

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 17, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

(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 and unit 19.

(C) All archery deer permits also shall be valid during the portion of the extended firearm season beginning on January 1, 2013 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 14, 2013 and extend through January 31, 2013 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 17, 2012 through November 18, 2012, November 22, 2012 through November 25, 2012, December 1, 2012 through December 2, 2012, December 8, 2012 through December 9, 2012, and December 15, 2012 through December 16, 2012. In the Smoky Hill Air National Guard subunit, the firearm season dates shall be November 20, 2012 through December 1, 2012. The regular firearm season dates in all other deer management units shall be November 28, 2012 through December 9, 2012.

(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 13, 2012 through October 21, 2012. 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 17, 2012 through September 30, 2012. 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, 2013 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 8, 2012 through September 16, 2012 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, or 19, as applicable, shall be valid during the extended firearm season beginning January 1, 2013 and extending through January 13, 2013 in those units.

(B) Any unfilled deer permit valid in units 7, 8, and 15 shall be valid in a special extended firearm antlerless-only season in units 7, 8, and 15. The special extended firearm season shall be January 14, 2013 through January 20, 2013. The bag limit shall be one antlerless deer.

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

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

(E) 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, 2013 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) 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, except when the individual is unsuccessful in a limited quota drawing and alternative permits for antlered deer are available at the time of subsequent application.

(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 statewide, on lands not managed by the department, except Cedar Bluff, Glen Elder, Kanopolis, Kirwin, Lovewell, Norton, Webster, and Wilson Wildlife Areas. Three antlerless white-tailed deer permits shall be valid in units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 19 on lands not managed by the department, except Cedar Bluff, Glen Elder, Kanopolis, Kirwin, Lovewell, Norton, Webster, and Wilson Wildlife Areas.

(3) Any resident may obtain no more than one either-species, either-sex permit through the application period described in K.A.R. 115-4-11.

(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, 2012.

(6) Any individual may obtain one antlerless-only either-species deer permit, subject to the number of antlerless-only either-species deer permits authorized.

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

(e) No deer permit issued pursuant to this regulation shall be valid after January 31, 2013.

(f) This regulation shall be effective on and after May 1, 2012, and shall have no force and effect on and after March 1, 2013. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 32-937.)