

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2025-2026 Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Season

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries wishes to modify the legal firearms for primitive firearms season to allow Disabled Veterans to hunt deer with any legal weapon during the primitive firearms season in each deer hunting area. This modification brings this regulation in line with what is allowed for youths 17 or younger and individuals 65 and older. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission prioritize maximizing recreational opportunities for the sportsmen and women of the state.

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:962.G which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to employ emergency procedures to promulgate rules and regulations relative to hunting seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:115 and 56:116 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons and establish associated rules and regulations for hunting resident game animals, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule amending the Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Season Regulations for the 2025-2026 season:

A. **Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Season:**

1. Disabled Veteran licensees or properly licensed hunters that meet the requirements of R.S. 56:3000.H(1) may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the primitive firearms season in each deer hunting area.

This Declaration of Emergency shall become effective September 4, 2025, and remain in effect for the duration of the 2025-2026 Resident Game Hunting Season.

Kevin Sagrera
Chairman

Date Signed