

TITLE 15A – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 and G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(2)g. that the Wildlife Resources Commission intends to adopt the rules cited as 15A NCAC 10D .0209, .0226, .0229, .0230, .0239, .0240, .0243, .0260, .0276, amend the rules cited as 15A NCAC 10A .1601; 10B .0206; 10C .0205, .0314; 10D .0102, .0103; .0106; 10E .0104; 10H .1301, .1302, .1402, readopt with substantive changes the rules cited as 15A NCAC 10B .0101, .0105, .0119, .0123, .0203, .0205, .0402, .0403 and repeal through readoption the rule cited as 15A NCAC 10B .0111.

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.17, the Codifier has determined it impractical to publish the text of rules proposed for repeal unless the agency requests otherwise. The text of the rule(s) are available on the OAH website at <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp>.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.ncwildlife.org/Proposed-Regulations>

Proposed Effective Date: *August 1, 2022*

Date: *January 11, 2022*

Time: *7:00 p.m.*

Location: *New Bern, NC (Courthouse, room 4) 302 Broad St, New Bern, NC.*

Public Hearing:

Date: *January 13, 2022*

Time: *7:00 p.m.*

Location: *Asheboro, NC (Southwest Randolph High School, Auditorium) 1641 Hopewell Friends Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205.*

Date: *January 18, 2022*

Time: *7:00 p.m.*

Location: *Marion, NC (McDowell Technical College, Auditorium) 54 College Dr., Marion, NC 28752. The auditorium is located in the Cedar Building*

Date: *January 20, 2022*

Time: *7:00 p.m.*

Location: *Register Online at https://ncwildlife-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_xHH2QrJXSJig4fEH0-0qgQ Webinar ID 160 983 2165 US: +1 669 254 5252 or 833 568 8864 (Toll Free)*

Reason for Proposed Action: *Each year, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission reviews and adjusts as needed, seasons, bag limits, and the management of land, in order to achieve conservation management goals, comply with statutory changes, and respond to constituent requests.*

10D .0103 is under legislative review. The temporary version and the version under review are both included in the annual cycle package. The agency is unsure which version will have to be amended at this time.

Comments may be submitted to: *Rulemaking Coordinator, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; email regulations@ncwildlife.org*

Comment period ends: *January 31, 2022*

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission after the adoption of the Rule. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- State funds affected
- Local funds affected
- Substantial economic impact (\geq \$1,000,000)
- Approved by OSBM
- No fiscal note required

SUBCHAPTER 10A - WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

SECTION .1600 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION FEES

15A NCAC 10A .1601 LICENSE FEES.

- (a) License fees established by the Commission in this Rule shall be subject to the requirements of G.S. 113-270.1B(e).
- (b) The following fees shall apply to combination hunting and inland fishing licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.1C:
- (1) Resident Annual Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - \$35.00.
 - (2) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
 - (3) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
- (c) The following fees shall apply to sportsman licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.1D:
- (1) Annual Sportsman License - \$53.00.
 - (2) Infant Lifetime Sportsman License - \$212.00.
 - (3) Youth Lifetime Sportsman License - \$371.00.
 - (4) Adult Resident Lifetime Sportsman License - \$530.00.
 - (5) Nonresident Lifetime Sportsman License - \$1,272.00.
 - (6) Resident Age 50-69 Lifetime Sportsman License - \$265.00.
 - ~~(6)~~(7) Age 70 Resident Lifetime Sportsman License - \$16.00.
 - ~~(7)~~(8) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Sportsman License - \$106.00.
 - ~~(8)~~(9) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Sportsman License - \$106.00.
- (d) The following fees shall apply to hunting licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.2:
- (1) Resident State Hunting License - \$25.00.
 - (2) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Hunting License - \$265.00.
 - (3) Controlled Hunting Preserve Hunting License - \$22.00.
 - (4) Resident Annual Comprehensive Hunting License - \$39.00.
 - (5) Nonresident State Hunting Licenses:
 - (A) Season License - \$100.00.
 - (B) Ten-Day License - \$80.00.
 - (6) Falconry Hunting License - \$25.00.
- (e) The following fees shall apply to special activity licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.3:
- (1) Resident Big Game Hunting License - \$14.00.
 - (2) Nonresident Bear Hunting License - \$239.00.
 - (3) Bear Management Stamp - \$11.00.
 - (4) Nonresident Big Game Hunting License:
 - (A) Season License - \$100.00.
 - (B) Ten-Day License - \$80.00.
 - (5) Bonus Antlerless Deer License - \$11.00.
 - (6) Game Land License - \$16.00.
 - (7) Falconry License - \$11.00.
 - (8) Migratory Waterfowl Hunting License - \$14.00.
 - (9) Resident American Alligator License - \$250.00.
 - (10) Nonresident American Alligator License - \$500.00.
 - (11) Resident Elk License - \$500.00.
 - (12) Nonresident Elk License - \$1,000.00.
- (f) The following fees shall apply to hunting and fishing guide licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.4:
- (1) Resident Hunting and Fishing Guide License - \$16.00.
 - (2) Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Guide License - \$159.00.
- (g) The following fees shall apply to trapping licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.5:
- (1) Resident State Trapping License - \$32.00.
 - (2) Resident Lifetime Trapping License - \$300.00.
 - (3) Nonresident State Trapping License - \$133.00.
- (h) The following fees shall apply to hook-and-line licenses in inland and joint fishing waters issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-271:
- (1) Resident State Inland Fishing License - \$25.00.
 - (2) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Inland Fishing License - \$265.00.
 - (3) Nonresident State Inland Fishing License - \$45.00.
 - (4) Short-Term Inland Fishing License:
 - (A) Resident 10-day Inland Fishing License - \$9.00.
 - (B) Nonresident 10-day Inland Fishing License - \$23.00.
 - (5) Age 70 Resident Lifetime Inland Fishing License - \$16.00.
 - (6) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
 - (7) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Inland Fishing License - \$11.00.
 - (8) Special Landholder and Guest Fishing License - \$106.00.
 - (9) Mountain Heritage Trout Waters 3-Day Fishing License - \$8.00.
- (i) The following shall apply to special device licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.2:
- (1) Resident Special Device License - \$80.00.
 - (2) Nonresident Special Device License - \$530.00.

