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PART 745

HUNTING SEASON FOR GAME BREEDING AND HUNTING PRESERVE AREAS

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**Section 745.10 Purpose**

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) will evaluate all-year hunting of hand-reared game birds on certain game breeding and hunting preserve areas. The evaluation shall be based on the following criteria:

- a) Demand for all-year hunting, as measured by the number of hunters who utilize the hunting preserve areas designated in Section 745.20 between April 16 and August 31 combined with the number of hunters whose reservation requests are denied, if any;
- b) Quality of hunting during April 16 to August 31, as measured by the ability of breeders to provide hand-reared game birds during this period, the field performance of the birds during this period, perceptions of hunters in regard to hunting during this period compared to standard season hunting and quality of the hunting dog field performance;
- c) Public acceptance of all-year hunting, as measured by public comment received by the Department of Natural Resources during the pilot program period.

**Section 745.20 Hunting Season**

Game birds may be taken all year on any game breeding and hunting preserve area that notifies the Department of its intent to continue hunting during April 16 - August 31. Notification must be received in writing by April 1.

**Section 745.30            Evaluation Requirements**

Any game breeding and hunting preserve area participating in the all-year hunting evaluation which refuses to cooperate with the Department's investigation and evaluation procedures will, upon written notification, be eliminated from the all-year hunting evaluation. The hunting season on any preserve area eliminated from the all-year hunting evaluation will be as specified in Section 3.30 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/3.30].