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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has posted online the presentation portion of its Feb. 23 public meeting where staff reviewed the recently completed hunting and trapping seasons, and proposed changes to the hunting regulations at www.iowadnr.gov/hunting.

The DNR is accepting comments on the proposed changes, including removing the buck only restriction during first shotgun season in Hamilton, Webster and Wright counties; reinstating the January antlerless-only deer season in Allamakee, Appanoose, Decatur, Wayne and Winneshiek counties **only** if the number of unsold county antlerless-deer only licenses exceeds 100 on the third Monday in December; and the number of county antlerless-deer only license quotas will be adjusted in 25 counties – increasing in 16 and decreasing in nine, for an overall net increase of 1,250 antlerless-deer only licenses statewide.

The DNR is also proposing to add Dubuque, Delaware and Jones counties to the bobcat harvest zone beginning in the fall of 2021.

Comments on these proposals may be sent to wildlife@dnr.iowa.gov.

2021 annual DNR sale set for April 10

DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will hold the 2021 spring auction on April 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Auction Solutions, located at 7803 Military Ave., in Omaha. Doors will open at 8 a.m.

Items up for auction include firearms, bows, gun barrels, scopes, and other assorted equipment. The items are sold “as is” with no guarantee or warranty. The list of items for sale is available at <https://www.auctionsolutionsinc.com/auction-details/>

[auctionGuid=2ff6f608-811d-42d6-897f-6ac2055e752c](#). Online bidding is available as well as traditional onsite bidding this year. A Friday preview and pre-registration will be conducted on April 9 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The purchase of all firearms will be conducted using current federal, state, and local laws. River City Firearms is a Federally Licensed Firearms Dealer DbA Auction Solutions, Inc. All non-FFL firearms purchasers are required to fill out a form 4473. A valid driver's license or State Issued Photo ID will be required for all firearms purchases. Anyone is eligible to purchase as long as they can pass a background check.

Payment must be made on auction day. All sales are final. Firearms pick up will be conducted for one hour after the final item is sold. Additional pick up will be available by scheduled appointment the following week. Out of state shipping can be arranged through Auction Solutions at the buyer's expense.

The Iowa DNR reserves the right to reject any bids and withdraw any item from the sale at any time. The DNR will not be mailing any sale bills. Inquiries can be made with the auctioneer, Auction Solutions www.auctionsolutionsinc.com.

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Ice conditions deteriorating across southern and central Iowa

After February's dive into the deep freeze, winter is finally loosening its grip on Iowa and if the current forecast holds, it will soon feel more like late spring than late winter.

The current stretch of warm and windy weather will likely cause ice on many areas to deteriorate, especially along shore. Anglers should use caution around the edges when getting on and off the ice.

Ice anglers are encouraged to bring safety equipment with them; 50 feet of rope, a throwable cushion and a spud bar.

Ice depths are not uniform on any body of water and there is no such thing as safe ice. There are many factors that impact ice formation making some locations thinner than others. With the warm weather, ice conditions can change a lot in one day. Verify the ice thickness for yourself and test it often.

Lastly, don't go out alone and if the ice does not look right, don't go out.