- (j) The non-refundable fees fee for a collection license issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.4 shall be \$10.00.
- (k) The following non-refundable fees shall apply to captivity licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.5:
- (1) Captivity License for Holding - \$50.00.
 - (2) Captivity License for Rehabilitation - \$10.00.
- (l) The following non-refundable fees shall apply to dealer licenses issued by the Commission as set forth in G.S. 113-273:
- (1) Resident Fur-dealer License - \$64.00.
 - (2) Nonresident Fur-dealer License - \$318.00.
 - (3) Fur-dealer Station License - \$128.00.
 - (4) Controlled Hunting Preserve Operator License - \$100.00.
 - (5) Controlled Hunting Preserve Rabbit Operator License - \$25.00.
 - ~~(5)(6)~~ Game Bird Propagation License - \$10.00.
 - ~~(6)(7)~~ Furbearer Propagation License - \$27.00.
 - ~~(7)(8)~~ Taxidermy License - \$50.00.
 - ~~(8)(9)~~ Taxidermy Cervid Certification - \$5.00.
 - ~~(9)(10)~~ Wildlife Control Agent License - \$50.00.
 - ~~(10)(11)~~ Alligator Control Agent Certification - \$25.00.
- (m) The following non-refundable fees shall apply to permits issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-274:
- (1) Possession Permit - \$10.00.
 - (2) Exportation or Importation Permit - \$10.00.
 - (3) Trophy Wildlife Sale Permit - \$10.00.
 - (4) Endangered Species Permit - \$10.00.
 - (5) Field Trial Permit - \$10.00.
- (n) Unified hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-351:
- (1) Annual Resident Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$69.00.
 - (2) Annual Resident Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$41.00.
 - (3) Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses:
 - (A) Infant Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$292.00.
 - (B) Youth Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$477.00.
 - (C) Resident Adult Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$716.00.
 - (D) Nonresident Adult Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$1,643.00.
 - (E) Resident Age 50-69 Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$358.00.
 - ~~(E)(F)~~ Resident Age 70 Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$32.00.
 - ~~(F)(G)~~ Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$117.00.
 - ~~(G)(H)~~ Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$117.00.
 - (4) Resident Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$477.00.
- (o) The following fees shall apply to Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-174.2:
- (1) Annual Resident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$16.00.
 - (2) Annual Nonresident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$32.00.
 - (3) Ten-Day Resident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$6.00.
 - (4) Ten-Day Nonresident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$11.00.
 - (5) Infant Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$106.00.
 - (6) Youth Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$159.00.
 - (7) Resident Adult Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$265.00.
 - (8) Nonresident Adult Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$530.00.
 - (9) Resident Age 70 Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$16.00.
 - (10) Resident Disabled Veteran Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$11.00.
 - (11) Resident Totally Disabled Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$11.00.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-270.1B(e);
 Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2020;
 Eff. July 1, 2020;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2022.

