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CHAPTER 123

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123-40. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

123-51. Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons

123-52. Either-sex Days for Private Lands in Game Zones 1-6

123-55. Regulations for the Use of Fertility Control or Other Chemical Substances in Wildlife

**Synopsis:**

These regulations amend Chapter 123-40, 123-51 and 123-52 in order to set seasons, bag limits and methods of hunting and taking of wildlife on existing and additional Wildlife Management Areas and Chapter 123-55 in order to clarify the use of fertility control or other chemical substances in wildlife.

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**Instructions:**

Amend Regulations 123-40, 123-51 and 123-52 to establish changes and include additional WMA’s and amend Regulation 123-55 to exclude certain nuisance species from the permit requirement.

**Text:**

HUNTING IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

123-40. Wildlife Management Area Regulations.

1.1 The following regulations amend South Carolina Department of Natural Resources regulation Numbers 123-40 and 123-51.

1.2. The regulations governing hunting including prescribed schedules and seasons, methods of hunting and taking wildlife, and bag limits for Wildlife Management Areas and special restrictions for use of WMA lands are as follows:

**(B) Game Zone 2**

**John C. Calhoun, Cokesbury, Clarks Hill, Parsons Mountain, Key Bridge, Forks, Ninety-six,**

**Goldmine, Murray, Enoree, Fairforest, Keowee, Fant’s Grove, Carlisle, Broad River, Dutchman, Wateree and Worth Mountain WMA’s.**

Primitive Weapons Oct. 1 - Oct. 10 2 Deer, buck Only for

Hunts muzzleloaders except

(No dogs) either-sex on days specified in

 Reg. 4.2.

Archery, either-sex.

**(G) Francis Marion National Forest**

During still gun hunts for deer there shall be no hunting or shooting Total of 8 deer for all gun and

from, on or across any road open to vehicle traffic. No buckshot muzzleloader hunts on the

on still gun hunts. During deer hunts when dogs are used buckshot Francis Marion.

only is permitted. On either-sex deer hunts with dogs, all deer must

be checked in by one hour after legal sunset. On all still gun and

muzzleloader either-sex hunts for all units, all does must be tagged

with an individual antlerless deer tag except when harvested on county-wide

either-sex days. Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on days not

designated as either-sex after Sept. 15 for still hunting only.

**(H) Moultrie**

Deer Total of 8 deer per season.

Unless in an elevated stand, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road during gun hunts for deer.

**(I)Santee Cooper WMA**

Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Santee Cooper WMA.

Deer Total 8 deer per season for all hunts combined, no more than 2 bucks.

Quality Deer Management Area – Only antlerless deer, spike bucks (2 points) and bucks with a minimum 4 points on one side or a 12-inch minimum antler spread. A point must be at least one inch long measured from the nearest edge of main beam to the top of the point. Campground is open during scheduled deer hunts only.

Archery First full week in Oct. 2 deer per day, either-sex,

(Mon. – Sat.) no more than 1 buck per day.

Archery and Muzzle Loader Second full week in Oct.(Mon.- 2 deer per day, either-sex,

Sat.), First full week in Nov.(Mon. no more than 1 buck per day.

- Sat.), Second full week in Dec.

(Mon. – Sat.)

Small Game 1st Mon. after the closing Game Zone 6 Bag limits,

of the last deer hunt through Mar. 1, except Quail- 8 per day.

 except raccoon hunting each Fri. and

 Sat.

**(J) Webb WMA**

Quail Hunts

Quail hunters must 2nd and 4th Wed. in Jan. 8 quail per day.

pick-up and return 2nd and 4th Sat. in Jan.

data cards at kiosk 1st and 3rd Sat. in Feb.

 1st and 3rd Wed. in Feb.

Still Hog Hunts (no dogs) 3rd Thurs. – Sat. in Mar. No limit.

Archery, crossbows, 2nd Thurs. – Sat. in May

centerfire rifles, muzzleloading 1st Thurs. – Sat. in Sept.

rifles, centerfire handguns and

shotguns with slugs only.

