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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Opening of the 2019 Tasmanian deer hunting season

The opening of the 2019 Tasmanian deer hunting season this weekend will provide many Tasmanian hunters and shooters the opportunity to pursue an important tradition and way of life.

Alongside this, recreational hunters can help manage wild fallow deer populations on both private and public land.

The 2019 deer game season is conducted in two parts – an adult male (stag) component and antlerless (doe) component. The stag season opens on 23 February and runs until 31 March 2019. The antlerless season is conducted from 9 March to 31 March 2019, and 11 May to 30 June 2019.

This season, the Hodgman Liberal Government made available three additional areas of reserved land and two areas of Hydro Tasmania land for recreational deer hunting during the 2019 deer hunting season.

These additional areas have been rigorously assessed with the determination that recreational hunting would not compromise public safety or impact on natural and cultural values for which the land is managed.

Following recent bushfires, two of the three existing areas available for recreational hunting (Top Marshes and Five Mile Pinnacles Conservation areas) are closed until further notice to ensure hunter safety is not compromised by falling trees or other hazards.

Deer hunters are also reminded that fire rehabilitation crews will be working in areas affected by the Pine Tier Fire on the Central Plateau over the coming weeks. With a higher than usual number of people and vehicles in these areas, hunters are asked to be extra vigilant and careful.

Maps of the fire affected areas can be found at:

<http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pageld=colGMapBushfires>

For more information about the recreational deer hunting season visit: