdays of the season and then open thereafter during dove dates. All other dove fields not designated Youth are open during dove dates for General hunt.
Deer
*Only Bucks with at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side or a 15 inch outside spread are legal.
Youth Hunt and Hunt and Learn exempt from antler restrictions
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Oct 1, Nov 22-Dec 13 Sign-in
Firearms Antlerless Only Oct. 2-4- Check-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 29-Oct 31, Nov 19-Nov 21 Check-in Quota 50
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 8 Sign-in Quota 50
Dove
2020-21
Youth Field Sept. 5, Sept. 12 Sign-in Quota 20
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19-Sep 30, Nov 22-Nov 29, Dec 8-Dec 11, Dec 13-Jan 1, Jan 3-Jan 15, Jan 17-Jan 31
Quail
2020-21

Dec 12, Jan 2, Jan 16 Sign-in Quota 3
Small Game
*Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 1, Oct. 5-28, Nov 1-Nov 6, Nov 9-Nov 18, Nov 22-Dec 11, Dec 13-Jan 1, Jan 3-Jan 15, Jan 17-Feb 28
Turkey
*Bag limit 1 on quota hunts.
2020-21
Apr 3-Apr 11, Apr 26-May 2 Sign-in Quota 40
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 23-Apr 25 Check-in
Waterfowl
*Youth waterfowl days and Wed and Sat only during state waterfowl season on small game dates. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - VPA Tracts
*Special Regulations
No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side or a 15 inch outside spread are legal.
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
*Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Chattahoochee National Forest - Outside of WMAs
*Special Regulations
Transportation of any loaded weapon in a motor vehicle or possession of alcohol when hunting are prohibited. Placing, leaving, or depositing any food, bait, or garbage in a manner likely to attract or concentrate any wildlife, whether for purposes of hunting or viewing animals. Failure to properly store food or garbage so as to prevent access by wildlife. Baiting is prohibited. No night hunting for coyotes and hogs. Hogs and coyotes may be taken with archery equipment during archery deer season, with deer weapons during firearms deer season, with turkey weapons during turkey season and with small game weapons during small game dates. Hogs may be hunted with dogs with appropriate weapons restrictions while training dogs during dates when training season coincides with small game or turkey season. No May 16-31 coyote season. NOTE: Be aware of hikers and campers.
Bear
*Hunting bears with dogs is prohibited on the Chattahoochee National Forest on lands outside of designated WMA's.
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 11
Firearms Oct 19-Dec 26
Primitive Weapons Oct 12-Oct 18

2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 9
Firearms Oct 17-Dec 26
Primitive Weapons Oct 10-Oct 16
Deer-East of I-75
2019-20
Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Oct 11
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Dec 26
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 12-Oct 18
2020-21
Archery Buck Only Sep 12-Oct 9
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Dec 26
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 10-Oct 16
Deer-West of I-75
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11
Firearms Buck Only (except during county either-sex days through Dec. 26) Oct 19-Dec 26
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9
Firearms Buck Only (except during county either-sex days through Dec. 26) Oct 17-Dec 26
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16
Dog Training
*No dog training June 1-Aug. 14, except as provided below for bear and feral hog during daylight hours only. Other requirements apply, see Dog Training page in the Popular Guide.
2019-20
Aug 1-Sep 12, Jan 2-Mar 19
2020-21
Aug 1-Sep 10, Jan 2-Mar 19
Small Game
. When hunting fox and bobcat at night only small game weapons may be used.
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15
Chattahoochee WMA
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Sep 20 Sign-in
Archery Still Hunting Oct 7-Oct 23 Sign-in
Firearms Dogs Sep 28-Oct 6 Check-in Quota 9
Firearms Still Hunting Oct 24-Oct 27, Dec 4-Dec 7 Check-in
Firearms Still Hunting Sep 21-Sep 27, Nov 23-Dec 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Sep 18, Oct 5-Oct 21 Sign-in
Firearms Dogs Sep 26-Oct 4 Check-in Quota 9
Firearms Still Hunting Oct 22-Oct 25, Dec 10-Dec 13 Check-in
Firearms Still Hunting Sep 19-Sep 25 Sign-in
Firearms Still Hunting Nov 21-Nov 29 Sign-in

Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Sep 20, Oct 7-Oct 23 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 23-Dec 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 24-Oct 27, Dec 12-Dec 14 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Buck Only Sep 12-Sep 18, Oct 5-Oct 21 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 21-Nov 29 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Oct 25, Dec 10-Dec 13 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 20, Oct 7-Oct 23, Oct 28-Nov 22, Dec 16-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 18, Oct 5-Oct 21, Oct 26-Nov 20, Dec 14-Feb 28
Turkey
2020-21
Mar 21-May 15, Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Chestatee WMA
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Sep 20, Oct 7-Oct 23 Sign-in
Firearms Dogs Sep 28-Oct 6 Check-in Quota 6
Firearms Nov 13-Nov 17 Check-in
Firearms Still Hunting Dec 12-Dec 15 Check-in
Firearms Still Hunting Sep 21-Sep 27, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Sep 18, Oct 5-Oct 21 Sign-in
Firearms Dogs Sep 26-Oct 4 Check-in Quota 6
Firearms Still Hunting Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Still Hunting Nov 11-Nov 15, Dec 10-Dec 13 Check-in
Firearms Still Hunting Sep 19-Sep 25 Sign-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Sep 20, Oct 7-Oct 23 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 13-Nov 17, Dec 12-Dec 15 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Buck Only Sep 12-Sep 18, Oct 5-Oct 21 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 11-Nov 15, Dec 10-Dec 13 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 20, Oct 7-Nov 12, Nov 18-Dec 11, Dec 16-Dec 25, Jan 2-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 18, Oct 5-Nov 10, Nov 16-Dec 9, Dec 14-Dec 25, Jan 2-Feb 28
Turkey
2020-21
Mar 21-May 15, Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in

Chickasawhatchee WMA
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 7-Oct 11, Dec 29-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 5-Dec 7 Sign-in Quota 350
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9 Check-in Quota 350
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 16-Nov 22, Dec 23-Dec 28 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 6-Oct 10, Dec 28-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 4-Dec 6 Sign-in Quota 350
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7 Check-in Quota 350
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 11-Oct 17 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 15-Nov 21, Dec 22-Dec 27 Sign-in
Dove
*Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public.
2019-20
Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 8-Jan 31
Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 40
2020-21
Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 40
Quail
*Quail hunting by quota only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.
2019-20
Nov 23, Dec 14, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 1 Check-in Quota 3
Youth Nov 23, Dec 14, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 1 Check-in Quota 1
2020-21
Nov 21, Dec 12, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30 Check-in Quota 3
Youth Nov 21, Dec 12, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30 Check-in Quota 1
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Nov 6, Nov 10-Nov 15, Nov 24-Dec 4, Nov 24-Dec 4, Dec 8-Dec 22, Dec 29-Feb 28
2020-21
Aug 15-Nov 4, Nov 9-Nov 14, Nov 23-Dec 3, Nov 23-Dec 3, Dec 7-Dec 21, Dec 28-Feb 28
Turkey
*Bag limit one gobbler per person.
2019-20
Apr 11-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 21-Mar 27, Mar 28-Apr 3, Apr 4-Apr 10 Sign-in Quota 40
2020-21
Apr 11-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 20-Mar 26, Mar 27-Apr 2, Apr 3-Apr 9 Sign-in Quota 40
Clarks Hill WMA
*Special Regulations
Areas west of U.S. HWY 78/GA HWY 17 are open for hunting during statewide seasons only. Camping in designated sites only.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 26, Sep 30-Oct 11 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 24 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Sep 27-Sep 29 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 25-Oct 27 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 24, Sep 28-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 22 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Sep 25-Sep 27 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Oct 25 Sign-in
Dove
*Quota on designated fields only.
2019-20
Sep 14, Sep 21, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 30
2020-21
Sep 12, Sep 19, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 30
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 26, Sep 30-Oct 24, Oct 28-Feb 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 24, Sep 28-Oct 22, Oct 26-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Clayhole Swamp WMA
*Special Regulations
Horseback riding prohibited during ALL deer hunts. Area west of Cowpen Swamp is archery only for all species, open during their respective statewide seasons.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 18, Sep 23-Oct 2, Oct 6-Nov 22, Nov 30-Dec 20 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 29, Dec 21-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 5 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 20-Sep 22 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 16, Sep 21-Sep 29, Oct 4-Nov 27, Dec 5-Dec 18 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 28-Dec 4, Dec 19-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 1-Oct 3 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 18-Sep 20 Check-in
Small Game
*No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Oct 6-Nov 22, Nov 30-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Oct 4-Nov 27, Dec 5-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20

Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Clybel WMA
*Special Regulations
Multi-use trails and areas are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 a.m. during archery and turkey seasons. Rules are posted at trailhead.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 30, Nov 15-Nov 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Nov 21-Nov 23 Check-in Quota 200
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Oct 11-Oct 13, Nov 12-Nov 14 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 26-Dec 1 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 10 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 30, Nov 13-Nov 15 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7, Nov 19-Nov 21 Check-in Quota 200
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 11, Nov 10-Nov 12 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 24-Nov 29 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 8 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 24-Nov 25, Dec 6, Dec 8-Dec 20, Dec 22-Jan 1, Jan 5-Jan 17, Jan 19-Jan 31 Sign-in
Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 200
2020-21
Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 22-Nov 23, Dec 8-Dec 18, Dec 20-Jan 6, Jan 10-Jan 15, Jan 17-Jan 31 Sign-in
Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 200
Quail
*Bag limit is 6 per person or 12 per party for quail.
2019-20
Dec 7, Dec 21, Jan 18 Sign-in Quota 3
2020-21
Dec 5, Dec 19, Jan 16 Sign-in Quota 3
Rabbit
*Bag limit=3 rabbits/person/day.
2019-20
Hunt-and-Learn Jan 2-Jan 4 Check-in
2020-21
Hunt-and-Learn Jan 7-Jan 9 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 4
Oct 14-Nov 6, Nov 10-Nov 11, Nov 18-Nov 20, Nov 24-Nov 25, Dec 2-Dec 6, Dec 8-Dec 20, Dec 22-Jan 1, Jan 5-Jan 17, Jan 19-Feb 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 2, Oct 12-Nov 4, Nov 8-Nov 9, Nov 16-Nov 18, Nov 22-Nov 23, Nov 30-Dec 4, Dec 6-Dec 18, Dec 20-Jan 6, Jan 10-Jan 15, Jan 17-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
*Bag limit 1 on quota hunts.
2019-20
Apr 4-Apr 10, Apr 20-Apr 26 Sign-in Quota 25
Hunt-and-Learn May 1-May 3 Check-in
Youth Mar 21-Mar 29, Apr 11-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 25
2020-21

Apr 19-Apr 25, Apr 3-Apr 9 Sign-in Quota 25
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 30-May 2 Check-in
Youth Mar 20-Mar 28, Apr 10-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 25
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season during small game dates. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
Cohutta WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's except on designated trails.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 9, Oct 14-Dec 3, Dec 9-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 10-Oct 13, Dec 4-Dec 8 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 7, Oct 12-Dec 1, Dec 7-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 8-Oct 11, Dec 2-Dec 6 Check-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Oct 9, Oct 14-Dec 3, Dec 9-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 10-Oct 13, Dec 4-Dec 8 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Buck Only Sep 12-Oct 7, Oct 12-Dec 1, Dec 7-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 8-Oct 11, Dec 2-Dec 6 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 9, Oct 14-Dec 3, Dec 9-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 7, Oct 12-Dec 1, Dec 7-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Collins Rd VPA
*Special Regulations
No ATVs. No camping. Bird dog training: Sun-Tues & Thurs-Fri year round. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Rabbit
*Wed & Sat during statewide season
Small Game
*Rabbit only
Conasauga River WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATVs. WMA is closed to all other hunting during quota waterfowl hunts. No camping.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Dec 13, Dec 15-Dec 20, Dec 22-Dec 27, Dec 29-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Dec 11, Dec 13-Dec 18, Dec 20-Dec 25, Dec 27-Jan 1 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Dec 13, Dec 15-Dec 20, Dec 22-Dec 27, Dec 29-Jan 1 Sign-in