SUBCHAPTER 10B - HUNTING AND TRAPPING

SECTION .0100 - GENERAL REGULATIONS

15A NCAC 10B .0101 IMPORTATION OF WILD ANIMALS, ANIMALS AND BIRDS BIRDS, AND NATIVE REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

- (a) Before any live wild ~~bird, bird or wild animal~~ animal, or any native reptile or amphibian, is imported into North Carolina for any purpose, a permit shall be obtained from the Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission authorizing the importation, using application forms provided by the Commission.
- ~~(b) Deer, elk, or other species in the family Cervidae may only be imported into the state of North Carolina from a herd in which Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has not been detected for at least five years and has been managed using standards equivalent to, or more stringent than, the criteria specified in 15A NCAC 10H .0301 and 15A NCAC 10H .0302. The individual U.S. or Mexican state~~

or territory, Canadian province or other country of origin must have CWD monitoring requirements that are at least as stringent as those described in this Rule, 15A NCAC 10H .0301 and 15A NCAC 10H .0302. The originating individual U.S. or Mexican state's or territory's, Canadian province's or other country's CWD monitoring program must be jointly reviewed by Wildlife Resources Commission and Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services personnel before approval of any importation of cervids into North Carolina. There shall be no importation from individual U.S. or Mexican states or territories, Canadian provinces or other countries in which CWD has been detected, either in a wild herd or a captive herd.

(e) Cervids imported into North Carolina shall be individually identified by tags provided by the Wildlife Resources Commission that shall be affixed by the licensee to each cervid as set forth in 15A NCAC 10H .0301.

(4)(b) Waterfowl imported into North Carolina must be received from facilities or individuals who are certified under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) as pullorum-typhoid and avian influenza negative. If the source birds are not part of NPIP, they must be tested pullorum-typhoid and avian influenza negative by NPIP standards within 30 days prior to entry into North Carolina. Health certificates for imported waterfowl shall be available for inspection by authorized Commission personnel upon request.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106.549.97; 113-134; 113-272.6; 113-274; 113-291.3;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Temporary Amendment Eff. October 8, 2002; May 17, 2002;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2010; May 1, 2010; June 1, 2005; August 1, 2004;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2022.*

15A NCAC 10B .0105 MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

(a) Cooperative State Rules:

(1) ~~The taking of sea ducks (scoter, eider and old squaw) during any federally announced season for only these species shall be limited to the~~ The waters of the Atlantic Ocean, and to those coastal waters south of US 64 that are separated by a distance of at least 800 yards of open water from any shore, island or ~~marsh.~~ marsh are designated as a special hunting area for the taking of sea ducks (scoter, eider, and long-tailed duck) as referenced by the Federal frameworks calling for state rules designating these special areas.

(2) Tundra swans may be taken during the open season by permit only subject to annual limitations imposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Based upon the annual limitations imposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue nontransferable swan permits to applicants who will be selected at random by computer. Only one swan ~~may shall~~ be taken under each permit which shall be cancelled at the time of the kill by cutting out the month and day of the kill. Accompanying the permit is a tag which must be affixed to the swan at the time and place of the kill. The tag must be affixed in accordance with instructions provided with the permit. In addition, a preaddressed post-paid card is supplied to each permittee on which to report the number of days hunted and the details of the kill if made. ~~It is unlawful to hunt~~ Hunting swans without having the permit and the tag in possession or to possess a swan without the cancelled permit in possession and the tag affixed in accordance with instructions provided with the permit to the ~~swan.~~ swan is prohibited. ~~It is unlawful to possess~~ Possessing a swan permit or tag while hunting that was assigned to another person or to alter the permit or tag in any way other than cutting out the proper month and day of ~~kill.~~ kill is prohibited.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113-291.1(a) and (b), the following restrictions apply to the taking of migratory game birds:

(1) No migratory game bird may be taken:

(A) With a rifle;

(B) With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, ~~so as~~ to limit its total capacity to not more than three shells.

~~(2) No migratory game bird may be taken:~~

~~(A)(C)~~ From or by the use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;

~~(B)(D)~~ With the aid of bait, or on, over, or within 300 yards of any place where any grain, salt or other feed is exposed so as to constitute an attraction to migratory game birds or has been so exposed during any of the 10 consecutive days preceding the taking, except that this Part shall not apply to standing crops, flooded croplands, grain crops shocked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting;

~~(C)(E)~~ With the aid of live decoys, or on, over or within 300 yards of any place where tame or captive migratory game birds are present, unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking confined within an enclosure which eliminates the audibility of their calls and totally conceals them from the sight of wild migratory game birds.

