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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule**

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Amends [312 IAC 9-2-14](#) to clarify license exemptions with respect to estates and trusts. Adds [312 IAC 9-2-15](#) governing the use of hunter orange on ground blinds. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-2](#) to clarify and add hunter orange and license requirements for hunting deer. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-3](#) addressing equipment for hunting deer during the archery season and primitive muzzleloader season. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) by adding a primitive muzzleloader season and lengthening the archery season. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-14.5](#) governing possession of furbearing mammals. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-15](#) to add the mute swan to the list of species that a resident landowner or tenant can take without a permit to protect property. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-16](#) governing the taking and possessing of cottontail rabbits. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-17](#) governing the taking and possessing of squirrels. Amends [312 IAC 9-4-2](#) governing the taking, possession, and sale of migratory birds and waterfowl. Amends [312 IAC 9-4-8](#) governing the hunting of ring-necked pheasants. Amends [312 IAC 9-4-9](#) governing hunting of northern bobwhite quail. Amends [312 IAC 9-4-14](#) by removing the peregrine falcon from the list of endangered species. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-6](#) governing the taking and possession of black bass. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-12](#) governing the taking and possession of walleye. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-14](#) to remove lake whitefish from the list of fish for which there is no bag limit, possession limit, or size limit and adding requirements relating to roe from bowfin. Amends [312 IAC 9-7-20](#) by adding requirements relating to roe from shovelnose sturgeon. Adds [312 IAC 9-7-21](#) governing the taking of lake whitefish. Amends [312 IAC 9-9-4](#) by adding the round hickorynut to the list of endangered species of invertebrates. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher. Questions may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2200, at [nrcrules@nrc.in.gov](mailto:nrcrules@nrc.in.gov), or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent by regular mail to the address above or through <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-22-2-6](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Ombudsman designated by [IC 5-28-17-5](#) is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in [IC 5-28-17-5](#), specifically [IC 5-28-17-5\(9\)](#), investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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