2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Dec 11, Dec 13-Dec 18, Dec 20-Dec 25, Dec 27-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Jan 26-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Jan 24-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 11-Apr 17, Apr 18-Apr 24 Sign-in Quota 2
2020-21
Apr 10-Apr 16, Apr 17-Apr 23 Sign-in Quota 2
Waterfowl
2019-20
Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25 Sign-in Quota 3
2020-21
Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 2, Jan 9, Jan 16, Jan 23 Sign-in Quota 3
Coopers Creek WMA
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 3, Oct 7-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 27-Dec 1 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 30-Nov 3 Check-in
Youth Firearms Oct 5-Oct 6 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 1, Oct 5-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 25-Nov 29 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 28-Nov 1 Check-in
Youth Firearms Oct 3-Oct 4 Check-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Oct 3, Oct 7-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 27-Dec 1 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 30-Nov 3 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 6 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Buck Only Sep 18-Oct 1, Oct 4-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 25-Nov 29 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 28-Nov 1 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 4 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 3, Oct 7-Oct 29, Nov 4-Nov 26, Dec 2-Dec 25, Jan 2-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 1, Oct 5-Oct 27, Nov 2-Nov 24, Nov 30-Dec 25, Jan 2-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20

Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Coosawattee WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 9, Oct 14-Dec 3, Dec 9-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 31-Nov 2, Dec 19-Dec 21 Check-in Quota 300
Youth Firearms Oct 18-Oct 20 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 7, Oct 12-Dec 1, Dec 7-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 5-Nov 7, Dec 17-Dec 19 Check-in Quota 300
Youth Firearms Oct 16-Oct 18 Check-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 9, Oct 14-Dec 3, Dec 9-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 2, Dec 19-Dec 21 Check-in Quota 300
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Oct 20 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 7, Oct 12-Dec 1, Dec 7-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7, Dec 17-Dec 19 Check-in Quota 300
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Oct 18 Check-in
Dog Training
*Aug 1 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts.
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 17, Oct 21-Oct 30, Nov 3-Dec 11, Dec 16-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 15, Oct 19-Nov 4, Nov 8-Dec 16, Dec 20-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Coosawattee-Carter's Lake WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's. Quota hunters must apply by letter to US Army Corps of Engineers, 975 Powerhouse Rd, Chatsworth, GA 30705 between Aug 15 and Sept 10.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Nov 7, Nov 11-Jan 1 Sign-in
Wheelchair Archery Nov 8-Nov 10 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 29, Nov 2-Jan 1 Sign-in
Wheelchair Firearms Oct 30-Nov 1 Check-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 7, Nov 11-Jan 1 Sign-in
Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Nov 8-Nov 10 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 29, Nov 2-Jan 1 Sign-in
Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Nov 1 Check-in

Dog Training
*Rabbit dogs only. Wed/Fri/Sat from Nov-Feb.
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Nov 7, Nov 11-Feb 29
2020-21
Sep 12-Oct 29, Nov 2-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Cordele Fish Hatchery
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Waterfowl
*Maximum 3 persons per party. Shooting hours end at 12 noon. Designated Pond Only.
2019-20
Nov 23, Dec 14 Sign-in Quota 3
Youth Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 11 Sign-in Quota 3
2020-21
Nov 21, Dec 12 Sign-in Quota 3
Youth Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 9 Sign-in Quota 3
Cowart Lake VPA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 31
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 31
Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's. Horse, bicycle, caving, hiking, rock climbing, parasailing and hang-gliding trails and areas are closed all day during firearms deer hunts. Additionally, horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00am during archery deer and turkey season. Firearms restrictions apply to certain portions of the WMA. Consult WMA map for specific limitations.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 18, Oct 21-Nov 5, Nov 10-Dec 10, Dec 15-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 6-Nov 9, Dec 11-Dec 14 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Oct 19-Oct 20 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 16, Oct 19-Nov 10, Nov 15-Dec 8, Dec 13-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 11-Nov 14, Dec 9-Dec 12 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Oct 17-Oct 18 Check-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 18, Oct 21-Nov 5, Nov 10-Dec 10, Dec 15-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 11-Dec 14 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 6-Nov 9 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 20 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 16, Oct 19-Nov 10, Nov 15-Dec 8, Dec 13-Jan 1 Sign-in

Firearms Buck Only Dec 9-Dec 12 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 11-Nov 14 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Oct 18 Check-in
Dog Training
*Aug 1 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts.
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 8-Dec 10, Dec 15-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8, Dec 13-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Sep 14-Oct 18, Oct 21-Nov 5, Nov 10-Dec 10, Dec 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Sep 12-Oct 16, Oct 19-Nov 10, Nov 15-Dec 8, Dec 13-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Cumberland Island National Seashore
*Special Regulations
Registration opens July 1st at www.pay.gov . Hunting fee is \$35. No standby hunters. No non-hunters. Cumberland Island Ferry is available for access to and from the island for a fee. Mandatory check-in starts at 9:00 AM EST one day prior to hunt at Plum Orchard Camp and Brickhill Campground. Children must be 12-17 for Youth Hunt; under age 16 must be accompanied by and under direct supervision of an adult at all times during the hunt. All NPS regulations apply to hunting areas. On primitive weapons hunts, modern centerfire handguns that meet state regulations may be used. Buckshot prohibited. Visit www.nps.gov/cuis/ for detailed information. No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 16 Check-in Quota 125
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 11-Nov 13, Dec 2-Dec 4 Check-in Quota 100
Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 21-Dec 22 Check-in Quota 50
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 14 Check-in Quota 125
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 9-Nov 11, Dec 7-Dec 9 Check-in Quota 100
Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 19-Dec 20 Check-in Quota 50
Feral hog
2019-20
Firearms Hog Only Jan 6-Jan 8, Jan 27-Jan 29 Check-in Quota 100
2020-21
Firearms Hog Only Jan 4-Jan 6, Jan 25-Jan 27 Check-in Quota 100
Dawson Forest WMA
*Special Regulations
Horse and bicycle trails are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 AM during archery and turkey seasons. Special rules apply to horse, bicycle and camping use; rules are posted at trailhead, camping areas, WMA check station. Permits are required for horse, bicycle and camping use. Permits must be completed and on person to be valid. Roads on the city of Atlanta Tract are closed to vehicles daily from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM except for individuals legally camping, hunting, or fishing on the area.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 10, Oct 14-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 23-Oct 26, Nov 6-Nov 10, Dec 5-Dec 8 Check-in

Specialty Firearms Oct 11-Oct 13 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 8, Oct 12-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 21-Oct 24, Nov 11-Nov 15, Dec 3-Dec 6 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Oct 9-Oct 11 Check-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
*Only bucks with 4 or more points (1 inch long or longer) on one side of the antlers are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 10, Oct 13-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last 2 Days Oct 23-Oct 26 Check-in
Firearms Quality Buck Only Nov 6-Nov 10, Dec 5-Dec 8 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 11-Oct 13 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Oct 8, Oct 11-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last 2 Days Oct 21-Oct 24 Check-in
Firearms Quality Buck Only Nov 11-Nov 15, Dec 3-Dec 6 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 9-Oct 11 Check-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Oct 14-Oct 22, Oct 27-Oct 31, Nov 23-Dec 2, Dec 9-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 7, Sep 12, Oct 12-Oct 20, Oct 25-Oct 31, Nov 21-Dec 2, Dec 7-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 10, Oct 14-Oct 22, Oct 27-Nov 5, Nov 11-Dec 4, Dec 9-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 8, Oct 12-Oct 20, Oct 25-Nov 10, Nov 16-Dec 2, Dec 7-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Di-Lane Plantation WMA
*Special Regulations
Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch long or longer) on either side are legal. For information about bird dog field trial call 706-595-4222. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 14-Nov 16 Check-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 10-Oct 12, Oct 24-Oct 26 Check-in Quota 400
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Oct 7 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 12-Nov 14 Check-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 8-Oct 10, Oct 22-Oct 24 Check-in Quota 400
Dove
*Quota; No dove hunting outside of dove fields. Field 1 only (South of Rocky Creek) Jan. 1-31
2019-20
Field 1 & 2 Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1 Sign-in
Field 1 Jan 1-Jan 31 Sign-in
Field 2 Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 100

Youth Field 1 Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 75
2020-21
Field 1 & 2 Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21-Nov 29 Sign-in
Field 1 Jan 1-Jan 31 Sign-in
Field 2 Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 100
Youth Field 1 Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 75
Quail
*Quota: limit 6 quail/person, 12 quail/party. Quail hunters may take woodcock, snipe, and other gamebirds with an open season.
2019-20
Dec 4, Dec 7, Dec 11, Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21, Dec 28, Dec 31, Feb 5 Check-in Quota 8
Youth Feb 1 Check-in Quota 8
2020-21
Dec 30, Dec 2, Dec 5, Dec 9, Dec 12, Dec 16, Dec 19, Dec 23, Feb 10 Check-in Quota 8
Youth Feb 6 Check-in Quota 8
Small Game
*Squirrel hunting area wide during state season on dates open for small game. Rabbit, raccoon, and woodcock hunting permitted South of Rocky Creek only Jan. 1-31. Rabbit hunting in designated areas only. Designated areas posted at check station.
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Oct 13-Oct 21, Oct 27-Nov 13, Nov 17-Dec 3, Dec 5-Dec 6, Dec 8-Dec 10, Dec 12-Dec 13, Dec 15-Dec 17, Dec 19-Dec 20, Dec 22-Dec 27, Dec 29-Dec 30, Jan 1-Jan 31, Feb 2-Feb 4, Feb 6-Feb 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Oct 11-Oct 21, Oct 25-Nov 11, Nov 15-Dec 1, Dec 3-Dec 4, Dec 6-Dec 8, Dec 10-Dec 11, Dec 13-Dec 15, Dec 17-Dec 18, Dec 20-Dec 22, Dec 24-Dec 29, Dec 30-Feb 5, Feb 7-Feb 9, Feb 11-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 11-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 28-Apr 3, Apr 4-Apr 10 Check-in Quota 30
Youth Mar 21-Mar 27 Check-in Quota 20
2020-21
Apr 10-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 27-Apr 2, Apr 3-Apr 9 Check-in Quota 30
Youth Mar 20-Mar 26 Check-in Quota 20
Waterfowl
*State season during small game dates.
Dixon Bay WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping.
Alligator
*Alligator hunting prohibited.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 9-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Nov 13 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 14-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
*Furbearer hunting prohibited.
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29

2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Dixon Memorial WMA
*Special Regulations
Alligators may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island or Laura S. Walker State Park. No airboats.
Bear
*Bears may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island. 2019-20
Archery Sep 26-Sep 28 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 7-Nov 9 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 10-Oct 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 3-Oct 5 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 24-Sep 26 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 5-Nov 7 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 1-Oct 3 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 8-Oct 10 Sign-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
*Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated area only. All dogs used in the dog-deer hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. The dog-deer hunting area will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 1, Oct 6-Oct 9, Oct 13-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20, Oct 26-Oct 29 Sign-in
Firearms Dog Deer Nov 23, Dec 7 Sign-in, Buckshot only Quota 3
Firearms Either Sex Nov 27-Dec 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 2-Oct 5 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 29, Oct 4-Oct 7, Oct 11-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 18, Oct 24-Oct 27 Sign-in
Firearms Dog Deer Nov 21, Dec 5 Sign-in, Buckshot Only Quota 3
Firearms Either Sex Nov 25-Nov 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 30-Oct 3 Check-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7-Sep 30, Nov 24-Nov 26, Dec 6, Dec 8-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5-Sep 29, Nov 21-Nov 24, Dec 8-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 1, Oct 21-Oct 25, Oct 30-Nov 6, Nov 10-Nov 22, Nov 24-Nov 26, Dec 2-Dec 6, Dec 8-Feb 29
2020-21