**(L) Santee Delta WMA**

Deer and hog hunters must sign in and out and complete a data card on harvested animals at the check

Station on the East Side of the Delta.

Special hog hunt 3rd Wed., Thurs., Fri. in Mar. Hogs only, no limit, no live hogs

Shotgun with slug or (impoundments only) to be removed from WMA.

muzzleloader, no buckshot,

hunting from elevated stands

only.

Special hog hunt with dogs 3rd and 4th Sat. in Mar. Hogs only, no limit, handguns

 (impoundments only) only, limit 4 bay or catch dogs

 per party. No live hogs removed

 from WMA.

**(P) Pee Dee Station Site WMA**

Deer Total of 3 for all hunt periods

combined.

Still hunting only, no deer dogs, no buckshot, no hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic. The scouting seasons are 3-day periods on Saturday through Monday immediately proceeding hunt periods. Data cards required for access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Pee Dee Station Site WMA.

**(R) Santee Coastal Reserve WMA**

Deer hunters must sign in and sign out and complete a data card on harvested animals.

**(S) Other Small WMAs**

**Aiken, Lexington and Richland Counties**

Deer

Still Gun Hunts No hunting before Game Zone 3 bag limits.

and Archery Sept. 1 or after Jan. 1 Buck only, except on Game

(No dogs) Zone 3 either-sex days as

 specified in Reg. 4.2. Individual

 antlerless deer tags are valid on

other “unnamed” WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter daily or season bag limits.

**Chesterfield, Kershaw, Dillon & Marlboro Counties**

Still Gun Hunts Sept 15 - Jan 1 Total 10 deer for all gun

and Archery hunts, 2 per day, buck only

(No Dogs) except on Game Zone 4 either-

 sex days as specified in Reg.

4.2. Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other “unnamed” WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter daily or season bag limits. Limit of 10 may not include more than 5 bucks. Male deer required 2 inches of visible antler above the hairline to be legal. Male fawns (button bucks) are considered antlerless deer, legal only during either-sex hunts; however, they apply toward the buck limit.

**Darlington, Lee & Sumter Counties**

Archery Sept. 1 - Jan. 1 Total 5 deer per season, buck

only, except on Game Zone 5

either-sex days as specified in

Reg. 4.2. Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other “unnamed” WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter daily or season bag limits.

Still Gun Hunts Sept. 15 - Jan. 1 Total 5 deer per season, buck

(No dogs) only except on Game Zone 5

No buckshot. either-sex daysas specified in

Reg. 4.2. Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other “unnamed” WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter daily or season bag limits.

**(T) Woodbury WMA**

Special Hog Mar. 1 – 3rd Sat. in Mar. Hogs no limit.

Still Hunt (No dogs)

Archery, crossbows, centerfire

rifles, muzzleloading rifles,

centerfire handguns and shotguns

with slugs only.

Raccoons Wed. - Sat. nights beginning 3 per party per night.

 Sat. after Thanksgiving – last Wed.

 or Sat. in Feb.

**(W) Marsh WMA**

Special Hunt Area for No open season except for hunters 1 deer per day, either-sex.

Youth and Mobility Impaired selected by drawing.

Hunters

Special Hog Still 3rd Mon. in Nov. – following Sat. Hogs Only, no limit,

Hunt (no dogs) Mar. 1st – 3rd Sat. in Mar. no bay or catch

Archery, crossbows, centerfire dogs.

rifles, muzzleloading rifles,

centerfire handguns and shotguns

with slugs only.

**(X) Hamilton Ridge WMA**

Deer

Muzzleloader and archery 1st full week in Nov. 2 deer per hunt period, either-

(No dogs) sex, only 1 buck. Hogs no limit.

Special Hog Still Hunt 3rd Thurs. – Sat. in Mar. No limit.

(no dogs) Archery, crossbows, 2nd Thurs. – Sat. in May

Centerfire rifles, muzzleloading 1st Thurs. – Sat. in Sept.

rifles, centerfire handguns and

shotguns with slugs only.

