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SHELLFISH SUMMER HARVEST Re-Brief Rule 391-2-4-19

Doug Haymans

Director

Re-Brief 391-2-4-.19 Shellfish Summer Harevst



Harvest hours: 30 mins before sunrise to 10AM

Public Participation Plan

- January 30, 2026 - CRD presented proposed rule to Coastal Committee
- March 24, 2026 - CRD re-briefs the proposed rule
- March 24, 2026 - Public Notice through various print media, Gov Delivery and on CRD website
- April 23, 2026 – Public comment period closes
- April 28, 2026 – Board consideration and final action





GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

Briefing on the Proposed Amendments to the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control

March 24, 2026

DeAnna Oser

Miscellaneous Rule Update

EPD regularly updates rules to:

- Incorporate changes to U.S. EPA rules
- Incorporate new U.S. EPA rules
- Remove obsolete requirements
- Align State rules with Federal rules
- Update references to the most current document



Miscellaneous Rule Update – Key Changes

- **Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(vv)** – Updates to Volatile Organic Liquid Handling and Storage requirements to add a definition and correct typographical errors.
- **Rule 391-3-1-.02(4)(b)** – Updates to the Ambient Air Standards to add the 2024 annual ambient air quality secondary standards for oxides of sulfur (SO₂).
- **Rule 391-3-1-.02(8)** – Updates to certain New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), which are technology-based standards that limit criteria air pollutant emissions from new sources in specific source categories.
- **Rule 391-3-1-.02(9)** – Updates to certain Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, which are control technology requirements for sources in specific source categories.
- **Rule 391-3-1-.03(6)(b)** – Updates to Combustion Equipment exemptions to provide clarity and to correct a typographical error.
- **Rule 391-3-1-.02(9)** – Updates to Permit Fees to specify the dollar-per-ton rate for annual emissions fees, reference the Fee Manual for state fiscal year 2027 fees, and to update nomenclature. The FY2027 emission fees and permit fees are identical to the FY2026 fees.

Rulemaking Timeline

Date	Milestone
March 24, 2026	Brief the DNR Board Environmental Committee
March - April 2026	Public hearing and 30-day public comment period
May 19, 2026	Request DNR Board adoption