~~(3)(2)~~ Crippled waterfowl may be taken from a motorboat under power in those areas described, delineated, and designated as special sea duck hunting areas in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.

~~(4) Waterfowl hunting and harassment and other unauthorized activities is prohibited on posted waterfowl management areas established by the Wildlife Resources Commission for Canada Geese and ducks restoration. Information on impoundments can be found at newwildlife.org.~~

~~(5)(3)~~ In that area of Roanoke Sound adjacent to and immediately Northeast of Roanoke Island as marked by buoys designating the waterfowl rest area, it is unlawful to harass or take any waterfowl.

~~(6)(4)~~ The area east of US 17 is designated as a ~~an experimental~~ September teal season zone as referenced by the Federal frameworks calling for state rules designating ~~experimental areas.~~ these zones.

(c) ~~Reporting Requirements:~~ For tundra swan and Canada goose seasons where a permit is required to hunt by Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, hunter questionnaires shall be completed online at www.ncwildlife.org, or on the Commission-supplied, supplied on preaddressed, postage-paid cards. Questionnaires shall be completed by or returned to the Commission and postmarked no later than April 1 following the end of the applicable season. Failure to return the questionnaire and animal parts, if required, by this date shall make the individual ineligible to receive a permit for the following applicable season. In lieu of returning a hard copy, individuals may fill out a questionnaire on line through the Wildlife Commission web site at newwildlife.org when this option is available by April 1 following the end of the applicable season.

(d) Failure to return the questionnaire and any required animal parts, by this date shall make the individual ineligible to receive a permit for the following applicable season.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 50 C.F.R. 20.21; 50 C.F.R. 20.105;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1995; April 1, 1992; February 1, 1990; September 1, 1989;
Temporary Amendment Eff. September 10, 1998;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; May 1, 2007; June 1, 2005; May 1, 2004; July 1, 2000;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10B .0111 RESTRICTIONS ON RACCOON AND OPOSSUM HUNTING

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. August 1, 1981; August 1, 1979; August 1, 1978; August 1, 1977;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10B .0119 WILDLIFE COLLECTORS

~~(a) Collection Licenses. The Executive Director may license qualified individuals to take or collect any species of wildlife resources except that endangered, threatened, and special concern species may not be taken or collected except under a special permit issued by the Executive Director for research purposes, unless there is an open season for the species. If an open season exists for the species, then the appropriate hunting, fishing, or trapping license serves as the authorization for take. This Rule shall not prohibit an individual from killing an endangered, threatened, or special concern species in defense of his own life or the lives of others without a permit. Individuals who annually collect fewer than five reptiles or fewer than 25 amphibians that are not on the endangered, threatened, or special concern lists shall be exempted from this license requirement, except snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) less than 11 inches (curved carapace length) shall not be collected at all. The license shall be issued upon payment of a fee in accordance with G.S. 113-272.4, except that licenses shall be issued to representatives of educational or scientific institutions or of governmental agencies without charge. The license shall be used in lieu of any other hunting or trapping license required by law and shall authorize possession and transportation of the wildlife incidental to the authorized taking, except that it shall not authorize the taking, possession, or transportation of any species of wildlife in violation of the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act or any other federal act to prohibit or restrict the possession and transportation of wildlife resources.~~

~~(b) Limits on collection. Individuals shall collect no more than 10 turtles from the family Chelydridae (snapping turtles) per day and no more than 100 per calendar and these turtles shall have a curved carapace length greater than 11 inches. Individuals shall collect no more than 10 turtles from the family Kinosternidae (mud and musk turtles) per day and no more than 100 per calendar year.~~

~~(c) Qualifications of Licensees. In addition to representatives of educational and scientific institutions and governmental agencies, the collection license may be issued to any individual for any purpose when it is not deemed inimical to the efficient conservation of the species to be collected or to some other wildlife species that may be dependent thereon.~~

~~(d) Methods of Taking. The manner of taking wildlife resources under a collection license may be specified by the Executive Director pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(d) and need not be restricted to the usual methods of hunting or trapping.~~

~~(e) Term of License. The Executive Director may, pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(e), impose time limits and other restrictions on the duration of any collection license, but unless so restricted the license shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of the applicable year.~~

~~(f) Report of Collecting Activity. Each individual licensed under this Rule shall submit a report to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 15 days following the date of expiration of the license. The report shall show the numbers of each species taken under the license and the use or disposition thereof. The Executive Director may require additional information for statistical purposes such as the dates and places of the taking and the sex, size, weight, condition, and approximate age of each specimen taken.~~

~~(g) Other Requirements and Restrictions. The Executive Director may, pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(d), impose such other requirements and restrictions on persons licensed under this Rule as he may deem to be necessary to the efficient administration of the wildlife conservation statutes and rules.~~

(a) Wildlife Collection Licenses may be issued to qualified individuals as defined in G.S. 113-130 to take any species of wildlife resources for the following purposes:

- (1) scientific collection;
- (2) educational collection; or
- (3) snapping turtle collection.