Quail Hunts

Quail hunters must 2nd and 4th Wed. in Jan. 8 quail per day.

pick-up and return 2nd and 4th Sat. in Jan.

data cards at kiosk 1st and 3rd Sat. in Feb.

 1st and 3rd Wed. in Feb.

**(AA) Little Pee Dee River Complex WMA**

Raccoon Wed. – Sat. nights beginning 3 per party per night.

 Sat. after Thanksgiving – the last

 Wed. or Sat. in Feb.

Special Hog Still Mar. 6 - 3rd Sat. in Mar. Hogs only, no limit,

Hunt (no dogs) no bay or catch dogs.

Archery, crossbows, centerfire

rifles, muzzleloading rifles,

centerfire handguns and shotguns

with slugs only.

**(BB) Great Pee Dee River WMA**

For big game hunting, access is restricted from two hours before sunrise to two hours after official sunset. Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Great Pee Dee River WMA.

Deer Hunts Total 3 deer for all hunts.

Still hunting only, no deer dogs, no buckshot, no hunting from motor vehicles or boats, no hog dogs. Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts or special hog hunts. Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use.

Special Hog Still 1st Mon. in Dec. – the following Sat. Hogs only, no limit.

Hunt (no dogs) 2nd Mon. in Dec. – the following Sat.

Archery, crossbows, centerfire 3rd Mon. in Dec. – the following Sat.

rifles, muzzleloading rifles, 1st Mon. in Feb. – the following Sat.

centerfire handguns and 2nd Mon. in Feb. – the following Sat.

shotguns with slugs only.

**(CC) Hickory Top WMA**

Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Hickory Top WMA.

**(DD) Palachucola WMA**

Deer Hunts

Deer hunting or shooting will not be allowed from or on roads open to vehicle traffic. All deer hunters are required to sign-in and sign-out daily.

Archery Sixteen hunting days beginning 3 deer, either-sex, except only

(No Dogs) the last Wed. in Sept. 1 buck with a minimum 4 points

 on one side or a minimum

 12-inch antler spread.

Muzzleloader and Archery 3rd Thurs. – Sat. in Dec. 3 deer, either-sex except only

(No dogs) 1 buck with a minimum 4 points

 on one side or a minimum

 12-inch antler spread.

Quail Hunts

Quail hunters must 2nd and 4th Wed. in Jan. 8 quail per day.

pick-up and return 2nd and 4th Sat. in Jan.

data cards at kiosk 1st and 3rd Sat. in Feb.

 1st and 3rd Wed. in Feb.

Still Hog Hunts (no dogs) 3rd Thurs. – Sat. in Mar. No limit.

Archery, crossbows, 2nd Thurs. – Sat. in May

centerfire rifles, muzzleloading 1st Thurs. – Sat. in Sept.

rifles, centerfire handguns and

shotguns with slugs only.

**(EE) St. Helena Sound Heritage Preserve WMA**

Otter Island

Raccoon Sat. during Jan. & Feb. Game Zone 6 limits.

**(FF) Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA**

Deer Total 2 deer per season.

 Hogs no limit.

Hog hunt with dogs 1st & 2nd Sat. in Mar. No limit, sidearms only, no

 more than 4 bay or catch dogs

 per party, no live hogs removed

 from WMA.

**(HH) Canal WMA**

Hunters must pick up and return data cards at access points. Shotguns must be plugged so as not to hold more than 3 shells.

Quail 1st Wed. after opening day of Total 8 per day.

 quail season and every other

 Wed. and Sat. thereafter until Mar. 1

**(OO) Santee Dam WMA**

Small Game, no open Jan. 2 through Mar. 1 Game Zone 5 bag limits.

season on fox squirrels.

**(UU) Wee Tee WMA**

Raccoon Sept. 15 – Mar. 1 (nights only) 3 per party per night.

