Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Proclamation 18-15  
Special Hunting Season  
Within a Chronic Wasting Disease Zone

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated §§70-4-107(c)(3) and 70-4-116(b), the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission hereby proclaims the following special deer hunting regulations.

Section I. Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone

A. There is created a Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone (CMZ), effective December 20, 2018.

B. The CMZ is created based on the December 18, 2018 confirmation that free-ranging white-tailed deer tested positive for CWD within the territorial boundaries of Tennessee. The CMZ is comprised of a “Core Area”, a “High Risk Area”, and a “Buffer Area”.

   i. The Core Area of the CMZ includes any Tennessee county in its entirety within a five (5) mile radius of the location of harvest or discovery of a cervid that tests positive for CWD.

   ii. The High Risk Area of a CMZ includes any Tennessee county in its entirety within a ten (10) mile radius of the location of harvest or discovery of a cervid that tests positive for CWD.

   iii. The Buffer Area of a CMZ includes any Tennessee county in its entirety within a twenty five (25) mile radius of the location of harvest or discovery of cervid that tests positive for CWD.

C. The Agency shall maintain and publish a map and list of counties included in the CMZ.

D. The following counties in their entirety constitute the High Risk Area of the CMZ: Fayette, Hardeman, and McNairy. As additional CWD samples are
tested and results are returned to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (the Agency), the CMZ may be expanded by proclamation. Any changes to the boundaries of the CMZ will be posted on the Agency web site at https://www.tn.gov/twra.html.

E. For the purpose of these hunting regulations, there is created a new CWD Unit as follows:

   i. Fayette, Hardeman, and McNairy Counties.

F. There is created a new deer season within the CWD Unit as follows:

   i. | Season Type | Season Dates | Antlered\(^b\) Bag Limit | Anterless\(^c\) Bag Limit |
      |            |             |                           |                           |
      | Archery    | Jan. 7 through Jan. 31, 2019 |                           |                           |
      | Muzzleloader | Jan. 7 through Jan. 31, 2019 | 1                          |                           |
      | Gun\(^a\)  | Jan. 7 through Jan. 31, 2019 |                           |                           |

\(^a\) A Type 94 permit is required to hunt anterless deer during this season except for landowners hunting under the landowner exemption (as described in T.C.A. 70-2-204), Sportsman license holders (including Lifetime Sportsman), and hunters who possess a Type 167 permit.

\(^b\) Antlered deer are defined as male or female deer with antlers that are a minimum of three inches (3") in length.

\(^c\) Anterless deer are defined as male or female deer with no antlers or with antlers less than three inches (3") in length.

G. All wildlife management areas and other public land on which deer hunting activities are permitted within the CWD Unit shall be open to hunting during the special season established in subsection F.
H. On or after December 29, 2018, all hunters harvesting deer within the High Risk Area of the CMZ on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) shall be required to check the deer in at a physical check station. The Agency will publish the locations of physical check stations at https://www.tn.gov/twra.html.

I. No deer harvested within the High Risk Area of the CMZ shall be removed from the area unless the carcass exportation restrictions established in the Agency’s rules and regulations are met.
Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission

Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of this emergency proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission on the 20th day of December, 2018.

Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 20th day of December, 2018.

Notary Public

My commission expires: November 8, 2022

Proclamation No. 18-15 received and recorded this 20th day of December, 2018.

Tre Hargett, Secretary of State