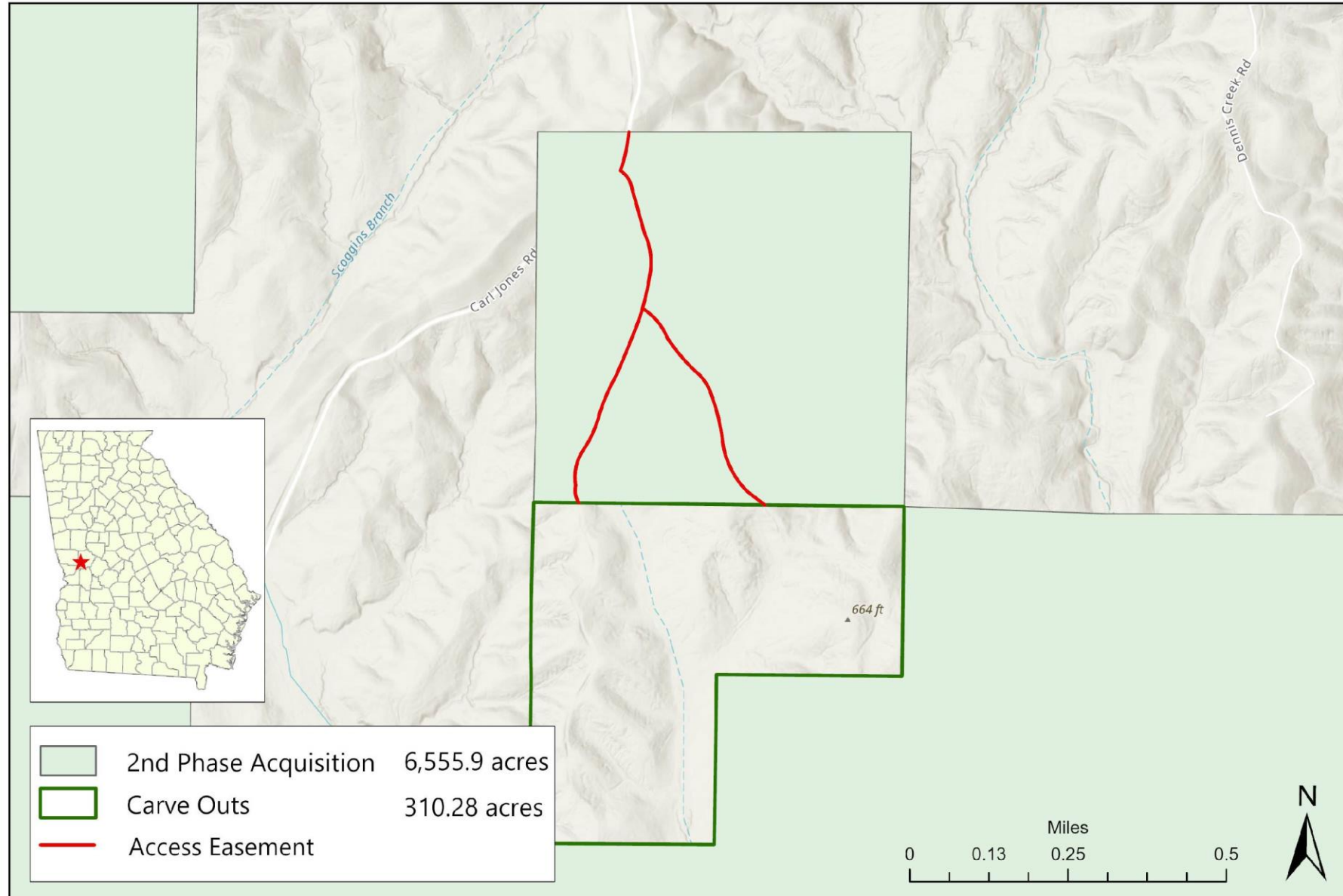
Real Estate Office

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Brent Womack

Upatoi Ravines

Talbot County





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CRD Update

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SAFMC March Meeting

- March 2-6, 2026, Jekyll Island
- Snapper Grouper
 - Commercial management measures, fishery management unit revision, and headboat vessel limits.
- EFP for Red Snapper
 - No News is Good News!
 - 13,000+ comments



Tug SEGA

- 67ft x 24 ft.
- \$60,000+
- Reef SFC
 - 18 nm E of LCI





Champney Boat Ramp nears completion

- GOSA / State / SFR / eNGO / local \$\$\$
- May 1 (tentative Ribbon Cutting)



Shell Nesting Platforms Oyster Catcher

- WRD CWS & CRD
- Georgia Ornithological Society
- NWF
- Satilla Marsh Island
- Stafford Island



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CRD Update



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Wildlife Resources Division Board Report

March 2026

Chris Harper, Director

Conservation, Education and Outreach Section

Training Makes a Difference

The WRD Training Academy and additional training courses educate staff about everything from human resources and retirement to chainsaw training and emergency response.

Over 100 staff have gone through Training Academy since it began, and more than 400 staff have completed additional offered training courses, like CPR and Stop the Bleed.

These training opportunities allow staff to get potentially critical information that can help make a difference for all Georgians, as seen in the recent emergency response efforts by staff in Northeast GA.



L-R: Chris Ivey (Moccasin Creek State Park), Brandon Hardeman, Kyle Smythe, Colt Martin (WRD Burton Trout Hatchery)



Fisheries Management Section

These tanks are a good example of what WRD will use as a demo setup for weigh-ins and eventually loaning out to tournament organizations.



Fishing Tournament Education Efforts: Reducing Fish Mortality

Competitive bass fishing tournaments are a popular and economically important use of fisheries resources, particularly in the Southeast, but live-release events can lead to fish stress and mortality.

As tournaments continue to grow in popularity, resource managers, anglers, and organizations are increasingly concerned about the potential biological impacts on bass populations.

The Fisheries Management Section recently established a Tournament Committee to investigate the effects of fishing tournaments on black bass mortality and to recommend strategies for managing these impacts.

Wildlife Conservation Section



Educating the Private Landowner: Ladies Only

Learn & Burn Field Days help reach small groups of landowners to provide hands-on training in prescribed fire.

To reach more women, Ladies Only Learn & Burns are periodically scheduled. At a recent Ladies Only burn event, the leaders were also primarily female.

This type of environment proved beneficial with feedback from participants indicating a positive experience, which ideally translates to future successful burns on their own properties.