**(VV) Bonneau Ferry WMA**

No camping is allowed. No person hunting on Bonneau Ferry WMA may possess, consume, or be under the influence of intoxicants including beer, wine, liquor or illegal drugs. All terrain vehicles are prohibited. Hunting access by boat is prohibited. Adult/youth fishing only. For fishing, youth must be accompanied by no more than two adults 18 years old or older. For hunting, Adult/youth Side A is open only to youth 17 years old or younger who must be accompanied by only one adult 21 years of age or older. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults with youth hunters may also carry a firearm and hunt. For deer and small game hunting Sides A and B will alternate each year. All hunters must sign in and sign out upon entering or leaving Bonneau Ferry WMA. All deer must be checked out at the main entrance. Bonneau Ferry WMA is closed to public access one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise except, for special hunts regulated by DNR. Hunters may not enter WMA prior to 5:00 AM on designated hunts. All impoundments and adjacent posted buffers are closed to all public access Nov. 1 – Mar. 1 except for special draw deer hunts and waterfowl hunts regulated by DNR during the regular waterfowl season. No fox or bobcat hunting. Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.

Side A (Adult/Youth Only)

Draw deer hunts are for two and one half days (afternoon on the first day and 2 full days). Hunt periods begin in September and continue until early December. Hunters are required to have permit in possession and must sign in and sign out (Name, permit # and deer killed each day). Area is closed to the general public access during scheduled deer, turkey and waterfowl hunts.

Quail (Side B) Open every other Sat. beginning Limit 8 per day.

Shotguns must be plugged to Feb. 1 through Mar. 1.

hold no more than 3 shells.

Hunters must pick up,

accurately fill out and return

data card at the main entrance.

**(YY) Botany Bay Plantation WMA**

All hunters, fishermen, and visitors must sign in and sign out upon entering or leaving Botany Bay Plantation WMA. Botany Bay Plantation WMA is closed to public access one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise, except for special events regulated by DNR. Area is closed to general public access during scheduled deer and turkey hunts. Hunting in designated areas only. Hunting access by boat is prohibited. Fishing in the Jason’s Lake complex and all other ponds is adult/youth catch and release only on designated days. For adult/youth fishing, youth must be accompanied by no more than two adults 18 years old or older. Adult may also fish.

Deer

Archery 1st Mon. after Sept. 15 until Total 3 deer, either-sex but only

 the 1st Sat. in Oct.; 3rd Mon. 1 buck with a minimum 4 points

 in Dec. until the following Sat. on one side or a 12” minimum

 antler spread.

Still Gun Hunts No open season except for hunters Total 3 deer, either-sex but only

(No dogs) selected by computer drawing. 1 buck with a minimum 4 points

 on one side or a 12” minimum

 antler spread.

Draw deer hunts are for two and one half days (afternoon on the first day and 2 full days). Hunt periods begin in September and continue into December. Hunters are required to have permit in possession and must sign in and sign out (Name, permit # and deer killed each day) at the designated check station. All harvested deer must be checked in at the designated check station.

Small Game Jan. 2 – Mar. 1 Game Zone 6 bag limits, except

No open season for fox Wed. and Sat. Only quail 8/day.

squirrels or foxes. Dogs

allowed during gun seasons

only.

Raccoons and Opossum Jan. 2 – Mar. 1 Game Zone 6 bag limits.

**(ZZ) Old Island Heritage Preserve WMA**

Deer

Archery Sept. 15 – Jan. 1 Total 2 deer per season.

 1 deer per day, either-sex.

2.6 On all WMA lands, baiting or hunting over a baited area is prohibited. As used in this section, "bait" or "baiting" means the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain or other food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area. "Baited area" means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, deposited, exposed, distributed, or scattered and the area remains a baited area for ten (10) days following the complete removal of all bait. Salt/minerals are not considered bait.

2.7 On WMA lands construction or use of tree stands is prohibited if the tree stand is constructed by driving nails or other devices into trees or if wire is wrapped around trees. Other tree stands and temporary screw-in type climbing devices are permitted provided they are not permanently affixed or embedded in the tree. All stands must be removed by the end of the deer hunting season.