Aug 15-Sep 29, Oct 19-Oct 23, Oct 28-Nov 4, Nov 8-Nov 20, Nov 22-Nov 24, Nov 30-Dec 4, Dec 6-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Dodge County PFA
*Special Regulations
Hunting in designated area only. Area map posted at office and kiosk. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Alligator
*Night hunting only.
2019-20
Sep 13-Sep 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Sep 11-Sep 13 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 17 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 15 Sign-in
Turkey
2019-20
Youth Apr 3-Apr 4, Apr 10-Apr 11 Sign-in Quota 2
2020-21
Youth Apr 2-Apr 3, Apr 9-Apr 10 Sign-in Quota 2
Doerun Pitcherplant Bog WMA
*Special Regulations
Doerun Pitcherplant Bog WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources, vehicular access is limited. No ATVs or horses allowed. No Camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
*No fox or bobcat hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.
2019-20
Jan 13-Feb 28
2020-21
Jan 11-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Youth Mar 21-Mar 22, Mar 28-Mar 29 Sign-in Quota 1
2020-21
Youth Mar 20-Mar 21, Mar 27-Mar 28 Sign-in Quota 1
Dukes Creek - Smithgall Woods State Park
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 20-Sep 22 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 27-Nov 30 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Nov 6-Nov 9 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Oct 18-Oct 20 Sign-in

2020-21
Archery Sep 18-Sep 20 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 2-Dec 5 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Nov 11-Nov 14 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Oct 16-Oct 18 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Buck Only Sep 20-Sep 22 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 27-Nov 30 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Nov 6-Nov 9 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Buck Only Oct 18-Oct 20 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Buck Only Sep 18-Sep 20 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 2-Dec 5 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Nov 11-Nov 14 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 18 Sign-in
Small Game
*Small Game hunting by reservation only. Maximum 10 furbearer hunters/25 small game hunters per hunt period. Reservations must be made beginning Nov. 1 by calling (706) 878-3087.
2019-20
Dec 12-Dec 14, Jan 9-Jan 11, Feb 6-Feb 8
2020-21
Dec 10-Dec 13, Jan 7-Jan 9, Feb 4-Feb 6
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 27-Mar 29, Apr 10-Apr 12, Apr 24-Apr 26 Check-in Quota 20
2020-21
Mar 26-Mar 28, Apr 9-Apr 11, Apr 23-Apr 25 Check-in Quota 20
Dupont Tract VPA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 19-Sep 21, Sep 26-Sep 28, Oct 3-Oct 5, Oct 10-Oct 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 17-Sep 19, Sep 24-Sep 26, Oct 1-Oct 3, Oct 8-Oct 10 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 1, Nov 18-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 17 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 30, Nov 16-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 15 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Echeconnee Creek WMA

*Special Regulations
Archery only area. Public access to Ocmulgee River tract is only by boat. No camping. Firearms prohibited.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Archery Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Archery Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season. Other Migratory Birds: State season.
Elbert County WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping. Sign-in required only on Vaughter Tract.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Elmodel WMA
*Special Regulations
No Camping. Dog training in designated area only.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 7-Dec 6, Dec 16-Jan 13
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 6-Dec 4, Dec 14-Jan 10

Dove
2019-20
Sep 7-Sep 30, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Quail
*Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.
2019-20
Nov 16, Nov 19, Nov 23, Nov 26, Nov 30, Dec 3, Dec 7, Dec 10, Dec 14, Dec 24, Dec 28, Dec 31, Jan 4, Jan 7, Jan 11, Jan 14, Jan 18, Jan 21, Jan 25, Jan 28, Feb 1, Feb 4, Feb 8, Feb 11, Feb 15, Feb 18, Feb 22, Feb 25 Check-in
2020-21
Nov 14, Nov 17, Nov 21, Nov 24, Nov 28, Dec 1, Dec 5, Dec 8, Dec 12, Dec 22, Dec 26, Dec 29, Jan 2, Jan 5, Jan 9, Jan 12, Jan 16, Jan 19, Jan 23, Jan 26, Jan 30, Feb 2, Feb 6, Feb 9, Feb 13, Feb 16, Feb 20, Feb 23, Feb 27 Check-in
Small Game
*No fox or bobcat hunting.
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 28
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Eufaula NWR
*Special Regulations
Apply July 9-Aug. 15 for youth deer hunts; Aug. 1-Sept. 15 for waterfowl hunts. User fees must be prepaid (\$20 per hunter). Eligible ages for all youth hunts (deer and waterfowl) are 10-15 years. A waterfowl permit holder is allowed to bring up to two guests (no more than 3 individuals/blind). No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Alligator
*Closed to alligator hunting.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 5, Oct 19 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 8-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 4, Oct 18 Check-in
Waterfowl
*Q16 Ducks and Geese Only: Wednesdays during statewide season. Shell limit is 25. Youth Hunt: Check with refuge office for specific dates. Shell limit is 25. Portions of Chattahoochee River and Walter F. George Reservoir within the Eu-Eufaula NWR boundaries are closed to waterfowl hunting.
Evans County PFA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Alligator
*Night hunting only.
2019-20
Sep 6-Sep 8 Sign-in
2020-21
Sep 4-Sep 6 Sign-in
Waterfowl

Hunting allowed in waterfowl impoundment only. No boats allowed. Maximum of 3 people per blind. Parties must stay in designated spots, must stay together, and must stay within 100 feet of blind marker except when retrieving game. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.	
2019-20	
Jan 4 Sign-in Quota 3	
Youth Nov 16, Dec 14 Sign-in Quota 3	
2020-21	
Jan 2 Sign-in Quota 3	
Youth Nov 14, Dec 12 Sign-in Quota 3	
F.D. Roosevelt State Park	
*Special Regulations	
Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 pm on Jan. 4, 2020. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 non-refundable, non-transferable park-hunting fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. ATVs prohibited. Cabins and campsites (hunters only) may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 663-4858. All park facilities will be closed to the general public from Jan. 5-6, 2020. No May 16-31 coyote season.	
Deer	
2020-21	
Firearms Either Sex Jan 5-Jan 6 Check-in Quota 150	
Fishing Creek WMA	
Coyote	
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.	
Deer	
2019-20	
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 30 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in	
Dove	
2019-20	
Sep 7-Sep 30, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31	
2020-21	
Sep 5-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31	
Small Game	
2019-20	
Aug 15-Feb 29	
2020-21	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2019-20	
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in	
Waterfowl	
*Wed and Sat only during state season on waterfowl impoundments. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.	
Flat Creek PFA	
*Special Regulations	
No camping. Bird dog training allowed August 15-March 15 only. No May 16-31 Coyote season.	

Deer	
2019-20	
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in	
Dove	
2019-20	
Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31	
Youth Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28	
2020-21	
Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31	
Youth Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26	
Small Game	
2019-20	
Aug 15-Feb 29	
2020-21	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2019-20	
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in	
Waterfowl	
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. Wed and Sat during state season. Other Migratory Birds: State season.	
2019-20	
Nov 23, Nov 30 Sign-in Quota 3	
2020-21	
Nov 21, Nov 28 Sign-in Quota 3	
Flat Tub WMA	
*Special Regulations	
No ATVs.	
Coyote	
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.	
Deer	
2019-20	
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 12 Sign-in	
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 10 Sign-in	
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in	
Small Game	
2019-20	
Aug 15-Feb 29	
2020-21	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2019-20	
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in	
Flint River WMA	

Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with 15" outside spread or 16" main beams are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 7-Oct 5, Nov 23-Dec 14 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 14-Nov 16 Check-in Quota 35
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 31-Nov 2 Sign-in Quota 35
Mobility Impaired Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 18-Oct 20 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 12-Oct 20 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 6-Oct 4, Nov 22-Dec 13 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 12-Nov 14 Check-in Quota 35
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 29-Oct 31 Sign-in Quota 35
Mobility Impaired Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 16-Oct 18 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 10-Oct 18 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7-Sep 30, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 11, Oct 21-Oct 30, Nov 3-Nov 13, Nov 17-Feb 28
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 9, Oct 20-Oct 28, Nov 2-Nov 11, Nov 16-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Fort Gordon
*Special Regulations
Hunting and fishing permits are offered to the general public through "ftgordon.isportsman.net". Lottery winners can purchase any outdoor recreation permit, valid for one year from date of purchase or no later than Aug. 1 of the year following the drawing. Application period begins July 1 and ends July 15 each year. All hunters, regardless of age, must possess a Hunter Education Certificate. For more information go to "https://ftgordon.isportsman.net". No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield
*Special Regulations
All hunters must set up an account and acquire a permit at https://fstewart.isportsman.net. Mandatory check-in. All hunting is subject to post regulations and access for hunting is not guaranteed. No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Deer
*Additional permits and restrictions apply, visit https://fstewart.isportsman.net for details.
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11
Firearms Buck Only Oct 20-Oct 25, Oct 27-Nov 27, Dec 2-Dec 26, Jan 1-Jan 12
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov 28-Dec 1, Dec 27-Dec 31
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9
Firearms Buck Only Oct 18-Oct 23, Oct 25-Nov 25, Nov 30-Dec 26, Jan 1-Jan 10

Firearms Either Sex Oct 17, Oct 24, Nov 26-Nov 29, Dec 27-Dec 31
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15
Fort Yargo State Park
*Special Regulations
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 pm. on Dec. 3. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 356-4362. Applicable fees will apply. All other Park facilities will be closed to the general public Dec. 4-5. No ATVs. No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Deer
2020-21
Firearms Either Sex Dec 1-Dec 2 Check-in Quota 85
Gaither WMA
*Special Regulations
No horseback riding. Bicycles are only permitted for hunter access. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 27, Nov 11-Nov 14 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 3, Jan 10-Jan 12 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 23-Dec 29 Sign-in Quota 25
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Oct 17-Oct 25, Nov 9-Nov 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Nov 1, Jan 8-Jan 10 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 21-Dec 27 Sign-in Quota 25
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 18, Nov 15-Dec 22, Jan 13-Feb 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 16, Nov 13-Dec 20, Jan 11-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
*Bag limit 1 on quota hunts.
2019-20
Apr 4-Apr 12, Apr 13-Apr 19, Apr 20-Apr 26 Sign-in Quota 10
2020-21
Apr 3-Apr 11, Apr 12-Apr 18, Apr 19-Apr 25 Sign-in Quota 10
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at noon. Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
Germany Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1 Sign-in

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Grand Bay WMA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 Feral Hog and Coyote season. Harvested deer must be removed from the area whole (no field dressing). No ATVs or motorcycles. A valid Moody Air Force Base Hunting and Fishing Permit may be substituted for WMA license. Hiking trail from check station closed to hikers during firearms deer hunts. Federal lands within WMA may be closed for military training. No firearms hunting within designated archery-only areas.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 15, Sep 21-Sep 22, Sep 28-Sep 29, Nov 23-Nov 24, Dec 7-Dec 8, Dec 21-Dec 22, Dec 28-Dec 29, Jan 4-Jan 5 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 20 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Oct 27, Nov 2-Nov 3, Nov 9-Nov 10, Nov 16-Nov 17, Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 14-Dec 15 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 13 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 6 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 13, Sep 19-Sep 20, Sep 26-Sep 27, Nov 21-Nov 22, Dec 5-Dec 6, Dec 19-Dec 20, Dec 26-Dec 27, Jan 2-Jan 3 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Oct 18 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 25, Oct 31-Nov 1, Nov 7-Nov 8, Nov 14-Nov 15, Nov 28-Nov 29, Dec 12-Dec 13 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 11 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 4 Sign-in
Small Game
*No fox squirrel or furbearer hunting.
2019-20
Aug 17-Aug 18, Aug 24-Aug 25, Aug 31-Sep 1, Sep 7-Sep 8, Jan 11-Jan 12, Jan 18-Jan 19, Jan 25-Jan 26, Feb 1-Feb 2, Feb 8-Feb 9, Feb 15-Feb 16, Feb 22-Feb 23
2020-21
Aug 15-Aug 16, Aug 22-Aug 23, Aug 29-Aug 30, Sep 5-Sep 6, Jan 9-Jan 10, Jan 16-Jan 17, Jan 23-Jan 24, Jan 30-Jan 31, Feb 6-Feb 7, Feb 13-Feb 14, Feb 20-Feb 21
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 11-Apr 12 Sign-in
Youth Mar 21-Mar 22, Apr 4-Apr 5 Sign-in
2020-21
Apr 10-Apr 11 Sign-in