(b) The following definitions shall apply to this Rule:

- (1) "Scientific Collection" shall mean collection for the purpose of conducting scientific research or survey.
- (2) "Educational Collection" means collection for the purpose of providing instruction, training, or information to the public.

- (3) "Snapping Turtle Collection" means collection of snapping turtles from the family Chelydridae for sale pursuant to 15A NCAC 10H .1301.
- (4) "Personal Use" means collection and holding, using as bait, or personal consumption of reptiles or amphibians.
- (c) The Commission shall consider the following qualifications when issuing a license:
- (1) prior research or educational experience in the same or similar field;
 - (2) work with or for an educational institution;
 - (3) type of study requested of license (permanent or catch and release);
 - (4) current state and quantity of species requested;
 - (5) collection methodology proposed; and
 - (6) disposition of collection.
- (d) Individuals collecting and holding reptiles or amphibians for personal use shall not be required to obtain a Wildlife Collection License so long as the following conditions are met:
- (1) no more than 4 individuals of native reptile species or 24 individuals of any combination of amphibian species per physical address;
 - (2) collected reptiles and amphibians shall not be bought or sold; and
 - (3) no endangered, threatened, or special concern species shall be collected and retained.
- (e) Endangered, threatened, and special concern species may not be taken or collected except under an endangered species permit unless there is an open season for the species. If an open season exists for the species, then the appropriate hunting, fishing, or trapping license serves as the authorization for take.
- (f) Wildlife Collection licenses may be issued to any individual, so long as the take is not deemed harmful to the efficient conservation of the species to be collected or to other wildlife species that may be dependent thereon.
- (g) Individuals interested in obtaining a Wildlife Collection License shall apply by sending an application to 1701 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606 or by completing and submitting an application online at www.ncwildlife.org. Information required by the applicant shall include:
- (1) name, address, date of birth, email, and driver's license number; and
 - (2) species information.
 - (3) Additional information required for scientific and educational collection shall include:
 - (A) organizational affiliation, if any; and
 - (B) full documentation of research or educational proposal(s) and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approval, if applicable.
- (h) Wildlife Collection Licenses shall be used in lieu of any other hunting or trapping license required by law and shall authorize possession and transportation of the wildlife incidental to the authorized taking. It shall not authorize the taking, possession, or transportation of any species of wildlife in violation of the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act or any other federal act to prohibit or restrict the possession and transportation of wildlife resources.
- (i) Wildlife Collection Licenses for snapping turtle collection shall only be available to North Carolina residents. The following conditions shall apply:
- (1) collection shall occur from June 1 through September 30;
 - (2) no more than 10 snapping turtles per physical address per day;
 - (3) no more than 100 snapping turtles per physical address per season;
 - (4) turtles shall have a minimum curved carapace length of 13 inches; and
 - (5) no more than 10 trapping devices per license. Devices shall be:
 - (A) Labeled with a waterproof tag that shows the licensee's name, WRC Customer Number, or Wildlife Collection License number.
 - (B) Hoop traps or other trap style that allows for the unharmed release of any nontarget species or snapping turtles less than 13 inches.
 - (C) Checked daily per 15A NCAC 10B .0110.
- (j) Unless a more limited duration is designated on the license, Wildlife Collection Licenses shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of the applicable year.
- (k) Licensed individuals shall submit the following information to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 15 days of license expiration depending on the species taken:
- (1) the numbers of each species taken under the license and the use or disposition thereof;
 - (2) dates and location of the taking; and
 - (3) sex, size, weight, condition, or approximate age of each specimen taken as specified on the license.
- (l) Wildlife Collections License shall not be transferable either by license holder or by site of a facility.
- (m) The Executive Director or his or her designee may, pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(d), require further restrictions or conditions on individuals licensed under this Rule as he or she deems necessary to the efficient administration of the wildlife conservation statutes and rules.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272.4;
Eff. January 1, 1981;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; January 1, 2013; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; April 1, 2001; February 1, 1994;
November 1, 1990; September 1, 1989;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2022.