2.11 While participating in a hunt on WMA’s, no person may possess, consume or be under the influence of intoxicants, including beer, wine, liquor or drugs.

3.1 On WMA lands hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow, crossbow or hand gun except that specific weapons may be prohibited on certain hunts. Small game hunters may possess or use shotguns with shot no larger than No. 2 or .22 rimfire or smaller rifles/handguns or primitive muzzle-loading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller. Small game hunters may not possess or use buckshot, slugs or shot larger than No. 2. Blow guns, dart guns or drugged arrows are not permitted. Small game hunters using archery equipment must use small game tips on the arrows (judo points, bludgeon points, etc.).

3.2 For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow, crossbow and muzzle-loading shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and rifles (.36 caliber or larger) with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitro-cellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge. There are no restrictions on ignition systems (e.g. flintstone, percussion cap, shotgun primer, disk, electronic, etc.). During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted.

4.2 Deer either-sex days for gun hunts are as follows:

Game Zone 1: The first three Saturdays in November.

Game Zones 2 - 6: Every Saturday from October 1 to the Saturday after Thanksgiving day inclusive; Saturdays in December beginning 23 days after Thanksgiving day; and the last day of the open season.

In Game Zones 1 and 2 hunters using archery equipment may take either-sex during any open season for deer.

On special mobility impaired and youth and deer hunts sanctioned by the department and during the statewide youth deer hunt day, participants may take antlerless deer, 2 per day.

5.2 On all WMA lands in Game Zones 1 and 2, beagles may not be used for rabbit hunting during still gun hunts for deer or bear. Beagles may be used from the close of the season for deer until the close of the rabbit season. Beagles may be trained for rabbit hunting from September 1 through September 30 (no guns).

5.4 The Department may permit deer hunting with dogs on WMA areas not located in Game Zones 1 and 2. For the purposes of tracking a wounded deer, a hunter may use one dog which is kept on a leash.

7.1 On all WMA lands during any gun and muzzleloader hunting seasons for deer, bear and hogs, all hunters including small game hunters must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid visible international orange, except hunters for dove, turkey and duck are exempt from this requirement while hunting for those species.

10.8 During the period 01 Nov.-01 Mar. except for special hunts designated by the Department, Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area is closed to public access and impoundments on Bonneau Ferry WMA are closed to public access.

10.9 Broad River Waterfowl Management Area is closed to public access during the period 01 Nov.-01 Feb. except for special hunts designated by the Department.

10.10 Impoundments on Bear Island, Donnelly, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve and Santee Delta WMAs are closed to all public access during the period 15 Oct. - 8 Feb. except during special hunts designated by the Department. All public access during the period 01 Feb. - Oct. 14 is limited to designated areas. On Bear Island WMA, Mathews’ Canal is closed to all hunting from Nov. 1 – Feb. 15 beyond a point 0.8 mile from the confluence of Mathews’ Canal with the South Edisto River.

10.14 The Francis Marion National Forest and Crackerneck WMA are open during special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird seasons; Fant's Grove WMA is open AM only on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the regular migratory bird seasons; Palachucola WMA, Tillman Sand Ridge WMA, Hamilton Ridge WMA and Webb WMA are open AM only for waterfowl hunting during special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird seasons.

10.16 Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas include Biedler Impoundment, Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Lake Cunningham, Russell Creek, Monticello Reservoir, Parr Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Dunaway, Dungannon, Enoree River, Moultrie, Hatchery, Hickory Top, Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir, Lancaster Reservoir, Turtle Island, Little Pee Dee River Complex (including Ervin Dargan, Horace Tilghman), Great Pee Dee River, Potato Creek Hatchery, Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island), Tyger River, Marsh, Wee Tee, Woodbury, Ditch Pond, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve and 40 Acre Rock Waterfowl Management Areas. Hunting on Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas is in accordance with scheduled dates and times.

DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS

Area Open dates inclusiveBag Limits

Waccamaw River HP Wed. and Sat. AM only Federal Limits

 during the regular season.