Youth Mar 20-Mar 21, Apr 3-Apr 4 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Sat and Sun only during state season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Griffin Ridge WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATVs or horses. No vehicles allowed beyond designed parking areas. River access allowed. Check-In and camping only at Fountain Hole camping area.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Nov 30-Dec 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 8-Nov 17 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 20 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 3 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9, Dec 5-Dec 27 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 6-Nov 15 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 18 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Nov 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Oct 21-Oct 31, Nov 18-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Oct 19-Oct 29, Nov 16-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 28-Apr 3, Apr 11-Apr 17, May 2-May 8 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Mar 21-Mar 27 Sign-in Quota 25
2020-21
Mar 27-Apr 2, Apr 10-Apr 16, May 1-May 7 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Mar 20-Mar 26 Sign-in Quota 25
Hannahatchee WMA
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 7-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 6-Oct 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Jan 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 11-Oct 17 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7-Sep 30, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 28

2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Hard Labor Creek State Park
*Special Regulations
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 4. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 557-3001. Applicable fees will apply. All other park facilities will be closed to the general public Nov. 5-6. No ATVs. No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Deer
*Two deer limit. Feral hogs & coyotes may be taken; no limit.
2019-20
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 6 Check-in Quota 250
2020-21
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 4 Check-in Quota 250
Harris Neck NWR
*Special Regulations
All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.savannahcoastalpermits.com . Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/harris_neck for seasons, dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Hart County WMA
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 19-Nov 17 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 17-Nov 15 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last 3 Days Oct 19-Nov 17 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last 3 Days Oct 17-Nov 15 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 7, Sep 12, Sep 19, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Nov 18-Feb 29
2020-21

Aug 15-Sep 11, Nov 16-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Hiltonia WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 9-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Nov 13 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 14-Jan 10 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Small Game
*No furbearer season.
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Hitchiti Experimental Forest
*Special Regulations
The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for hunting only during Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with refuge specific regulations. No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Horse Creek WMA
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 18, Sep 22-Oct 4, Oct 7-Oct 29, Jan 1-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 30-Nov 2 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 12-Dec 14 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 21-Nov 23 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 19-Sep 21 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 6 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 16, Sep 20-Oct 2, Oct 5-Oct 27, Jan 1-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 28-Oct 31 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 10-Dec 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 19-Nov 21 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 17-Sep 19 Sign-in

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 4 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 18, Sep 22-Oct 4, Oct 7-Oct 29, Nov 3-Nov 20, Nov 24-Dec 11, Dec 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 16, Oct 5-Oct 27, Nov 1-Nov 18, Nov 22-Dec 9, Dec 13-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Hugh M. Gillis PFA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 17 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 15 Sign-in
Turkey
2019-20
Youth Mar 27-Mar 28, Apr 10-Apr 11 Sign-in Quota 2
2020-21
Youth Mar 26-Mar 27, Apr 9-Apr 10 Sign-in Quota 2
Indian Ford Farm Dove Fields
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season. Hunters must sign-in at check station at 12:00 P.M. Maps and instructions will be provided at sign-in. Hunt is 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM. No ATVs. Hunters must use open gates to access fields; DO NOT climb fences. It is of utmost importance to have no litter left behind, including expended shotgun shells. Extra caution should be taken to ensure absolutely no live shells are left behind!
Dove
2019-20
Youth Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 50
2020-21
Youth Sep 12 Sign-in Quota 50
J.L. Lester WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's. No night hunting. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Nov 25-Dec 1, Dec 25-Jan 1 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Oct 5-Oct 6, Jan 11-Jan 12 Check-in Quota 20
2020-21
Archery Nov 23-Nov 29, Dec 25-Jan 1 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Oct 3-Oct 4, Jan 9-Jan 10 Check-in Quota 20
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Nov 25-Dec 1, Dec 25-Jan 1 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 6, Jan 11-Jan 12 Check-in Quota 20
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 29, Dec 25-Jan 1 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 4, Jan 9-Jan 10 Check-in Quota 20
Dog Training
*Aug 1 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts and field trials.

Dove
2019-20
Sep 21, Sep 28
Youth Sep 7, Sep 14
2020-21
Sep 19, Sep 26
Youth Sep 5, Sep 12
Quail
2019-20
Jan 5, Jan 22 Check-in Quota 4
Rabbit
2019-20
Jan 4, Feb 23 Check-in Quota 5
2020-21
Jan 3, Feb 27 Quota 5
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Joe Kurz WMA
*Special Regulations
Bird dog training allowed August 15-March 15, except during deer and quota quail hunts, in designated area only.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch or longer) on either side or a 15 inch outside spread are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Sep 22, Nov 10-Nov 17 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 17-Oct 19, Nov 7-Nov 9 Check-in Quota 100
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Sep 20, Nov 8-Nov 15 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 15-Oct 17, Nov 5-Nov 7 Check-in Quota 100
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21-Sep 30, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Dec 13, Dec 15-Jan 3, Jan 5-Jan 17, Jan 19-Jan 31 Sign-in
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Dec 11, Dec 13-Jan 1, Jan 3-Jan 15, Jan 17-Jan 31 Sign-in
Quail
*Bag limit is 6 per person or 12 per party.
2019-20
Dec 14, Jan 4, Jan 18 Sign-in Quota 3
2020-21
Dec 12, Jan 2, Jan 16 Sign-in Quota 3
Rabbit
*Bag limit=3 rabbits/person/day.
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Sep 23-Oct 16, Oct 20-Nov 6, Nov 10-Dec 13, Dec 15-Jan 3, Jan 5-Jan 17, Jan 19-Feb 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Sep 21-Oct 14, Oct 18-Nov 4, Nov 8-Dec 11, Dec 13-Jan 1, Jan 3-Jan 15, Jan 17-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-Mar 29, Apr 4-Apr 12, Apr 18-Apr 26 Sign-in Quota 25

2020-21
Mar 20-Mar 28, Apr 3-Apr 11, Apr 17-Apr 25 Sign-in Quota 25
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season during small game dates. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
John's Mountain WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 25, Oct 28-Nov 13, Nov 17-Dec 8, Dec 9-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 14-Nov 16 Check-in
Youth Firearms Oct 26-Oct 27 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 23, Oct 26-Nov 18, Nov 22-Dec 25, Dec 7-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 19-Nov 21 Check-in
Youth Firearms Oct 24-Oct 25 Check-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 25, Oct 28-Nov 13, Nov 17-Dec 8, Dec 9-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 14-Nov 16 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Oct 27 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 23, Oct 26-Nov 18, Nov 22-Dec 25, Dec 7-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 19-Nov 21 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 25 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 25, Oct 28-Nov 13, Nov 17-Dec 25, Jan 2-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 23, Oct 26-Nov 18, Nov 22-Dec 25, Jan 2-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Keg Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey

2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Kretlow Farm VPA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Lake Russell WMA
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 10, Oct 14-Oct 19 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 27-Nov 30 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Dec 12-Dec 15 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Oct 11-Oct 13 Check-in
Youth Firearms Nov 8-Nov 10 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 8, Oct 12-Oct 17 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 25-Nov 28 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Dec 10-Dec 16 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Oct 9-Oct 11 Check-in
Youth Firearms Nov 6-Nov 8 Check-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 10, Oct 14-Oct 19 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 27-Nov 30 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 12-Dec 15 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 11-Oct 13 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 8-Nov 10 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 8, Oct 12-Oct 17 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 25-Nov 28 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 10-Dec 16 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 11 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 6-Nov 8 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20

Aug 15-Oct 10, Oct 14-Nov 7, Nov 11-Nov 26, Dec 1-Dec 11, Dec 16-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 8, Oct 12-Nov 5, Nov 9-Nov 24, Nov 29-Dec 9 Dec 14-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Lake Seminole WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 12
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Jan 10
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 28
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15
Waterfowl
*State Season. No hunting waterfowl within 300 yards of a house, dock, building, or other structure, or a developed recreation area (i.e. beach, camp-ground, boat ramp, etc.)
Lake Sidney Lanier - Buford Dam
*Special Regulations
All facilities will be closed to the general public during the hunts. Limit: 2, only one of which may be antlered. Hunters must apply by letter no later than October 10, 4:30 PM. Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 P.M. the evening before the hunt. Visit http://go.usa.gov/SE85 for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Lake Sidney Lanier - Islands
*Special Regulations
Hunters must apply by letter no later than October 10, 4:30 PM. Visit http://go.usa.gov/SE85 for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
*Limit of one deer per day which counts against state bag limit. Hunters must record harvest through Georgia Game Check.
Lake Walter F. George WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 7-Jan 12
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 6-Jan 11

Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 28
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15
Waterfowl
*State season. No hunting waterfowl within 300 yards of a house, dock, building, or other structure, or a developed recreation area (i.e. beach, camp-ground, boat ramp, etc.) Wildlife Refuge have separate regulations.
Lanahasse Creek VPA
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with 15" outside spread or 16" main beams are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 7-Oct 11, Oct 19-Nov 10 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 21-Nov 23, Dec 5-Dec 7 Check-in Quota 50
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 6-Oct 10, Oct 18-Nov 9 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 19-Nov 21, Dec 3-Dec 5 Check-in Quota 50
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 11-Oct 17 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Quail
*Quail hunting by quota only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.
2019-20
Nov 23, Dec 7, Dec 14, Jan 18 Check-in Quota 4
2020-21
Nov 22, Dec 6, Dec 13, Jan 17 Check-in Quota 4
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Nov 27, Dec 1-Dec 25, Jan 2-Jan 8, Jan 12-Feb 28
2020-21
Aug 15-Nov 26, Nov 30-Dec 24, Jan 1-Jan 7, Jan 11-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-Mar 27, Apr 4-Apr 10 Sign-in Quota 6
2020-21
Mar 21-Mar 27, Apr 4-Apr 10 Sign-in Quota 6
Little Satilla WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Lola Tract VPA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 19-Sep 21, Sep 26-Sep 28, Oct 3-Oct 5, Oct 10-Oct 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 17-Sep 19, Sep 24-Sep 26, Oct 1-Oct 3, Oct 8-Oct 10 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 1, Nov 18-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 17 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 30, Nov 16-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 15 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
London Farms VPA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season. Selected hunters may start checking in at noon on the first hunt Sept 7, 2019 and hunt until 30 minutes before official sunset. Selected hunters may check in 6:00 AM on the Sept.14, 2019 hunt and hunt from 30 minutes before sunrise until noon. No blinds, buckets, seats or other devices may be placed on the field until the hunter has checked in. No stand-by. Selected hunters may bring up to two guests. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 30
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12 Sign-in Quota 30

Lower Broad River WMA	
*Special Regulations	
No camping.	
Coyote	
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.	
Deer	
2019-20	
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 30 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in	
Dove	
2019-20	
Sep 14, Sep 21, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31	
Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 30	
2020-21	
Sep 12, Sep 19, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31	
Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 30	
Small Game	
2019-20	
Aug 15-Feb 29	
2020-21	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2019-20	
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in	
Lula Bridge WMA	
*Special Regulations	
No May 16-31 coyote season.	
Small Game	
2019-20	
Aug 15-Feb 29	
2020-21	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Waterfowl	
2019-20	
Sep 7-Sep 29, Oct 12-Oct 27, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 12-Jan 31	
Youth Nov 16-Nov 17	
2020-21	
Sep 5-Sep 27, Oct 10-Oct 25, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 12-Jan 31	
Youth Nov 14-Nov 15	
Mayhaw WMA	
Deer	
2019-20	
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 30 Sign-in	

