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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Proposed Rule**  
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**DIGEST**

Amends [312 IAC 9-3-14](#) to extend the running season and change the starting date for the trapping season for raccoons and opossums. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

[IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses](#)

[312 IAC 9-3-14](#)

SECTION 1. [312 IAC 9-3-14](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[312 IAC 9-3-14](#) Opossums and raccoons**

**Authority:** [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-22-2-6](#)

**Affected:** [IC 14-22](#); [IC 35-47-2](#)

Sec. 14. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an individual may do the following:

(1) ~~Hunt~~ **Take** raccoons and Virginia opossums from ~~noon~~ **8 a.m.** on November 8 until noon on January 31 of the following year.

~~(2) Trap raccoons and Virginia opossums from 8 a.m. on November 15 until noon on January 31 of the following year.~~

~~(3)~~ **(2)** Chase raccoons and Virginia opossums from noon on February ~~15~~ **1** until noon on October ~~14~~ **25**.

(b) A nonresident may

~~(1) hunt take~~ raccoons under subsection (a)(1) and

~~(2) trap raccoons under subsection (a)(2);~~

only to the extent that these raccoon seasons in the state of the nonresident are open to Indiana residents.

(c) An individual must not do the following:

(1) Possess a firearm, air rifle, or another device capable of taking a raccoon or Virginia opossum while chasing a raccoon or opossum during the chasing season established under subsection ~~(a)(3)~~ **(a)(2)**.

(2) Remove, attempt to remove, dislodge, or attempt to dislodge a raccoon or Virginia opossum from:

(A) a tree hollow;

(B) a hole;

(C) a den;

(D) a pocket;

(E) a cavity;

(F) a burrow;

(G) a tile; or

(H) any other place;

where the raccoon or Virginia opossum has secreted itself for security or protection or in which the raccoon maintains a nest or den.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c)(1), an individual may possess a handgun in accordance with [IC 35-47](#) while chasing raccoons and Virginia opossums under this section if the person:

(1) has a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun:

(A) issued under [IC 35-47-2-3](#); or

(B) recognized under [IC 35-47-2-21](#)(b); or

(2) is not required to possess a license to carry a handgun under [IC 35-47-2-2](#).

*(Natural Resources Commission; [312 IAC 9-3-14](#); filed May 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2707; filed May 28, 1998, 5:14 p.m.: 21 IR 3714; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 286; filed Sep 23, 2004, 3:00 p.m.: 28 IR 540; filed Sep 6, 2007, 12:20 p.m.: [20071003-IR-312070023FRA](#); filed Apr 4, 2008, 2:56 p.m.: [20080430-IR-312070659FRA](#); readopted filed Nov 24, 2008, 11:08 a.m.: [20081210-IR-312080672RFA](#); filed Mar*

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