40 Acre Rock Sat. AM only during Federal Limits

 regular season.

10.21 On Enoree River, Dunaway, Duncan Creek, Russell Creek and Tyger River Waterfowl Areas data cards are required for hunter access during scheduled waterfowl hunts. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving each of these areas.

10.22 Woodbury Waterfowl Management Area includes all SCDNR-owned property south of US Hwy 378 and bounded on the west by the Great Pee Dee River and Bluff Road and to the east by the Little Pee Dee River except no waterfowl hunting allowed in the area known as Hass Pond that is bounded on all sides by Hass Pond Road.

123-51. Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons

 AREA DATES LIMIT Other Restrictions

Francis Marion Hunt Unit April 1 - May 1 2 WMA Only

Tibwin Special Use Area April 1 - May 1 2 Special hunts for youth or mobility impaired hunters as

 published by SCDNR

Moultrie Hunt Unit April 1 - May 1 2 Wed. & Sat. Only

Hall WMA April 1 - May 1 2

Santee Dam WMA April 1 - May 1 2

Hickory Top WMA April 1 - May 1 2

Pee Dee Station Site WMA April 1 - May 1 1 Wed. & Sat. Only

 All hunters must pick up and return data cards at kiosk.

Great Pee Dee River WMA April 1 - May 1 1 Wed. & Sat. Only

 All hunters must pick up and return data cards at kiosk.

Oak Lea WMA April 1 – May 1 2 Wed. Only

Longleaf Pine HP WMA April 1 - May 1 2 Wed. & Sat. Only

Botany Bay Plantation WMA April 1 – May 1 1 per hunter Youth hunting by draw only.

2. The following Regulations apply statewide. No turkey hunting permitted on Turkey Restoration Sites which have not been formally opened by the Department.

 a. During the spring turkey hunting season no game animal may be taken except turkey gobblers (bearded birds). During the fall turkey season both gobblers and hens may be taken.

 b. Shotguns, muzzleloader shotguns, crossbows or bows and arrows are permitted, all other weapons and methods of taking are prohibited including rifles, pistols, hard jacketed bullets, buckshot and slugs.

 c. Turkeys may not be hunted with dogs.

 d. Live decoys are prohibited.

123-52 Either-sex days for Private Lands in Game Zones 1-6.

 Game Zone 1: The first three Saturdays in November.

 Game Zone 2-6: Every Saturday from October 1 to the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day inclusive; Saturdays in December beginning 23 days after Thanksgiving Day; and the last day of the open season.

 The daily bag limit on either-sex days is 2 antlerless deer.

 In Game Zones 1 and 2 hunters using archery equipment may take either-sex during any open season for deer.

 On special mobility impaired and youth and deer hunts sanctioned by the department and during the statewide youth deer hunt day, participants may take antlerless deer, 2 per day.

123-55. Regulations for the use of fertility control or other chemical substances in wildlife (50-11-96).

A permit is not required by a licensed pesticide applicator using registered pesticides for the control of English sparrows, feral pigeons, and European starlings.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:**

This amendment of Regulations 123-40, 123-51 and 123-52 will result in increased public hunting opportunities which should generate additional State revenue through license sales. In addition, the local economy should benefit from sales of hunting supplies, food and overnight accommodations. Sales taxes on these items will also directly benefit government.

The addition of Regulation 123-55 will provide for the continued use, by licensed pesticide applicators, of pesticides registered for use in the control of birds not protected by South Carolina law. Other than allowing these applicators to continue to operate as they have in the past, no fiscal impact is expected.

**Statement of Rationale:**

Rationale for the formulation of these regulations is based on over 60 years of experience by SCDNR in establishing public hunting areas. New areas are evaluated on location, size, current wildlife presence, access and recreation use potential. Contractual agreements with the landowners provide guidelines for the use and management of the property. Wildlife Management Area agreements are on file with the Wildlife Management Section of the Department of Natural Resources, Room 267, Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia.