

115-25-9. Deer; open season, bag limit, and permits. (a) The open season for the taking of deer shall be as follows:

(1) Archery season.

(A) The archery season dates shall be September 22, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

(B) The entire state shall be open for the taking of deer during the archery deer season.

However, nonresident archery deer permits shall be valid in only two adjacent deer management units designated at the time of application.

(C) All archery deer permits also shall be valid during the portion of the extended firearm season beginning on January 1, 2009 and extending through the last open day in units open during an extended firearm season and shall be valid with any legal equipment authorized during a firearm season, but shall be valid only for antlerless white-tailed deer during those dates and valid only in deer management units open to the extended firearms season.

(D) The number of archery deer permits based on a review of deer population indices, biological and ecological data, history of permit use and harvest rates, public input, and other relevant information shall be as established by the secretary with the concurrence of the commission.

(E) The urban antlerless-only white-tailed deer archery season shall begin on January 5, 2009 and extend through January 31, 2009 in all units designated as an urban deer management unit.

(2) Firearm season.

(A) In the Fort Leavenworth subunit, the firearm season dates shall be November 22, 2008

through November 23, 2008, November 27, 2008 through November 30, 2008, December 6, 2008 through December 7, 2008, December 13, 2008 through December 14, 2008, and December 20, 2008 through December 21, 2008. In the Smoky Hill Air National Guard subunit, the firearm season dates shall be November 25, 2008 through December 6, 2008. The regular firearm season dates in all other deer management units shall be December 3, 2008 through December 14, 2008.

(B) The urban firearm deer season in all units designated in K.A.R. 115-4-6 as an urban deer management unit shall be October 11, 2008 through October 19, 2008. White-tailed either-sex deer permits issued for a deer management unit adjacent to or encompassing an urban deer management unit shall be valid only in the urban deer management unit during the urban firearm deer season.

(C) During the regular and extended firearm deer seasons, white-tailed either-sex deer permits issued for a deer management unit adjacent to or encompassing an urban deer management unit shall be valid in both the designated unit and the urban deer management unit.

(D) The number of firearm deer permits for each management unit based on a review of deer population indices, biological and ecological data, history of permit use and harvest rates, public input, and other relevant information shall be as established by the secretary with the concurrence of the commission.

(3) Muzzleloader-only season.

(A) The muzzleloader-only season in all deer management units shall be September 22, 2008 through October 5, 2008. Muzzleloader deer permits shall also be valid during established firearm

seasons using muzzleloader equipment, except that during the portion of the extended firearm season beginning on January 1, 2009 and extending through the last open day in units open during an extended firearm season, these permits shall be valid with any legal equipment authorized during a firearm season. During an extended firearm season, only muzzleloader deer permits for deer management units open during these dates shall be valid, and only for antlerless white-tailed deer.

(B) The number of muzzleloader deer permits issued for each management unit based on a review of deer population indices, biological and ecological data, history of permit use and harvest rates, public input, and other relevant information shall be as established by the secretary with the concurrence of the commission.

(4) Season for designated persons.

(A) The season for designated persons to hunt deer shall be September 13, 2008 through September 21, 2008 in all deer management units.

(B) Only the following persons may hunt during this season:

(i) Any person 16 years of age or younger, only while under the immediate supervision of an adult who is 18 years of age or older; and

(ii) any person with a permit to hunt from a vehicle issued according to K.A.R. 115-18-4 or a disability assistance permit issued according to K.A.R. 115-18-15.

(C) All resident and nonresident deer permits shall be valid during this season.

(D) All persons hunting during this season shall wear blaze orange according to K.A.R. 115-4-4.

(5) Extended firearm seasons.

(A) Any unfilled deer permit valid in unit 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, or 19, as applicable, shall be valid during the extended firearm season beginning January 1, 2009 and extending through January 4, 2009 in those units.

(B) Only antlerless white-tailed deer may be taken.

(C) Permits restricted to a specific unit shall remain restricted to that unit during the extended firearm season.

(D) Equipment legal during a firearm season shall be authorized with any permit.

(b) Unlimited resident hunt-on-your-own-land, special hunt-on-your-own-land, and nonresident hunt-on-your-own-land deer permits shall be authorized for all units. These permits also shall be valid during the portion of the extended firearm season beginning on January 1, 2009 and extending through the last open day in units open during an extended firearm season, but shall be valid only for antlerless white-tailed deer during an extended firearm season.

(c) Permit applications.

(1) Applications for resident firearms either-species, either-sex permits shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through July 11, 2008.

Applications with a postmark date of not later than July 11, 2008 shall also be accepted.

(2) Applications for resident any-season white-tailed either-sex deer permits, resident archery deer permits, resident muzzleloader either-species, either-sex permits and hunt-on-your-own-land deer

permits shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through December 30, 2008.

(3) Applications for antlerless white-tailed deer permits shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through January 30, 2009

(4) Applications for nonresident antlered deer permits shall be accepted in the Pratt office from the earliest date that applications are available through June 2, 2008. Applications with a postmark date of not later than June 2, 2008 shall also be accepted.

(5) Nonresident applicants may select, at the time of application, one deer management unit and up to 1 adjacent management unit where their permit shall be valid.

(6) Resident applicants for either-species, either-sex muzzleloader or firearm deer permits shall select, at the time of application, the unit where their permit shall be valid. The west unit permit shall be valid in units 1, 2, 17, and 18. The east unit permit shall be valid in units 3, 4, 5, 7, and 16.

(d) Any individual may apply for and obtain multiple deer permits, subject to the following limitations:

(1) Any individual may apply for or obtain no more than one deer permit that allows the taking of an antlered deer.

(2) Any individual may obtain no more than five antlerless white-tailed deer permits. One antlerless white-tailed deer permit shall be valid statewide, including lands managed by the department. One antlerless white-tailed deer permit shall be valid in units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 10a, 11, 12, 13,

14, 15, 16, and 19 on lands and waters not managed by the department, except Cedar Bluff Wildlife Area. Up to three additional antlerless white-tailed deer permits shall be valid in subunit 10a and in units 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 19 on lands and waters not managed by the department.

(3) Any resident may obtain no more than one either-species, either-sex permit through the application period described in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2).

(4) Nonresidents shall be eligible to obtain antlerless white-tailed deer permits. Otherwise, a nonresident shall be eligible to apply for and obtain only those permits designated as nonresident deer permits.

(5) No resident or nonresident shall purchase any deer permit that allows the taking of antlerless-only deer without first having obtained a deer permit that allows the taking of antlered deer, unless the antlerless-only deer permit is purchased after December 30, 2008.

(e) The bag limit for each deer permit shall be one deer, as specified on the permit issued to the permittee.

(f) No deer permit issued pursuant to this regulation shall be valid after January 31, 2009.

(g) This regulation shall be effective on and after May 1, 2008, and shall have no force and effect on and after March 1, 2009. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 32-937; implementing K.S.A. 32-807, K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 32-937, and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 32-1002.)