



## WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

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COMMISSIONER

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DIRECTOR

March 29, 2019

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: INTERESTED PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

FROM: Rusty Garrison

SUBJECT: **NOTICE AND SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to authority contained in the Game and Fish Code (Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Secs. 12-3-3, 12-3-9, 27-1-3, and 27-1-33), the Board of Natural Resources proposes to amend Department of Natural Resources rules governing the Georgia WRD Lands Pass. The proposed rule (copy attached hereto), when adopted, will amend Rule 391-4-9-.06 relating to the Georgia WRD Lands Pass.

#### SYNOPSIS AND MAIN FEATURES

The purpose of general regulations is to manage administrative functions of department managed lands not directly associated with hunting or fishing. Changes to the existing rules reflect the need to modify language regarding Georgia WRD Lands Pass exemptions.

This notice and synopsis of the proposed rule revisions, together with an exact copy of proposed rule revisions, is being mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on the mailing list and have tendered the actual cost of such mailing. Copies of all these documents are also available by electronic mail and are available for review on the Division web page ([www.georgiawildlife.com](http://www.georgiawildlife.com)). Please call Tammy Peters (706) 557-3350 to request a copy.

Members of the general public will have an opportunity to present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, by email through the Division website, by telephone (706-557-3350) or by submitting written statements, before close of business on April 29, 2019.

Written statements should be mailed to the attention of John Bowers at:

Department of Natural Resources  
Wildlife Resources Division  
Game Management Section  
2067 U.S. Highway 278, S.E.  
Social Circle, Georgia 30025

The Board of Natural Resources will consider the proposed rules and any comments received on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the A.W. Jones Heritage Center, 610 Beachview Drive, St. Simon's Island, Georgia, 31522. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested acquaintances.

RG/jwb

Attachment: Proposed Regulations

SUBJECT	PROPOSED CHANGE	CURRENT REGULATION	CHANGE	JUSTIFICATION
<p><b>391-4-9-.06 Georgia WRD Lands Pass.</b> Lands Pass Requirements.</p>	<p>Paid campers are exempt from WRD Lands Pass.</p>	<p>Not addressed.</p>	<p>Exempts individuals who have paid WRD for camping from WRD Lands Pass requirement during their paid camping dates.</p>	<p>This change is responsive to on-going customer service enhancements on WRD managed lands.</p>

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
BRAD RAFFENSPERGER**

(Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Secs. 50-13-3, 50-13-4, and 50-13-6)

I do hereby certify that the attached amendments are correct copies, as promulgated and adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FILING DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Rule 391-4-9-.06 "Georgia WRD Lands Pass" is hereby repealed in its entirety and new Rule 391-4-9-.06 is adopted in lieu thereof and reads as attached hereto.

Authority O.C.G.A. 12-3-3, 12-3-9, 27-1-3, 27-1-33.

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Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this \_\_\_ day of May 2019.

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Notary Public

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Kyle Pearson, Executive Counsel

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this \_\_\_ day of May 2019.

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Notary Public

**RULES  
OF  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION**

**CHAPTER 391-4-9  
GENERAL REGULATIONS  
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391-4-9-.06 Georgia WRD Lands Pass

**Rule 391-4-9-.06 Georgia WRD Lands Pass.**

(1) The purpose of this regulation is to implement a Georgia WRD Lands Pass (Pass) system for use, other than hunting, fishing, trapping, or camping, of wildlife management areas, public fishing areas and other designated sites on lands operated or managed by the Wildlife Resources Division (WRD), provide for exemptions from the requirement to purchase a Pass, establish fees for Passes, and provide for the availability of a Pass.

(2) The posting of signs at the entrance to a wildlife management area, public fishing area or other designated areas or sites on WRD lands stating that a Pass is required shall constitute sufficient notice for the entire wildlife management area, public fishing area or other designated site on WRD lands.

(3) No person age 16 or older shall enter upon designated lands, areas or sites operated or managed by WRD without first obtaining a valid Pass except that any person who possesses a valid Georgia license that allows hunting or fishing on state land is exempt from this requirement. Provided further that individuals volunteering or participating in department sponsored events or activities on such lands are exempt from Pass requirements during the event or activity. Individuals that have paid WRD for camping and persons directly associated with paid camping, as prescribed by WRD, are exempt from the Pass requirement on such lands during their paid camping dates.

(4) A Pass is an individual requirement. The cost of a Pass is: resident annual \$30, and nonresident annual \$60. A Pass is valid for not more than 365 days from the date of purchase.

(5) Any organization or individual who desires to sponsor or conduct an event, activity, or series of events or activities on lands operated or managed by WRD may be required to obtain a "Right of Entry" agreement from the department. Such organization or individual shall formally request a "Right of Entry" agreement from the department not less than 30 days prior to the event, activity, or series of events or activities. A "Right of Entry" agreement may restrict the event, activity, or series of events or activities to specific locations, number of participants, and specific times; and may require the posting of damage deposits or bonds. Events that conflict with one or more of the primary uses of lands managed by WRD may not be allowed. If the event is approved, the "Right of Entry" agreement may require each participant to obtain a Pass. For wildlife management areas on U.S. Forest Service lands, special use permits,

if issued by the U.S. Forest Service shall satisfy the requirement for a "Right of Entry" agreement.

(6) Passes shall be issued and sold by the department as prescribed by the department.

**Authority O.C.G.A. 12-3-3, 12-3-9, 27-1-3, 27-1-33.**