

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 October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

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

However, archery deer permits shall be valid in only two archery deer management units in addition to archery deer management unit 19, as specified in K.A.R. 115-4-6a.

(C) All archery deer permits also shall be valid during the portion of the extended firearm season beginning on January 1, 2006 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.

(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 9, 2006 and extend through January 31, 2006 in all units designated as an urban deer management unit.

(2) Firearm season.

(A) In the Fort Leavenworth subunit, the Smoky Hill Air National Guard subunit, and the Fort Riley subunit, firearm season dates shall be not more than 12 days during the period

beginning on November 1, 2005 and extending through December 31, 2005. Unless the appropriate officials of each military installation subunit select and report to the department the dates for deer hunting on the military reservations, no permit or game tag shall be valid for hunting on the appropriate military reservation. The regular firearm season dates in all other deer management units shall be November 30, 2005 through December 11, 2005.

(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 15, 2005 through October 23, 2005. White-tailed either-sex firearm permits issued for a deer management unit adjacent to 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 firearm deer permits issued for a deer management unit adjacent to 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 10,

2005 through September 23, 2005. 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, 2006 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 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 24, 2005 through September 25, 2005 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 and game tags 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 firearm, muzzleloader, or archery permit or antlerless white-tailed deer game tag 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, 2006 and extending through January 8, 2006 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, 2006 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) Statewide applications for resident any-deer permits shall be accepted in the Pratt office from the earliest date that applications are available through July 15, 2005. Applications with a postmark date of not later than July 15, 2005 shall also be accepted.

(2) Applications for resident firearm white-tailed deer permits shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through December 30, 2005.

(3) The following types of deer permits may be purchased at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available through January 7, 2006:

- (A) Resident archery deer permits;
- (B) antlerless white-tailed deer permits;
- (C) antlerless white-tailed game tags; and
- (D) hunt-on-your-own-land deer permits.

(4) Applications for nonresident deer permits shall be accepted in the Pratt office from the earliest date that applications are available through May 31, 2005. Applications with a postmark date of not later than May 31, 2005 shall also be accepted.

(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 one antlerless white-tailed deer permit and no more than four antlerless white-tailed deer game tags, except that any individual may obtain no more than one antlerless white-tailed deer game tag that may be used in units 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 14. Antlerless white-tailed deer game tags shall not be valid in units 1, 2, 17, and 18.

(3) Any resident may obtain no more than one any-deer permit through the application period described in paragraph (c)(1).

(4) Nonresidents shall be eligible to obtain antlerless white-tailed deer permits and antlerless white-tailed deer game tags. 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 or game tag that allows the taking of antlerless deer without first having obtained a deer permit that allows the taking of antlered deer.

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

(f) No deer permit or deer game tag issued pursuant to this regulation shall be valid after

January 31, 2006.

(g) Each deer harvested during the regular firearm season in unit 1, 2, 3, 16, 17, or 18 shall be taken to a check station and registered within 48 hours of the time the deer is harvested. A registration tag shall be affixed to each deer harvested during the regular firearm season in unit 1, 2, 3, 16, 17, or 18.

(h) This regulation shall be effective on and after May 1, 2005, and shall have no force and effect on and after March 1, 2006. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 32-937; implementing K.S.A. 32-807, K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 32-937, and K.S.A. 32-1002.)