Chapter VIII

Sanctuaries, Refuges and Closures

8.1 Repealed. Am. 3, 1995, Eff. Sep 1, 1995.

Publisher's Note: The repealed section pertained to pheasant hunting closed areas.

8.2 Repealed. Am. 9, 1993, Eff. Sep 1, 1993.

Publisher's note: The repealed section pertained to closure of Portage marsh, Delta county, muskrat trapping.

8.3 Beaver and otter trapping closed areas, unlawful acts.

Sec. 8.3 Unless specified otherwise in this section, a person shall not take otter in the Seney national wildlife refuge in Schoolcraft county; contact Seney national wildlife refuge on possible limited beaver trapping.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989, Am. 7, 1989, Eff. Sep 1, 1989; Am. 15, 1990, Eff. Sep 1, 1990; Am. 13, 1991, Eff. Sep 1, 1991; Am. 4, 1992, Eff. Sep 1, 1992; Am. 15, 1993, Eff. Sep 1, 1993; Am. 10, 1994, Eff. Sep 1, 1994; Am. 5, 1995, Eff. Sep 1, 1995; Am. 10, 2006, Eff. Jun 2, 2006; Am. 9, 2008, Eff. Jun 6, 2008.

8.4 Posting and signing; unlawful acts.

Sec. 8.4 No person shall, unless authorized by the director, remove, deface or destroy any notice or placards posted by the department on any state-owned lands or lands otherwise under the control of the department, or when posted, with permission, on privately owned lands. No person shall, unless authorized by the director, post or maintain any signs containing the words "Game Refuge," "Game Preserve," "Game Reserve," or "Wildlife Sanctuary."

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989.

8.5 Repealed, Am. 17, 1993, Eff. Sep 1, 1993.

Publisher's note: The repealed section pertained to Little Bay de Noc waterfowl refuge.

8.6 Repealed, Am. 15, 2000, Eff. Sep 1, 2000.

Publisher's Note: This repealed section pertained to the Grassy Island wildlife.

8.7 Huron county, areas closed to hunting.

Sec. 8.7 A person shall not take any animal from the following described areas:

(1) All that part of government lot 3, section 21, lying easterly of a private road which enters the south side of lot 3 about 1,500 feet west of the southeast corner of section 21, and which runs northerly across government lot 3, except that part of government lot 3 previously deeded to the state of Michigan, section 21, T16N R9E, Huron county, as posted.

(2) The south 600 feet except the southerly 35 feet thereof, of section 29, T16N R9E, Huron county, as posted.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989.

8.8 Repealed. Am. 9, 1991, Eff. Sep 1, 1991.

Publisher's note: The repealed section pertained to Indian river spreads closed to muskrat trapping.

8.9 Repealed. Am. 15, 1991, Eff. Oct 9, 1991.

Publisher's note: The repealed section pertained to grouse closure in Hillsdale county.

8.10 Repealed. Am. 3, 2025, Eff. April 10, 2025.

Publishers note: The repealed section pertained to “Belvidere bay waterfowl refuge, closed to migratory bird hunting.”

8.11 Repealed. Am. 16, 1990, Eff. Sep 1, 1990.

Publisher's note: The repealed section pertained to goose hunting in Hardwood goose management area.

8.12 Repealed Am. 13, 2000, Eff. Aug 1, 2000.

Publisher's note: The repealed section pertained to Panola goose hunting closure.

8.13 Grand Traverse county, certain portions closed to waterfowl hunting, defined.

Sec. 8.13 A person shall not take a duck, goose, or merganser from September 1 to December 15, on the waters of Boardman lake and those portions of the Boardman river north of the Airport road bridge and south of the Eighth street bridge; these waters being located in sections 10, 11, 14, and 15, T27N R11W, Grand Traverse county.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989; Am. 16, 1990, Eff. Sep 1, 1990.

8.14 Au Train basin waterfowl refuge, entry and hunting prohibited; posting requirements.

Sec. 8.14 (1) From September 1 through November 10, a person shall not enter or take any animal from within the Au train basin waterfowl refuge, which means the area bounded by a line beginning at the center of section 30, T45N R20W, then southeasterly on unnamed road to United States forest service road 2234, southerly on United States forest service road 2234 to the southeast corner of section 31, T45N R20W, westerly on the south section line of section 31, T45N R20W, westerly on the south section line of sections 35 and 36, T45N R21W, to a point three-quarters of a mile from the southeast corner of section 35 described above (1/8 corner), northerly to the north section line of section 35, T45N R21W, easterly on the north section line of section 35 to the northwest corner of section 36, T45N R21W, easterly one-half mile (1/4 corner) on the north section line of section 36, T45N R21W, northerly one-half mile to the center of section 25, T45N R21W, easterly to the point of beginning.

(2) The area described in this section shall be posted “wildlife refuge - do not enter” in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of same to the public.

History: Eff. Mar 31, 1989; Am. 8, 1995, Eff. Sep 1, 1995; Am. 14, 2009, Eff. Jul 10, 2009.

8.15 Gladwin field dog trial area, hunting and trapping restrictions.

Sec. 8.15 On the Gladwin field dog trial area, as described in section 15.2, no person shall take an animal except as specified in writing by the wildlife management supervisor or their representative, except:

(1) Deer may be taken during their open seasons on or after November 15 of each year and a valid deer license shall constitute written authorization to take deer.

(2) Beaver and otter may be trapped from November 15 to March 15 and a valid furharvester license shall constitute written authorization to take beaver and otter.

(3) On days designated by the management unit supervisor or their representative, managed deer hunting permits as authorized in section 5.81, may be issued to persons during the deer hunting season. Managed deer hunting permits shall serve as an access permit to the Gladwin field trial area for the purpose of antlerless deer hunting. Not withstanding any other provision of this order, holders of managed deer hunting permits may take antlered deer on the Gladwin field trial area.

History: Am. 2, 1990, Eff. Feb 19, 1990; Am. 1, 1991, Eff. Apr 1, 1991; Am. 9, 2003, Eff. Jun 7, 2003; Am. 10, 2010, Eff. July 8, 2010.

8.16 Repealed. Am. 8, 1998, Eff. Sep 1, 1998.

Publisher's note: This repealed section pertained to the hunting area closures of ruffed grouse and woodcock.

8.17 "Dickinson woodcock research unit," defined.

Sec. 8.17 The "Dickinson woodcock research unit" means that area of northwestern Dickinson county bounded by a line beginning at the junction of Lake Ellen road and highway M-95 near the city of Channing, then southerly on Lake Ellen road to county road 426, also known as Turner road or Turner truck trail, easterly on county road 426 through the city of Turner to county road 581, also known as designated county road G67, near the city of Ralph, southerly on county road 581 to highway M-69, also known as county road 569, near the city of Felch, westerly on highway M-69/county road 569 to highway M-95 near the city of Randville, northerly on highway M-95 to the point of beginning.

History: Am. 5, 2002, Eff. Jun 1, 2002.

8.18 Highland and Ionia field dog trial area, hunting restrictions.

Sec. 8.18 Quail may be harvested only by field trial participants, as authorized by the field trial lease, in the Highland and Ionia recreation area field trial areas, as described in section 15.2, on days with authorized field trials during the open dates for quail hunting, as described in section 3.504.

History: Am. 5, 2002, Eff. Jun 1, 2002, Am. 3, 2009, Eff. Jun 4, 2009.