~~(a) Except as provided in this Rule, it shall be unlawful to import, transport, export, purchase, possess, sell, transfer, or release into public or private waters or lands of the State, any live specimen(s) of Tongueless or African Clawed Frog (*Xenopus* spp.), Brown Anole (*Anolis sagrei*), Cuban Treefrog (*Osteopilus septentrionalis*), any Asian Newts (genera *Cynops*, *Pachytriton*, *Paramesotriton*, *Laotriton*, *Tylototriton*), or Red-eared Slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*).~~

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- (1) Tongueless or African Clawed Frog (*Xenopus* spp.);
- (2) Brown Anole (*Anolis sagrei*);
- (3) Cuban Treefrog (*Osteopilus septentrionalis*);
- (4) Asian Newts (genera *Cynops*, *Pachytriton*, *Paramesotriton*, *Laotriton*, *Tylototriton*);
- (5) Red-eared Slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*);
- (6) Tegu (genera *Salvator* and *Tupinambis*); or
- (7) Greenhouse Frog (*Eleutherodactylus planirostris*).

(b) The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission may by permit authorize importation, transportation, exportation, purchase, possession, sale, or transfer of any species in this Rule by the following entities, subject to the specified limitations:

- (1) Retail and Wholesale Establishments. Importation, possession, sale, transfer, transportation, and exportation of these species within North Carolina, by retail and wholesale establishments whose primary business is providing scientific supplies for research, shall be allowed by permit, provided the following conditions are met:
 - (A) the application for a permit shall be in writing and include plans for holding, transportation, advertisement, and sale to allow a determination of the safeguards employed to prevent accidental escape and sales to unauthorized individuals;
 - (B) in-State sale or transfer is allowed only to agencies, entities, and institutions listed in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph;
 - (C) exportation shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the importing state;
 - (D) all specimens shall be possessed in indoor facilities; and
 - (E) transportation of specimens shall employ safeguards that prevent accidental escape.
- (2) Government Agencies and Research Institutions. Purchase, importation, possession, transfer, transportation, and exportation of these species within North Carolina shall be allowed by permitted State and federal governmental agencies, corporate research entities, and research institutions, provided the following conditions are met:
 - (A) the application for a permit shall be in writing and include plans for holding, transportation, final disposition, and safeguards to prevent accidental escape;
 - (B) exportation shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the importing state;
 - (C) all specimens shall be possessed in indoor facilities;
 - (D) transportation of specimens shall employ safeguards that prevent accidental escape; and
 - (E) the agency's, entity's, or institution's Animal Use and Care Committee has approved the research protocol for these species.

(c) Notwithstanding Paragraph (a) of this Rule, it shall be lawful for private individuals in possession of a live specimen(s) of Red-eared Slider(s)(*Trachemys scripta elegans*) prior to August 1, 2018, to retain, transport, transfer, or export the animal(s) in their possession. Notwithstanding Paragraph (a) of this Rule, it shall be lawful for private individuals in possession of a live specimen(s) of Tegu(s)(genera *Salvator* and *Tupinambis*) prior to August 1, 2022, to retain, transport, transfer, or export the animal(s) in their possession.

(d) Notwithstanding Paragraph (a) of this Rule, facilities open to the public for education may apply for a permit to collect, receive, and possess ~~Red-eared Slider(s).~~ any of the species listed in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274; 113-292;
Eff. February 1, 1994;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; April 1, 1997;
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SECTION .0200 - HUNTING

15A NCAC 10B .0203 DEER (WHITE-TAILED)

(a) Open Seasons (All Lawful Weapons) for hunting deer:

- (1) Deer With Visible Antlers. Deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, may be taken on all game lands except Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D ~~.0103~~ .0100 and .0200 for Deer With Visible Antlers seasons on these Game Lands), during the following seasons:
 - (A) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus*, Cumberland, Craven, Dare, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.
*Unlawful to hunt or kill deer in Lake Waccamaw or within 50 yards of its shoreline.
 - (B) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Johnston, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne, and Wilson counties.

- (C) Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through January 1 in all of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Catawba, Cleveland, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Polk, Rutherford, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties.
- (D) Monday of Thanksgiving week through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day in all of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey counties.
- (E) Two Saturdays before Thanksgiving Day through January 1 in all of Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.
- (F) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in that part of Hyde county known as Lake Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Dare and Hyde counties known as Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in that part of Currituck County known as the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

(2) Deer of Either Sex. Except on Game Lands, deer of either sex may be taken during the open seasons and in the counties and portions of counties listed in Parts (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of this Subparagraph (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D ~~.0103~~ .0100 and .0200 for either-sex deer seasons on Game Lands). Deer of either sex may be taken during the open season identified in Part (H) of this Subparagraph.

