

Hearing Date: 3/15/2023

Today's Date: 3/16/2023

Agency: ODNR Division of Wildlife

Rule Number(s): 1501:31-1-02, 1501:31-7-02, 1501:31-7-03, 1501:31-7-05, 1501:31-7-06, 1501:31-9-01, 1501:31-9-03, 1501:31-13-07, 1501:31-13-08, 1501:31-15-06, 1501:31-15-07, 1501:31-15-10, 1501:31-15-11, 1501:31-15-14, 1501:31-15-17, 1501:31-35-01

If no comments at the hearing, please check the box. ☐

List organizations or individuals giving or submitting testimony before, during or after the public hearing and indicate the rule number(s) in question.

1. Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society, Ohio Chapter (Nick Buggia)– 1501:31-15-17
2. Ohio Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (Levi Arnold) – 1501:31-15-17
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Hearing Report and Summary

Consolidated Summary of Comments Received

Please review all comments received and complete a consolidated summary paragraph of the comments and indicate the rule number(s).

Two comments were received during the hearing. The Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society provided their testimony both orally and in writing. All of the testimony was in support of the current grouse season within rule 1501:31-15-17 | Seasons for game birds, game quadrupeds and furbearing animals. The testimony included comments that habitat would be more important to population success than reducing or closing the grouse season in Ohio.

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Incorporated Comments into Rule(s)

Indicate how comments received during the hearing process were incorporated into the rule(s).
If no comments were incorporated, explain why not.

The provided comments were in support of the current rule and seasons for grouse. Since these comments supported the current rule, and no changes were proposed for these seasons, no additional changes were incorporated.