

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

.04 Forest Wildlife

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§10-205 and 10-415, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Deer Management Permit Procedures.

A. Form of Request. Pursuant to Natural Resources Article, [10-206] *10-415*, Annotated Code of Maryland, a person may request that the Service investigate severe damage caused by deer for the purpose of having the Service reduce the deer population in the area.

B. – E. (text unchanged)

F. Deer Reduction Procedure.

(1) – (3) (text unchanged)

(4) [The] *While attempting to take deer under the terms of the permit, the permittee and all [agents] designated shooters shall possess a copy of the deer management permit [while attempting to take deer under the terms of the permit] signed by both the permittee and the designated shooter, and present the permit to Department personnel upon request.*

(5) *In accordance with Regulation .24 of this chapter, wanton waste is prohibited and an individual who intentionally wounds or kills a deer under the authority of a deer management permit shall make a reasonable effort to take possession of the wounded or dead deer.*

[5](6) Tagging and Confirmation Procedures.

[a] The permittee, or agent of the permittee as described in §F(6) of this regulation, is responsible for tagging each deer before removing the carcass from the place of kill.

(b) Each deer shall be field tagged with a tag that includes:

(i) The deer management permit number;

(ii) Name and DNRid number of the permittee or agent; and

(iii) County and date of harvest.

(c) The tag shall remain attached to the deer until:

(i) The deer has been reported through the Service's telephone or Internet-based checking system; and

(ii) A confirmation number has been issued; and

(iii) The deer has been processed for consumption.

(d) The permittee or agent shall record the confirmation number on the permittee's or agent's copy of the confirmation number log sheet supplied with the deer management permit.]

(a) A confirmation number shall be generated or a game field tag shall be attached to the deer before removing it from the place of kill that includes:

(i) The deer management permit number;

(ii) Name and DNRid number of the permittee or designated shooter that killed the deer; and

(iii) County and date of harvest.

(b) An individual shall report each deer killed to the Department through the Service's telephone or Internet-based checking system not later than 24 hours after the deer was taken into the permittee's or designated shooter's possession.

(c) Once a confirmation number has been generated by reporting the deer through the Service's telephone or Internet-based checking system, attaching a game field tag is not required while the deer remains in the hunter's possession.

(d) When leaving a deer unattended or in the possession of another person, the deer shall be tagged with:

(i) A game field tag as described in §F(6)(a) of this regulation, if the deer has not been reported to the Department; or

(ii) A tag that includes the permittee's or designated shooter's name and the confirmation number provided by the Department, if the deer has already been reported to the Department.

(e) The tag required under §F(6) of this regulation shall remain attached to the deer until the carcass is either:

(i) Processed for consumption; or

(ii) Disposed of by a processing facility.

(f) Upon request, permittees and designated shooters shall provide a completed log sheet or an electronic record stored on a mobile device as proof that deer taken under the authority of the deer management permit were reported to the Department's checking system.

[f](g) [A] *On the master copy of the confirmation number log sheet supplied with the deer management permit, a permittee shall record all the confirmation [number on the master copy of the confirmation number log sheet supplied with the deer management permit] numbers with the date of kill, designated shooter number, and species and sex of any deer taken under the authority of the permit.*

[(g)](h) (text unchanged)

[6](7) – [7](8) (text unchanged)

[8](9) Using a Deer Management Permit.

(a) (text unchanged)

(b) In *Baltimore*, Calvert, Charles, *Harford* and St. Mary's counties, all persons shooting deer under the authority of a valid deer management permit may shoot deer using a breech loading center fired rifle or any hunting device legal for hunting deer during the deer firearms season.

G. – K. (text unchanged)