

FLUORESCENT ORANGE SAFETY CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS DURING HUNTING SEASONS

DEM Hunting Regulations for 2012-2013 Season require that hunters and all users of state management areas wear 500 square inches of fluorescent orange safety clothing during shotgun deer seasons, as follows:

10.5 Fluorescent Orange Requirement: Fluorescent orange safety clothing is required during the hunting season statewide for all hunters. To meet this requirement, safety clothing must be solid daylight fluorescent orange. Fluorescent camouflage does not meet this requirement. The hunter orange must be worn above the waist and be visible in all directions. Examples that meet the orange requirements are a hat that covers 200 square inches or combination of hat and vest covering 500 square inches. The following orange requirements apply:

10.5.1 Two hundred (200) square inches by small game hunters during the small game season.

10.5.2 Two hundred (200) square inches by fall turkey hunters while traveling.

10.5.3 Two hundred (200) square inches by muzzleloaders during muzzleloading deer season.

10.5.4 Two hundred (200) square inches by archers when traveling to/from stands during muzzleloading deer season.

10.5.5 Five hundred (500) square inches by all hunters and other users (including archers) during shotgun deer seasons.

10.5.6 Those hunters using Pop-up blinds during the firearms deer season must display 200 square inches of fluorescent orange visible on the outside of the blind from all directions. Hunters must also wear orange in accordance with the rules for the specific seasons while in the blind.

10.5.7 Exempt from fluorescent orange requirements are:

Waterfowl hunters hunting from a boat or blind, over water or field, when done in conjunction with decoys.

Archery deer hunters (except during muzzleloader and shotgun deer season).

Hunters crow hunting over decoys.

Spring turkey hunters and

First segment dove hunters.

Not required in areas limited to Archery only by regulation.

10.5.8 All other users of State Management areas and underdeveloped State Parks, including but not limited to hikers, bikers, and horseback riders, are required to wear two hundred (200) square inches of solid daylight fluorescent orange from the second Saturday in September to the last day of February, and the third Saturday in April to the last day in May, annually.

2012-2013 Season Dates:

1.2 **Open Season** (all dates inclusive)

1.2.3 **Shotgun:** December 1 to December 16 and December 26 to January 2

1.2.2.2 December 26 to January 2, Statewide-Private Property, Antlerless Deer only

1.2.5 **Block Island:**

1.2.5.3 **Shotgun:** November 26, 27, 29, 30;

December 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21; **January** 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31;

February 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28

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