- (A) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the period from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in those parts of Currituck County known as the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge and the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- (B) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the appropriate military commands at each of the military installations listed in this Paragraph, during the period from Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in that part of Brunswick County known as the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, in that part of Craven County known and marked as Cherry Point Marine Base, in that part of Onslow County known and marked as the Camp Lejeune Marine Base, on Fort Bragg Military Reservation, and on Camp Mackall Military Reservation.
- (C) Youth either-sex deer hunts. First Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on a portion of Belews Creek Steam Station in Stokes County designated by agents of the Commission; the third Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on Mountain Island State Forest in Lincoln and Gaston counties; and the second Saturday in November for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on apportion of Warrior Creek located on W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkes County designated by agents of the Commission. A youth is defined as a person under 18 years of age.
- (D) The first open Saturday of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Buncombe*, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties.
*Except for that part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC 280
- (E) The first open day of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule through the first Saturday thereafter in all of Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, and Yancey counties.
- (F) The first open day of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule through the second Friday thereafter in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties.
- (G) All the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in and east of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln, and Gaston counties and in the following parts of counties: Buncombe: That part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC 280; and Henderson: That part east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280.
- (H) The fourth Saturday in September in all counties, subject to the following restriction: only persons under the age of 18 years may hunt.

(b) Open Seasons (Archery) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph and the bag limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer may be taken with archery equipment during the following seasons:
 - (A) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the day immediately preceding the first open day of the Blackpowder Firearms and Archery Seasons described in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule; and the Sunday immediately following the closing of blackpowder firearms and archery season identified in Part (c)(1)(B) of this Rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(D) of this Rule except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D ~~.0103~~ .0100 and .0200 for Archery seasons on these Game Lands).

- (B) Sunday immediately following the closing of the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers through January 1 in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(D) of this Rule.

(2) Restrictions

- (A) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs may not be used for hunting deer during the archery season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a dead or wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer may be used during the archery deer hunting season.
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken during archery seasons specified by Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
- (D) Only deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, shall be taken during the archery season specified by Part (b)(1)(B) of this Rule.

(c) Open Seasons (Blackpowder Firearms and Archery) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, deer may be taken only with blackpowder firearms and archery equipment during the following seasons:

- (A) Two Saturdays preceding the first day of the Deer with Visible Antlers seasons described in Parts (a)(1)(A), (B), (C), (E), and (F) of this Rule through the second Friday thereafter except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D ~~.0103~~ .0100 and .0200 for Blackpowder Firearms and Archery seasons on these Game Lands):
- (B) Monday on or nearest October 1 through the second Saturday thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(D) of this Rule.

(2) Restrictions

- (A) Deer of either sex may be taken during blackpowder firearms and archery season in any county or county part set forth in Part ~~(a)(2)(G)~~ (a)(2)(E), (F), or (G) of this Rule that has either-sex days for all lawful weapons, weapons and in the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, and Cleveland. Deer of either sex may be taken on the first Saturday day of this season only in all other counties.
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken during the first open day of the blackpowder firearms and archery season thru the first Saturday thereafter in any county or county part set forth in Part (a)(2)(D) of this Rule
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken on the first open Saturday of the blackpowder firearms and archery season in any county or county part not set forth in Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.

- ~~(B)(D)~~ In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the blackpowder firearms and archery seasons, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a dead or wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

- (3) As used in this Rule, "blackpowder firearms" means Any firearm - including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system - manufactured in or before 1898, that cannot use fixed ammunition; any replica of this type of firearm if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; and any muzzle-loading rifle, muzzle-loading shotgun, or muzzle-loading or cylinder-loading handgun that is designed to use blackpowder, blackpowder substitute, or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle, cylinder, or breech and that cannot use fixed ammunition.

(d) Open Season (Urban Season) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (3) of this Paragraph and the bag limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow in participating cities in the State, as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), from the second Saturday following January 1 through the sixth Sunday thereafter. Deer shall not be taken on any game land or part thereof that occurs within a city boundary.

- (2) Participation. Cities that intend to participate in the urban season shall send a letter to that effect no later than April 1 of the year prior to the start of the urban season to the Executive Director or his designee at 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1700. Cities shall also submit a map of the city's boundaries within which the urban season shall apply.