Firearms Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Nov 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 28
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
McDuffie PFA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2019-20
Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28
Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 25
2020-21
Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26
Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 25
Waterfowl
*Waterfowl hunters must check kiosk at entrance gate for information on which ponds are open. Designated ponds only. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
2019-20
Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28
2020-21
Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26
McEntire Road VPA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's. No May 16-31 coyote season. VPA is only open to hunters during the designated hunting dates.
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26
McGraw Ford WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00am during deer, bear, and turkey seasons.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in

2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7-Sep 30, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*State season.
Mead Farm WMA
*Special Regulations
Foot traffic only. No camping. Bird dog training is allowed year-round.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.
Deer
*Archery only
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
2019-20
Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21, Dec 25, Dec 28, Jan 1, Jan 4, Jan 8, Jan 11, Jan 15, Jan 18, Jan 22, Jan 25, Jan 29
Youth Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30
2020-21
Dec 12, Dec 16, Dec 19, Dec 23, Dec 26, Dec 30, Jan 2, Jan 6, Jan 9, Jan 13, Jan 16, Jan 20, Jan 23, Jan 27, Jan 30
Youth Nov 14, Nov 21, Nov 28
Mistletoe SP
*Special Regulations
Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7 pm on Nov. 9, 2020. Two deer limit. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the Park Office at 706-541-0321. Applicable fees will apply. All other Park facilities will be closed to the general public Nov. 10-11. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer
2020-21
Firearms Either Sex Nov 10-Nov 11 Check-in Quota 75
Montezuma Bluffs WMA
*Special Regulations
Montezuma Bluffs WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources, vehicular access is limited to boat landing road. No ATVs or horses allowed. No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with 15" outside spread or 16" main beams are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 7-Jan 12
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 6-Jan 11
Small Game
*No fox or bobcat hunting.
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 28
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Archery Mar 21-May 15
2020-21
Archery Mar 20-May 15
Moody Forest WMA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season. No ATVs. Check for prescribed burn info and Sign-In at kiosk on East River Road.
Deer
2019-20
Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Dec 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Dec 15 Sign-in
Small Game
*Squirrel hunting only. No fox squirrels may be taken.
Squirrel Only
2019-20
Nov 1-Jan 20
2020-21
Nov 1-Jan 20
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 27-Apr 11 Sign-in
Youth Mar 21-Mar 22 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 26-Apr 10 Sign-in
Youth Mar 20-Mar 21 Sign-in
Morgan Lake WMA
*Special Regulations
Archery Only Area for all species. The operation of a Personal Watercraft (defined in GA Code 52-7-8.2 and commonly known as a "jet ski") on Morgan Lake and other water bodies within Morgan Lake WMA is prohibited.
Deer
2019-20

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Archery Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Archery Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Mossy Creek VPA
*Special Regulations
Hunters may enter the field no earlier than 6:30 am and may hunt until noon. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2019-20
Nov 23, Nov 30
2020-21
Nov 21, Nov 28
Nashville Tract VPA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Oaky Woods WMA
*Special Regulations
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 4 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Dec 29 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 31-Nov 2 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Dec 5-Dec 7 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 11 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 2 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 24-Dec 27 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 29-Oct 31 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Dec 3-Dec 5 Check-in

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 9 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 4, Oct 12-Oct 30, Nov 3-Dec 4, Dec 8-Dec 25, Dec 30-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 2, Oct 10-Oct 28, Nov 1-Dec 2, Dec 6-Dec 23, Dec 28-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-Mar 27 Sign-in Quota 80
Mar 28-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-Mar 26 Sign-in Quota 80
Mar 27-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season during small game dates. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
Ocmulgee WMA
*Special Regulations
Alligator
*Alligator hunting on Ocmulgee PFA allowed 9/6-8/2019 & 9/4-6/2020. No hunting during daylight hours.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 4 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 12-Dec 15 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 24-Oct 26 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 21-Nov 23 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 11 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 2 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 10-Dec 13 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Oct 24 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 19-Nov 21 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 9 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 4, Oct 12-Oct 23, Oct 27-Nov 20, Nov 24-Dec 11, Dec 16-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 2, Oct 10-Oct 21, Oct 25-Nov 18, Nov 22-Dec 9, Dec 14-Feb 28
Turkey
*Bag limit 1 on quota hunt.
2019-20
Apr 4-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 21-Mar 27, Mar 28-Apr 3 Sign-in Quota 100
2020-21
Apr 3-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 20-Mar 26, Mar 27-Apr 2 Sign-in Quota 100
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season during small game dates. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
Ocmulgee WMA - Gum Swamp Creek
*Special Regulations
No camping. Bird dog training allowed August 15-March 15.
Deer
2019-20

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Archery Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. Other Migratory Birds: State season during smallgame dates.
Oconee National Forest
*Special Regulations
No dog training Mar. 20-July 31, 2019 & 2020, Sept. 12, 2019-Jan. 1, 2021 and Sept. 10, 2020-Jan. 1, 2021. Pursuit of bears with dogs is prohibited. Hogs may be taken only during daylight hours consistent with regulations above. Coyotes may be taken during deer, turkey and small game hunts; weapons are restricted to legal firearms and archery equipment for the game species specified for a particular hunt as indicated heretofore; electronic calls may be used; night hunting is prohibited. No May 16-31 coyote season on lands outside of designated WMA's. Placing, leaving, or depositing any food, bait or refuse in a manner likely to attract or concentrate any wildlife, whether for purposes of hunting or viewing animals, is prohibited. It is also prohibited to fail to properly store food or refuse to prevent access by wildlife. For public health and safety, the transportation of a loaded long gun or cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle is prohibited. NOTE: A firearm is considered "loaded" if a round of ammunition is in the chamber or magazine, a percussion cap is on the nipple, or powder is present in the frizzen pan. A "Long gun" is a firearm with an extended barrel, usually designed to be fired braced against the shoulder. It shall include all rifles, shotguns, carbines, muzzleloaders, and/or other such weapons. For public health and safety, the possession of an alcoholic beverage as defined by state law, while hunting, is prohibited.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sept 14 - Oct 11
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1, Nov 4-Nov 29, Dec 2-Dec 8, Dec 26-Dec 27, Dec 30-Jan 12
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 3, Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 28-Dec 29
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sept 12 - Oct 9
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Nov 6, Nov 9-Nov 27, Nov 30-Dec 6, Dec 28-Jan 10
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 8, Nov 28-Nov 29, Dec 26-Dec 27
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15
Oconee WMA
Deer

2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Nov 18-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Nov 17 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9, Nov 16-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Nov 15 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 14, Sep 21, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 60
2020-21
Sep 12, Sep 19, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 60
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 11, Nov 18-Feb 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 9, Nov 16-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 4-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 21-Mar 27, Mar 28-Apr 3 Sign-in Quota 30
2020-21
Apr 3-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 20-Mar 26, Mar 27-Apr 2 Sign-in Quota 30
Oconee WMA - Dan Denton Waterfowl Area
*Special Regulations
No fishing or hunting (other than ducks & geese and archery deer hunting during statewide archery and primitive weapons season) on waterfowl impoundments. Waterfowl hunting on impoundments 1 & 3 open only to hunters selected in quota drawing. Waterfowl hunters are prohibited from entering impoundments before 5:00 am on the day of the hunt and shooting hours end at 12 noon except on last hunt of the season when shooting hours end at legal sunset. Herndon Pond and Impoundment 2 are closed to hunting. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the Oconee River between Wallace Dam and GA HWY 16. Handicapped quota hunters may request assistance by calling (706) 595-4222.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 16 Sign-in
Waterfowl
2019-20
Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25 Sign-in Quota 5
Youth Nov 16, Nov 28 Sign-in Quota 5
2020-21
Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 2, Jan 9, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30 Sign-in Quota 5
Youth Nov 14, Nov 26 Sign-in Quota 5
Oconee WMA - Rock Hawk Trails & Effigy
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in

2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Nov 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Nov 15-Feb 28
Turkey
*Selected quota turkey hunters only may hunt with firearms during quota hunt dates in this area.
2019-20
Archery Apr 4-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Apr 3-May 15 Sign-in
Ohoopsee Dunes WMA - Hwy 80 Tract, Halls Bridge Tract, Covenat Tract
*Special Regulations
Ohoopsee Dunes WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources vehicular access is limited. No ATV's or horses. No dogs from Mar. 1 - Nov. 1.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Ohoopsee Dunes WMA-McCleods Bridge Tract
*Special Regulations
Ohoopsee Dunes WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources vehicular access is limited. No ATV's or horses. No dogs from Mar. 1 - Nov. 1.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 4 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 19-Dec 21 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 26, Dec 5-Dec 7 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 2 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 17-Dec 19 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 29-Oct 31, Dec 3-Dec 5 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 23, Oct 27-Dec 4, Dec 8-Dec 18, Dec 22-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 28, Nov 1-Dec 2, Dec 6-Dec 16, Dec 20-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 4-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 21-Mar 27, Mar 28-Apr 3 Sign-in Quota 20

2020-21
Apr 3-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 20-Mar 26, Mar 27-Apr 2 Sign-in Quota 20
Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge-Cowhouse Unit
*Special Regulations
Bears and alligators may not be taken. Foot travel only on ONWR portion of Cowhouse Island. No dogs allowed except pointing dogs for hunting quail. Sign-in at Dixon Memorial WMA. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information. Feral hogs may be taken May 16-31, no dogs allowed. No coyote hunting.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 1, Oct 6-Oct 9, Oct 13-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 20, Oct 26-Oct 29, Nov 27-Dec 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 2-Oct 5 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 29, Oct 4-Oct 7, Oct 11-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Oct 18, Oct 24-Oct 27, Nov 25-Nov 29 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 30-Oct 3 Check-in
Small Game
*Quail, rabbit, squirrel only.
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 1, Oct 21-Oct 25, Oct 30-Nov 6, Nov 10-Nov 22, Nov 24-Nov 26, Dec 2-Dec 6, Dec 8-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 29, Oct 19-Oct 23, Oct 28-Nov 4, Nov 8-Nov 20, Nov 22-Nov 24, Nov 30-Dec 4, Dec 6-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge-Pocket Unit
*Special Regulations
Sign-in/sign-out required. Bears and alligators may not be taken. Foot travel only off paved road. No dogs allowed. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 10 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Nov 8 Sign-in
Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge-Suwannee Canal Unit
*Special Regulations
Quota applications accepted Aug. 15 - Sept. 15 at http://www.fws.gov/forms/32354.pdf . Youth hunters are those 16 and under and supervised by an adult 21 or older. Hunter Education is required for youth hunters. Shooting hours close at noon; shotguns with slugs or muzzleloaders only; hunters will be charged a \$15.00 permit fee; check-out required; hunters are not required to tag deer prior to check out - special NWR tags provided for two harvested deer; hunt area zoned; Chesser Island zone is for wheelchair and/or youth hunters only. No dogs allowed. Feral hogs may be taken: no limit. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.
Deer
2019-20

