

4VAC15-40-280. Department-owned, controlled, or managed lands; annual permit for hunting on lands managed by the department.

A. The open seasons for hunting and trapping, as well as hours, methods of taking, and bag limits for department-owned or department-controlled lands, or lands managed by the department under cooperative agreement, shall conform to the regulations of the board unless excepted by posted rules established by the director or his designee. Such posted rules shall be displayed at each recognized entrance to the land where the posted rules are in effect.

B. Department-owned lands shall be open to the public for wildlife observation and for hunting, fishing, trapping, and boating (as prescribed by 4VAC15-320-100) under the regulations of the board. Other activities deemed appropriate by the director or his designee may be allowed by posted rules, by written authorization from the director or his designee, or by special permit.

C. No person shall hunt on lands managed by the department through a lease agreement or other similar memorandum of agreement where the department issues an annual hunting permit without having purchased a valid annual hunting permit. The ~~annual hunting permit shall be in addition to the required licenses to hunt, and the~~ cost of such permit shall be the same as the cost of the annual state resident hunting license in § 29.1-303 of the Code of Virginia.

D. Activities that are not generally or specifically authorized in accordance with subsections A through C of this section are prohibited and shall constitute a violation of this regulation.

Rationale: Stricken language in subsection C is unnecessary. Hunters who utilize Public Access Lands for Sportsmen (PALS) need to obtain such permit to do so in addition to having their other annual or lifetime hunting licenses and big game tags; remaining language reflects this requirement.