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“Supervision Required” License Increases Hunting Opportunities

Christmas holidays are fast approaching and many individuals will receive firearms as gifts. Recipients of these gifts will be anxious to put them to use in the field or on the range. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division wants everyone to enjoy their gifts and our state’s hunting opportunities.

Even though most scheduled hunter education courses have concluded, it is still possible for hunters to purchase a license without successfully completing a hunter education course. The Wildlife Heritage Act of 2007 passed by the Legislature provides a mentor provision for hunter education. Hunting license buyers now have the option to hunt under “supervision required” status prior to completing a hunter education course. This new provision in Alabama law allows adult hunters to mentor young or new hunters prior to them completing a hunter education course. New hunters under the direct supervision of an experienced hunter are generally very careful and abide by the rules of firearms safety.

“This is the perfect opportunity for seasoned hunters to mentor new hunters and teach them to hunt safely and responsibly,” said ADCNR Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division Director Corky Pugh. “We still recommend that new hunters complete the hunter education course when available to hone their skills and gain further knowledge of our hunting heritage.”

Under the “supervision required” license option, hunters under supervision **MUST** be under normal voice control, not to exceed 30 feet away from a properly licensed hunter 21 years of age or older. Under no circumstance shall the supervising person be the holder of a “supervision required” license. For further information on the “supervision required” hunting license, dates of remaining hunter education courses, visit

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