Firearms Either Sex Oct 25-Oct 26 Check-in Quota 30
Youth/Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 25-Oct 26 Check-in Quota 10
2020-21
Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Oct 24 Check-in Quota 30
Youth/Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Oct 24 Check-in Quota 10
Oliver Bridge WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATVs. No camping.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Jan 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Ossabaw Island WMA
*Special Regulations
Hunters on Ossabaw Island WMA will be required to furnish their own boat transportation to & from the island. Limited docking space is available; some boats may have to stream anchor. All hunter access to the island will be over the dock facilities at Newell Creek on the south end of the island. Hunters may not enter upon Ossabaw Island until 12:00 PM EST one day prior to check-in. Hunters may check-in at 9:00 AM EST one day prior to hunt & camps must be removed by 12:00 PM EST on the day following the hunt. One person from each campsite must check in and upon leaving check out from the campsite at the check-in station. No motorized vehicles allowed & only permitted activities allowed. No pets. Campfires restricted to provided fire rings. No access permitted to Ossabaw above high tide mark. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 12 Check-in Quota 100
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Dec 12-Dec 14 Check-in Quota 100
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 26 Check-in Quota 100
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 28-Nov 30 Check-in Quota 75
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 10 Check-in Quota 100
Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 14, Dec 10-Dec 12 Check-in Quota 100
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 24 Check-in Quota 100
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 26-Nov 28 Check-in Quota 75
Feral hog
2019-20
Firearms Either Sex Jan 23-Jan 25, Feb 6-Feb 8 Check-in Quota 100
2020-21
Firearms Either Sex Jan 21-Jan 23, Feb 4-Feb 6 Check-in Quota 100
Otting WMA

*Special Regulations	
No ATV's	
Bear	
2019-20	
Archery Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Deer	
2019-20	
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Furbearer Dog Training	
2019-20	
Aug 1-Mar 19	
2020-21	
Aug 1-Mar 19	
Small Game	
2019-20	
Aug 15-Feb 29	
2020-21	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2019-20	
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in	
Waterfowl	
*State season.	
Panola Mountain State Park	
*Special Regulations	
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 11. Note: Bag limit may be increased by 1 deer to be tagged by hunter - decision announced at pre-hunt meeting. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and \$5 Park Pass will be required. Applicable fees will apply. Hunting within 50 yards of the PATH Trail is prohibited. All other park facilities will be closed Nov. 12-13. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.	
Deer	
2019-20	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 13 Check-in Quota 40	
2020-21	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 10-Nov 11 Check-in Quota 40	
Paradise PFA	
*Special Regulations	
No May 16-31 coyote season.	
Dove	
*Dove hunting in designated fields only; shooting hours follow state regulations.	
2019-20	
Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31	
Youth Sep 7	
2020-21	
Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31	
Youth Sep 5	
Waterfowl	
*Designated areas only, shooting hours end at 12 noon.	

2019-20
Dec 12, Jan 2
2020-21
Dec 17, Dec 31
Paulding Forest WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas, except Silver Comet Trail, are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00am during archery deer and turkey hunts.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 11, Oct 14-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 12-Dec 15 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 7-Nov 10 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Oct 12-Oct 13 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 9, Oct 12-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 10-Dec 13 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 12-Nov 15 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Oct 10-Oct 11 Check-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Oct 14-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 12-Dec 15 Sign-in
Firearms Either-Sex Last 2 Days Nov 7-Nov 10 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 13 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9, Oct 12-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 10-Dec 13 Sign-in
Firearms Either-Sex Last 2 Days Nov 12-Nov 15 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 11 Check-in
Dog Training
*Aug 1 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts.
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 11, Oct 14-Nov 6, Nov 11-Dec 11, Dec 16-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 9, Oct 12-Nov 11, Nov 16-Dec 9, Dec 14-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Paulks Pasture WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping. No horseback riding during deer hunts.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
*Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. Dog-deer hunters must check in at check station prior to hunt. All dogs used in the dog-deer hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. The WMA will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota hunt permit.
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 18, Sep 23-Oct 1, Oct 7-Nov 22 Sign-in

Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Nov 29-Nov 30, Dec 6-Dec 7, Dec 20-Dec 21 Check-in Quota 3
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 5 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 27, Dec 22-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 5 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 20-Sep 22 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 16, Sep 21-Sep 29, Oct 5-Nov 20 Sign-in
Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Nov 27-Nov 28, Dec 4-Dec 5, Dec 18-Dec 19 Check-in Quota 3
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Nov 3 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 21-Nov 25, Dec 20-Dec 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 1-Oct 3 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 18-Sep 20 Check-in
Small Game
*No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Sep 19, Sep 23-Oct 2, Oct 6-Nov 22, Nov 28, Dec 1-Dec 5, Dec 8-Dec 19, Jan 2-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Sep 17, Sep 21-Sep 30, Oct 4-Nov 20, Nov 26, Nov 29-Dec 3, Dec 6-Dec 17, Dec 31-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Penholoway Swamp WMA
*Special Regulations
Idle speed only on Cogden Lake. Access to Boyle's Island is by river only, except during the early season managed firearms hunts, pending river level and road conditions.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 25, Sep 30-Oct 8, Oct 13-Nov 15, Nov 23-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 16-Nov 22 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 12 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 27-Sep 29 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 23, Sep 28-Oct 6, Oct 11-Nov 20, Nov 28-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 21-Nov 27 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 10 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 25-Sep 27 Check-in
Small Game
*Bird dog training area located in the areas of Redman and Deadend Rds. No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 25, Oct 13-Nov 15, Nov 23-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 23, Oct 11-Nov 20, Nov 28-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Perry Dove Field

*Special Regulations	
No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.	
Deer	
2019-20	
Archery Either Sex Sep 8, Sep 15, Sep 22, Sep 29, Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 20, Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10, Nov 17, Nov 24, Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22, Dec 29, Jan 5, Jan 12 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Either Sex Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 4, Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 15, Nov 22, Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13, Dec 20, Dec 27, Jan 3, Jan 10 Sign-in	
Dove	
2019-20	
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25	
2020-21	
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21, Nov 28, Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 2, Jan 9, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30	
Phinizy Swamp WMA	
*Special Regulations	
No camping.	
Coyote	
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.	
Deer	
*Archery only	
2019-20	
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Small Game	
2019-20	
Aug 15-Feb 29	
2020-21	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2019-20	
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in	
2020-21	
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in	
Waterfowl	
*Wed and Sat during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.	
2019-20	
Nov 23, Nov 27, Nov 30, Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21, Dec 25, Dec 28, Jan 1, Jan 4, Jan 8, Jan 11, Jan 15, Jan 18, Jan 22, Jan 25, Jan 29	
Youth Nov 16	
2020-21	
Nov 21, Nov 25, Nov 28, Dec 12, Dec 16, Dec 19, Dec 23, Dec 26, Dec 30, Jan 2, Jan 6, Jan 9, Jan 13, Jan 16, Jan 20, Jan 23, Jan 27, Jan 30	
Youth Nov 14	
Piedmont NWR	
*Special Regulations	
Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Applications for quota deer hunts must be received by August 28, 2019 and August 26, 2020. Quota turkey hunt applications must be received by February 26, 2020 and February 24, 2021. Permit fee required for all quota hunts. The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for hunting only during refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with refuge regulations. Baiting is prohibited. Wheelchair/youth deer hunt requires a special refuge permit and hunters must apply by September 10. Sign-in required on day of hunt. Contact the refuge office to obtain applications, permits and refuge specific hunting regulations (478-986-5441) or email piedmont@fws.gov. No	

May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 6
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Nov 14-Nov 16 Quota 1250
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 2 Quota 1250
Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Oct 19 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Oct 19 Sign-in Quota 50
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 4
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7, Nov 12-Nov 14 Quota 1250
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 29-Oct 31 Quota 1250
Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Oct 17 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Oct 17 Sign-in Quota 50
Quail
2019-20
Nov 29-Nov 30, Dec 13-Dec 14, Dec 27-Dec 28, Jan 10-Jan 11, Jan 24-Jan 25
2020-21
Nov 27-Nov 28, Dec 11-Dec 12, Dec 26-Dec 27, Jan 8-Jan 9, Jan 22-Jan 23
Rabbit
2019-20
Nov 17-Feb 29
2020-21
Nov 15-Feb 28
Raccoon/Opossum
2019-20
Dec 6-Dec 7, Dec 13-Dec 14, Dec 20-Dec 21, Dec 27-Dec 28, Jan 3-Jan 4, Jan 10-Jan 11, Jan 17-Jan 18, Jan 24-Jan 25
2020-21
Dec 4-Dec 5, Dec 11-Dec 12, Dec 18-Dec 19, Dec 26-Dec 27, Jan 1-Jan 2, Jan 8-Jan 9, Jan 15-Jan 16, Jan 22-Jan 23, Jan 29-Jan 30
Squirrel
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Oct 7-Oct 17, Oct 20-Oct 30, Nov 3-Nov 6, Nov 10-Nov 13, Nov 17-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Oct 5-Oct 15, Oct 18-Oct 28, Nov 1-Nov 4, Nov 8-Nov 11, Nov 15-Feb 28
Turkey
*Bag limit 1 on hunts.
2019-20
Mar 31-Apr 4, Apr 14-Apr 18, Apr 28-May 2 Quota 300
2020-21
Mar 30-Apr 3, Apr 13-Apr 17, Apr 27-May 1 Quota 300
Pine Log WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00am during archery deer and turkey hunts.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 12-Dec 15 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 20-Nov 23 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 10-Dec 13 Sign-in

Firearms Nov 18-Nov 21 Check-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 12-Dec 15 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 20-Nov 23 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 10-Dec 13 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 18-Nov 21 Check-in
Dog Training
*Aug 1 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts.
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 100
Sep 8-Sep 15, Sep 21-Sep 30, Nov 24-Dec 1, Dec 6-Dec 11, Dec 16-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 100
Sep 6-Sep 13, Sep 19-Sep 30, Nov 22-Nov 29, Dec 8-Dec 9, Dec 14-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Nov 19, Nov 24-Dec 11, Dec 16-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Nov 17, Nov 22-Dec 9, Dec 14-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Pleasant Valley VPA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's. No May 16-31 coyote season. VPA is only open to hunters during the designated hunting dates.
Bear
2019-20
Youth Archery Sep 14-Nov 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Youth Archery Sep 12-Nov 13 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Youth Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Youth Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Nov 13 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Youth Jan 27-Feb 29
2020-21
Youth Feb 1-Feb 28
Waterfowl
2019-20
Youth Dec 14-Dec 15 Sign-in Quota 5
Youth Nov 16-Nov 17, Nov 23-Nov 24, Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 21-Dec 22, Dec 28-Dec 29, Jan 4-Jan 5, Jan 11-Jan 12, Jan 18-Jan 19, Jan 25-Jan 26 Sign-in

2020-21
Youth Dec 12-Dec 13 Sign-in Quota 5
Youth Nov 14-Nov 15, Nov 21-Nov 22, Nov 28-Nov 29, Dec 19-Dec 20, Dec 26-Dec 27, Jan 2-Jan 3, Jan 9-Jan 10, Jan 16-Jan 17, Jan 23-Jan 24, Jan 30-Jan 31 Sign-in
Rayonier Corridor Lands WMA
*Special Regulations
WMA consists of 300ft wide section of non-contiguous property on the Wayne County side of the Altamaha River, extending from mile 61 (Doe Eddy) to 1.2 miles down river. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
*Area closed to deer hunting.
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
*Area closed to turkey hunting
Redlands WMA
*Special Regulations
No hunting on Dyar's Pasture MARSH Pond.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 14, Sep 21, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
Youth Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 80
2020-21
Sep 12, Sep 19, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Youth Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 80
Small Game
*Furbearers may not be hunted during firearms deer hunt.
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Redlands WMA - Watson's Spring Area
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21

Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Dec 1-Dec 25, Jan 2-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Dec 1-Dec 25, Jan 2-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Reed Bingham State Park
Alligator
*Alligator hunting by special permit only; open only to drawn quota hunters for alligator zone #4 who apply and are selected for the park hunt. Interested hunters must call 229-896-3551 no later than close of business on July 31 to apply. Selected hunters will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass is required. Only night hunting is permitted (30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise). Hunting is allowed Sunday nights through Thursday nights only, during state season. Special permit restriction apply. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Rich Mountain WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Nov 25, Dec 2-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 26-Dec 1 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Nov 23, Nov 30-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 24-Nov 29 Check-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Nov 25, Dec 2-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 26-Dec 1 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Buck Only Sep 12-Nov 23, Nov 30-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 24-Nov 29 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Nov 25, Dec 2-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Nov 23, Nov 30-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Rich Mountain WMA - Cartecay
*Special Regulations
No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00am during deer, bear and turkey seasons.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21

Archery Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Richard B. Russell State Park
*Special Regulations
Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 on Dec. 2, 2019. Two deer limit, must take a doe on first day. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at 706-213-2045. Applicable fees will apply. All other park facilities will be closed to the general public Dec. 3-4. No ATVs. Wheelchair hunters must apply by letter by Oct. 15 to: Wheelchair Hunt RBR State Park, 2650 Russell State Park Dr., Elberton, GA 30635. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Firearms Either Sex Dec 3-Dec 4 Check-in Quota 60
Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Dec 3-Dec 4 Check-in Quota 20
Richmond Hill WMA
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
*No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
River Bend WMA
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's

name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 4, Oct 7-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 5-Dec 7 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9 Check-in
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 6 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Oct 27 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 2, Oct 5-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 3-Dec 5 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 14 Check-in
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 4 Check-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 25 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 8-Jan 31 Sign-in
Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 30
2020-21
Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31 Sign-in
Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 30
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 4, Oct 12-Oct 25, Oct 28-Nov 6, Nov 10-Dec 4, Dec 8-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 2, Oct 10-Oct 23, Oct 26-Nov 11, Nov 15-Dec 2, Dec 6-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 4-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 21-Mar 27, Mar 28-Apr 3 Sign-in Quota 15
2020-21
Apr 3-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 20-Mar 26, Mar 27-Apr 2 Sign-in Quota 15
Waterfowl
*Waterfowl may be hunted on impoundment and its surrounding roads/dikes until noon only on Wed., Sat. and Sun. during statewide season.
River Creek, The Rolf and Alexandra Kauka WMA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with four or more points (1 inch or longer) on one side of the antlers are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 21-Sep 29, Oct 12-Oct 20 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 4-Dec 7 Check-in Quota 35
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 6-Nov 9 Sign-in Quota 35
Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 27-Dec 29 Sign-in Quota 35
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 19-Sep 27, Oct 10-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 2-Dec 5 Check-in Quota 35
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 4-Nov 7 Sign-in Quota 35
Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 26-Dec 28 Sign-in Quota 35
Dove
*Dove hunting by quota only.
2019-20

Youth Sep 7, Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 15
2020-21
Youth Sep 5, Sep 12 Sign-in Quota 15
Quail
*Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.
2019-20
Nov 16, Nov 20, Nov 23, Nov 27, Nov 30, Dec 11, Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21, Jan 1, Jan 4, Jan 8, Jan 11, Jan 22
Check-in
2020-21
Nov 14, Nov 18, Nov 21, Nov 25, Nov 28, Dec 9, Dec 12, Dec 16, Dec 19, Dec 30, Jan 2, Jan 6, Jan 9, Jan 20
Check-in
Small Game
*No fox squirrel hunting.
2019-20
Jan 25-Feb 9
2020-21
Jan 23-Feb 7
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 10-Apr 12 Sign-in Quota 5
Youth Mar 27-Mar 29, Apr 3-Apr 5 Sign-in Quota 5
2020-21
Apr 9-Apr 11 Sign-in Quota 5
Youth Mar 26-Mar 28, Apr 2-Apr 4 Sign-in Quota 5
Waterfowl
*Maximum 3 persons per party.
2019-20
Youth Dec 14, Jan 11, Jan 19 Sign-in Quota 3
2020-21
Youth Dec 12, Jan 9, Jan 16 Sign-in Quota 3
Rocky Mountain Recreation PFA
*Special Regulations
Daily use fee (per vehicle) required for all users. Waterfowl hunters only may use firearms. No ATV's. No May 16-31 Feral Hog and Coyote season.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Archery Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Archery Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21

Archery Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*State season.
Rocky Mountain Recreation PFA - Antioch Lake
*Special Regulations
Daily use fee (per vehicle) required for all users. Waterfowl hunters only may use firearms. No ATV's. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Waterfowl
2019-20
Jan 1-Jan 4, Jan 6-Jan 11, Jan 13-Jan 18, Jan 20-Jan 25, Jan 27-Jan 31
2020-21
Jan 1-Jan 2, Jan 4-Jan 9, Jan 11-Jan 16, Jan 18-Jan 23, Jan 25-Jan 30
Rocky Mountain Recreation PFA - Heath Lake
*Special Regulations
Daily use fee (per vehicle) required for all users. Waterfowl hunters only may use firearms. No ATV's. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Rogers State Prison Farm Dove Fields
*Special Regulations
Hunters must sign-in at the sign-in kiosks located at the entrances to each field prior to hunting. WMA license is NOT required. A map of the fields will be located in the kiosks (and on our website) with designated parking areas delineated on the maps. State hunting regulations will apply to the dove fields for the first segment of the dove season. No ATVs or UTVs will be allowed on the fields. No hunting within 100 yards of residences or 50 yards of county roads. Hunters must use open gates to access fields; DO NOT climb fences. Please leave no litter behind, which includes spent shotgun shells. Extra caution should be taken to ensure no live shells are left on the field. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21 Sign-in
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19 Sign-in
Rogers WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in

Rum Creek WMA
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 6, Nov 23-Nov 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 31-Nov 2, Nov 14-Nov 16 Check-in Quota 200
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 13 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 4, Nov 21-Nov 27 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 29-Oct 31, Nov 12-Nov 14 Check-in Quota 200
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 11 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
Sep 7, Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 75
2020-21
Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Sep 5, Sep 12 Sign-in Quota 75
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 6, Oct 14-Oct 30, Nov 3-Nov 13, Nov 17-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 4, Oct 12-Oct 28, Nov 1-Nov 11, Nov 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 4-Apr 10, Apr 20-Apr 26 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Mar 21-Mar 29, Apr 11-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth May 2-May 10 Sign-in
2020-21
Apr 3-Apr 9, Apr 19-Apr 25 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Mar 20-Mar 28, Apr 10-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth May 1-May 9 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Rum Creek is broken up into 3 areas for waterfowl hunting (shooting hours end at 12 noon): East of Ebenezer Rd. (includes Lake Juliette) open for all hunters. Youth Waterfowl Days and Wed.-Sun. during statewide season. No motor in excess of 25hp may be operated on Lake Juliette. Youth Area: Between Juliette Rd. and Ebenezer Rd. only youth may hunt. Youth Waterfowl Days and Wed.-Sun. during statewide season. The MARSH Project: Area (everything west of Juliette Rd.) is only open for 2 youth quota hunts each season. Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
2019-20
Youth Dec 14, Jan 18 Sign-in Quota 3
2020-21
Youth Dec 12, Jan 16 Sign-in Quota 3
Rum Creek WMA - Berry Creek
*Special Regulations
Archery only area. Camping prohibited. Firearms prohibited except as provided in O.C.G.A. 16-11-126.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
*Falconry permitted during small game season.
2019-20
Archery Aug 15-Feb 29

2020-21
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Archery Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Sandhills WMA - East
*Special Regulations
No camping. Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-March 15 only.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
*Hunting of fox squirrels is prohibited.
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State Season. Other Migratory Birds: State season.
Sandhills WMA - West
*Special Regulations
Camping in designated areas only. Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-March 15 only.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 4-Nov 29, Dec 2-Dec 27, Dec 30-Jan 12
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 3, Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 28-Dec 29
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 14-Oct 18
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 13 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 9-Nov 27, Nov 30-Dec 25, Dec 28-Jan 10
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Nov 6 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 8, Nov 28-Nov 29, Dec 26-Dec 27
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 12-Oct 16
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 11 Sign-in
Small Game
*Hunting of fox squirrels is prohibited.
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21

Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State Season. Other Migratory Birds: State season.
Sansavilla WMA
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
*Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. All dogs must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. All vehicles used in the dog-deer hunt must display DNR issues permit on vehicle dash. Hunting area will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunt expect to hunters with a valid quota permit.
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 25, Sep 30-Oct 8, Oct 13-Oct 25, Nov 2-Nov 22 Sign-in
Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 30-Dec 31 Sign-in Quota 1
Firearms Buck Only Oct 26-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Dec 29, Jan 1-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 12 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 27-Sep 29 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 23, Sep 28-Oct 6, Oct 11-Oct 23, Oct 31-Nov 27 Sign-in
Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 28-Dec 29 Sign-in Quota 1
Firearms Buck Only Oct 24-Oct 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 30-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 10 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 25-Sep 27 Check-in
Small Game
*No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 25, Oct 13-Oct 25, Nov 2-Dec 29, Jan 1-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 23, Oct 11-Oct 23, Oct 31-Dec 27, Dec 30-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Sapelo Island WMA
*Special Regulations
Reservations for transportation on state boat for Check-In hunts must be made through the Sapelo Island Visitors Center (912) 437-3224. No reservations will be accepted until you receive your selection notice. Visitor Center Hours: Tues.-Fri. 7:30 AM-5:30 PM, Sat. 8:00 AM-5:30 PM; closed Sunday & Monday. Stream anchorage may be required for hunters using their own boats. Hunter access is only allowed at Moses Hammock Dock at head of Duplin River. No motorized vehicles allowed on island. Hunters may check in starting at 9:00 AM EST one day prior to hunt. Camps must be removed by 12 noon on the day following each hunt. Departures and returns from deer hunting must be made from Moses Hammock campsite. Hunters are required to stay outside the boundaries of the safety zones. Hunting is restricted to the north end of Greater Sapelo Island and Little Sapelo Island unless otherwise indicated. Ferry Restrictions: There is limited space on the ferry, so please limit the amount and size of your gear; propane fuel only; guns must be

unloaded and cased for transport on ferry; no folding chairs or tables, ladder stands, bicycles, or excessively large boxes; climbing stands are OK; coolers are limited to one 48 qt. per guest or one 96 qt. per two guests. For information on local charter options or transportation to the Moses Hammock hunt camp, please contact the Sapelo Island Visitors Center (912)437-3224. If you do not take the ferry to the island you may not return to the mainland via the ferry.

Coyote

*Mar. 1-May 31. Feral hogs may also be taken. Feral hogs may be taken with dogs May 16-31 only. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

*Maps of open hunting areas available at the Sapelo WMA sign-in kiosks, Brunswick DNR office, and georgiawildlife.com

2019-20

Archery Either Sex Dec 12-Dec 14 Check-in Quota 125

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 9, Oct 14-Oct 22, Oct 27-Nov 5, Nov 10-Nov 19, Nov 24-Dec 10, Dec 15-Jan 12 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Nov 21-Nov 23 Check-in Quota 125

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 26 Check-in Quota 125

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 11-Oct 13 Check-in Quota 75

2020-21

Archery Either Sex Dec 10-Dec 12 Check-in Quota 125

Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 7, Oct 12-Oct 20, Oct 25-Nov 3, Nov 8-Nov 24, Nov 29-Dec 8, Dec 13-Jan 10 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7, Nov 26-Nov 28 Check-in Quota 125

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 24 Check-in Quota 125

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 11 Check-in Quota 75

Small Game

2019-20

Aug 15-Oct 9, Oct 27-Nov 5, Nov 10-Nov 19, Nov 24-Dec 10, Dec 15-Feb 29

2020-21

Aug 15-Oct 7, Oct 12-Oct 20, Oct 25-Nov 3, Nov 8-Nov 24, Nov 29-Dec 8, Dec 13-Feb 28

Savannah NWR

***Special Regulations**

No alligator hunting. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.savannahcoastalpermits.com. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah for seasons, dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Seabolt Farms VPA

***Special Regulations**

This Dove Field is only open to the public for the dates listed above. No May 16-31 coyote season. Selected hunters may bring up to 2 guests. Hunters may start checking in at 6:00 am on the morning of the hunt; and hunters may hunt until noon. No blinds, buckets, seats or other devices may be placed on the field until the hunter has checked in; No stand-bys.

Dove

2019-20

Sep 7, Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 20

2020-21

Sep 5, Sep 12 Sign-in Quota 20

Sheffield WMA

***Special Regulations**

No ATV's.

Bear

2019-20

Archery Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in

2020-21

Archery Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Furbearer Dog Training
2019-20
Aug 1-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 1-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Silver Lake WMA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 16-Nov 29, Dec 28-Jan 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 12-Dec 14 Check-in Quota 160
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 2 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 20 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 14-Nov 27, Dec 26-Jan 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 10-Dec 12 Check-in Quota 160
Firearms Either Sex Oct 29-Oct 31 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 18 Sign-in
Quail
*Quail hunting by quota only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.
2019-20
Nov 9, Nov 30, Dec 21, Jan 18 Check-in Quota 3
Youth Nov 9, Nov 30, Dec 21, Jan 18 Check-in Quota 1
2020-21
Nov 7, Nov 28, Dec 19, Jan 16 Check-in Quota 3
Youth Nov 7, Nov 28, Dec 19, Jan 16 Check-in Quota 1
Small Game
*No fox squirrel hunting.
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 30, Nov 3-Dec 11, Dec 15-Feb 28
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 28, Nov 1-Dec 9, Dec 13-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Apr 18-May 15 Sign-in
Mar 21-Mar 25, Apr 8-Apr 12 Sign-in Quota 35
Youth Apr 1-Apr 5 Sign-in
2020-21
Apr 17-May 15 Sign-in

Mar 20-Mar 25, Apr 7-Apr 11 Sign-in Quota 35
Youth Mar 31-Apr 4 Sign-in
Soap Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Sparks Cut Off VPA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Spirit Creek Forest WMA
*Special Regulations
Spirit Creek Forest is a mutli-use forest; other users may be present during open hunting seasons. Gates may be opened/closed at the discretion of Georgia Forestry Commission. Please see WMA maps for safety zones.
No camping. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
*Archery only
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21

Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
*Shotgun and archery only. No furbearer dog hunting.
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Jan 2-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Jan 2-Feb 28
Turkey
*Archery only
2019-20
Archery Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Spirewell Bluff WMA - East
*Special Regulations
The East Tract includes property east of the Flint River. No hunting in park day-use area. No camping.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
*Shotguns and archery equipment only. No furbearer dog hunting.
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State Season. Other Migratory Birds: State season.
Spirewell Bluff WMA - West
*Special Regulations
Furbearer dog training allowed Aug. 1-March 15. The West Tract includes property west of the Flint River. Camping in designated areas only.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
*County antler restrictions apply: All bucks must have at least four points 1 inch or longer on a side.
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 4-Nov 29, Dec 2-Dec 27, Dec 30-Jan 12
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 3, Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 28-Dec 29
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 14-Oct 18
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 13 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 9-Nov 27, Nov 30-Dec 25, Dec 28-Jan 10
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Nov 6 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 8, Nov 28-Nov 29, Dec 26-Dec 27
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 12-Oct 16
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 11 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State Season. Other Migratory Birds: State season.
Standing Boy Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
No camping. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season. Bicycle trails are closed until 10:00 AM during archery deer and turkey hunts.
Deer
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2020-21
Archery Apr 17-Apr 25 Sign-in Quota 10
Youth Mar 20-Mar 28, Apr 3-Apr 11 Sign-in Quota 10
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State Season. Other Migratory Birds: State season.
Swallow Creek WMA
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 21-Nov 24, Dec 12-Dec 15 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 19-Nov 22, Dec 10-Dec 13 Check-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 21-Nov 24, Dec 12-Dec 15 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Buck Only Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 19-Nov 22, Dec 10-Dec 13 Check-in
Small Game

2019-20
Aug 15-Nov 20, Nov 25-Dec 11, Dec 16-Dec 25, Jan 2-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Nov 18, Nov 23-Dec 9, Dec 14-Dec 25, Jan 2-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Tallulah Gorge State Park
*Special Regulations
Mandatory Daily Sign-In. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 19-Oct 26, Oct 27-Nov 23, Nov 24-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 17-Oct 24, Oct 25-Nov 21, Nov 22-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 26, Oct 27-Nov 23, Nov 24-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 24, Oct 25-Nov 21, Nov 22-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Townsend WMA - Buck Island Tract
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 24-Oct 25 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Jan 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 17-Oct 23 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21

Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*State season.
Townsend WMA - North, South, and Pine Island Tracts
*Special Regulations
Archery Only Area is archery equipment for all species. Dog deer hunters must check-in at Check station. Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. All dogs must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. All vehicles used in the dog-deer hunt must display DNR issues permit on vehicle dash. Hunting area will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunt except to hunters with a valid quota permit.
Coyote
*May 16-31, feral hogs may be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 8 Sign-in
Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 4-Dec 5, Dec 18-Dec 19, Jan 1-Jan 2 Check-in Quota 3
Firearms Buck Only Oct 26-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 29, Dec 28-Dec 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 12, Nov 7-Nov 9 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 6 Sign-in
Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 9-Dec 10, Dec 22-Dec 23, Jan 6-Jan 7 Check-in Quota 3
Firearms Buck Only Oct 24-Oct 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 28-Dec 4, Dec 31-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 10, Nov 12-Nov 14 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 8, Oct 13-Oct 25, Nov 2-Nov 6, Nov 10-Nov 22, Nov 30-Dec 3, Dec 6-Dec 17, Dec 20-Dec 27, Dec 30-Dec 31, Jan 3-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 6, Oct 11-Oct 23, Oct 31-Nov 11, Nov 15-Nov 27, Dec 5-Dec 8, Dec 11-Dec 21, Dec 24-Dec 30, Jan 2-Jan 5, Jan 8-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15
Waterfowl
*State season during small game dates.
Tuckahoe WMA
*Special Regulations
Camping in designated sites only.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 19, Sep 23-Oct 3, Oct 7-Nov 6 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 26-Nov 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 4-Oct 6 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 20-Sep 22 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Sep 17, Sep 21-Sep 30, Oct 4-Nov 4 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Nov 24-Nov 28 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 1-Oct 3 Check-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 18-Sep 20 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Nov 10-Nov 25, Dec 1-Feb 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Nov 8-Nov 23, Nov 29-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*State season during small game dates.
Tugaloo State Park
*Special Regulations
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Sep. 5, 2019 and Sep. 3, 2020. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 356-4362. Applicable fees will apply. All other Park facilities will be closed to the general public during deer hunts. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 6-Sep 8 Check-in Quota 30
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 4-Sep 6 Check-in Quota 30
Walton WMA
*Special Regulations
No unleashed dogs except for bird dog training and dove hunting purposes. No rifles or muzzleloaders (except muzzleloading shotguns) of any caliber allowed.
Coyote
*May 16-31. Archery and shotgun only.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 14, Sep 21, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
Youth Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 80
2020-21
Sep 12, Sep 19, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Youth Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 80
Small Game
2019-20
Oct 1-Feb 29
2020-21
Oct 1-Feb 28
Warren Farm Tract VPA
*Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer

2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Warwoman WMA
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Sep 27 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 14-Nov 17, Dec 5-Dec 8 Check-in
Firearms Sep 28-Oct 6 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Sep 25 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 12-Nov 15, Dec 3-Dec 6 Check-in
Firearms Sep 26-Oct 4 Sign-in
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Sep 27 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 14-Nov 17, Dec 5-Dec 8 Check-in
2020-21
Archery Buck Only Sep 12-Sep 25 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 12-Nov 15, Dec 3-Dec 6 Check-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 27, Oct 7-Nov 13, Nov 18-Dec 4, Dec 9-Feb 29, Aug 15-Sep 25, Oct 5-Nov 11
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 25, Oct 5-Nov 11, Nov 16-Dec 2, Dec 7-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Wassaw NWR
*Special Regulations
No alligator hunting. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.savannahcoastalpermits.com. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/wassaw for seasons, dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.
West Point WMA
*Special Regulations
Furbearer dog training is allowed Aug. 1-March 15, except during deer hunts. No gasoline engines allowed on waterfowl ponds. No fishing in managed waterfowl impoundments. No fishing from bridges.
Deer

*Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch or longer) on either side or a 15 inch outside spread are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 6, Nov 9-Nov 17 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 10-Oct 12, Dec 5-Dec 7 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 14-Dec 15 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 18-Oct 20 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Oct 4, Nov 7-Nov 15 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 8-Oct 10, Dec 3-Dec 5 Check-in
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 12-Dec 13 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 16-Oct 18 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21-Sep 30, Nov 23-Nov 27, Dec 1, Dec 8-Dec 13, Dec 16-Jan 31
2020-21
Sep 5, Sep 12, Sep 19-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Dec 11, Dec 14-Jan 31
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 9, Oct 13-Oct 17, Oct 21-Dec 4, Dec 8-Dec 13, Dec 16-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 7, Oct 11-Oct 15, Oct 19-Dec 2, Dec 6-Dec 11, Dec 14-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-Mar 29 Sign-in Quota 80
Mar 30-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-Mar 28 Sign-in Quota 80
Mar 29-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon. Daniels Pond & Pond 1 are only open for Youth Waterfowl Days and Saturdays only during small game dates concurrent with state waterfowl season. The rest of the WMA is open during small game dates concurrent with state season (shooting hours end at 12 noon). Other Migratory Birds: State season during small game dates.
West Point WMA - Dixie Creek
*Special Regulations
Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-March 15 only. No camping.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch or longer) on either side or a 15 inch outside spread are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 30-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Mar 21-Mar 29 Sign-in
2020-21

Mar 29-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Mar 20-Mar 28 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon. State season. Other Migratory Birds: State season.
West Point WMA - Glovers Creek
*Special Regulations
No gasoline motors on waterfowl impoundment. No fishing on Glovers Creek Area. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
*Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch or longer) on either side or a 15 inch outside spread are legal.
2019-20
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Jan 12 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 12-Jan 10 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
2019-20
Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25 Sign-in Quota 7
2020-21
Nov 21, Nov 28, Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 2, Jan 9, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30 Sign-in Quota 7
Wilson Shoals WMA
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 2-Nov 17 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Dec 13-Dec 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Oct 30 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 31-Nov 15 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Dec 11-Dec 13 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last 3 Days Nov 2-Nov 17 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 13-Dec 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last 3 Days Oct 31-Nov 15 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 11-Dec 13 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 14, Sep 21, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 6-Jan 31
Youth Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 15
2020-21
Sep 12, Sep 19, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 8-Jan 31
Youth Sep 5 Sign-in Quota 15
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Sep 13, Nov 18-Dec 12, Dec 16-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Sep 11, Nov 16-Dec 10, Dec 14-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20

Mar 21-Mar 28 Check-in Quota 15
Mar 29-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-Mar 27 Check-in Quota 15
Mar 28-May 15 Sign-in
Yuchi WMA
Coyote
*May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 27-Nov 28, Dec 2-Dec 6, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Oct 19 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 20-Oct 26, Nov 29-Dec 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 16 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Oct 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 25-Nov 26, Nov 30-Dec 6, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 17 Check-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Oct 24, Nov 27-Nov 29 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Dove
2019-20
Sep 7-Sep 30, Nov 23-Nov 28, Dec 6-Jan 31 Sign-in
2020-21
Sep 5-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 26, Dec 8-Jan 31 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20
Aug 15-Oct 11, Oct 27-Nov 28, Dec 2-Feb 29 Sign-in
2020-21
Aug 15-Oct 9, Oct 25-Nov 26, Nov 30-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
*State season during small game dates.
Zahnd WMA
*Special Regulations
No ATV's.
Bear
2019-20
Archery Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Deer
2019-20
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
2020-21
Archery Either Sex Sep 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2019-20

Aug 15-Feb 29
2020-21
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2019-20
Mar 21-May 15 Sign-in
2020-21
Mar 20-May 15 Sign-in

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