(3) Restrictions:

- (A) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the urban season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a dead or wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer shall be used during the urban season.

(e) Bag limits. The possession and season limit is six deer, two of which may be deer with visible antlers and four of which may be antlerless deer. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as distinguished from spikes protruding through the skin. In addition to the bag limits described above, a hunter may obtain multiple bonus antlerless deer harvest report cards from the Wildlife Resources Commission or any Wildlife Service Agent to allow the harvest of two additional antlerless deer per card for deer harvested during the season described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule within the boundaries of participating municipalities, except on State-owned game lands. Antlerless deer harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not count as part of the possession and season limit. The bag limits described above do not apply to deer harvested in areas covered in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) as described in G.S. 113-291.2(e) for those individuals using Commission-issued DMAP tags and reporting harvest as described on the DMAP license. Season bag limits shall be set by the number of DMAP tags issued and in the hunters' possession. All deer harvested under this program, regardless of the date of harvest, shall be tagged with these DMAP tags and

reported as instructed on the DMAP license. The hunter does not have to validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card provided with the hunting license for deer tagged with the DMAP tags. Any deer harvested on lands enrolled in the DMAP and not tagged with DMAP tags may only be harvested during the regularly established deer seasons subject to all the restrictions of those seasons, including bag limits, and reported using the big game harvest report card or the bonus antlerless harvest report card.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.5;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; December 1, 1994; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (Approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);
Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;
Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);
Amended Eff. August 1, 2020; August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;
August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; July 10, 2010; June 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10B .0205 RACCOON AND OPOSSUM

(a) ~~Open Season:~~ The open season for taking raccoon and opossum ~~shall be~~ is from sunrise Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.

(b) Bag Limits:

- (1) The daily bag limit for raccoon is three and there are no season and no possession limits.
- (2) There is no restriction on bag limits for opossum.

~~Note: See 15A NCAC 10B .0111 prohibiting axes, saws and shooting in certain western counties.~~

(c) Axes or saws shall not be carried when raccoon or opossum hunting.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1995; July 1, 1987; July 1, 1986; July 1, 1985;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
Amended Eff. May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; July 1, 2000;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10B .0206 SQUIRRELS

~~(a) Squirrel Open Seasons:~~

- ~~(1) Gray and red squirrels may be taken by hunting on the Monday on or closest to October 15 to the last day of February.~~
- ~~(2) Fox squirrels may be taken by hunting on the Monday on or nearest October 15 to January 31.~~

(a) The open season for gray and red squirrels is the Monday on or closest to October 15 through the last day of February.

(b) The open season for fox squirrels is the Monday on or nearest October 15 through January 31.

(c) Except on game lands, gray squirrels may also be taken by hunting on the second Monday in May through the fourth Monday in May.

~~(b) Squirrel Bag Limits:~~

- ~~(1) The daily bag limit for gray and red squirrels is eight and there are no season and no possession limits.~~
- ~~(2) The daily bag limit for fox squirrels is one; the possession limit is two; and the season limit is 10.~~

(d) The daily bag limit for gray and red squirrels is eight in aggregate and there are no season or possession limits.

(e) The daily bag limit for fox squirrels is one; the possession limit is two; and the season limit is 10.

History Note Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2022; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2006; July 1, 1995;
July 1, 1987; July 1, 1986; July 1, 1985;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.

SECTION .0400 - TAGGING FURS

15A NCAC 10B .0402 TAGGING FURS

(a) Except as provided in Rule .0404 and .0405 of this Section, ~~it is unlawful to transport or to buy, buying, sell, selling, barter, bartering, trade, trading, or otherwise transfer transferring possession or ownership of the carcass or pelt of any bobcat, otter otter, or fox without having affixed to such carcass or pelt an individual tag provided by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Commission is prohibited. Each such tag shall bear a serial number. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service repeals its tagging requirements for otter and bobcat this paragraph shall apply only to tagging foxes.~~

~~(b) It is unlawful for any person to import~~ Importing into this State the carcass or pelt of any otter or bobcat ~~which that~~ has not been previously affixed with a tag required and supplied by the state ~~in which where~~ the animal was ~~taken~~. taken shall be prohibited. ~~When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service repeals its tagging requirements for otter and bobcat this Paragraph shall no longer apply.~~

~~(c) Foxes shall be tagged in accordance with G.S. 113-291.4.~~

~~(d) The carcasses or pelts of foxes lawfully taken and lawfully tagged may be sold, except those taken under a depredation permit in any county where the sale of foxes or parts thereof is prohibited by local law.~~

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-276.1; 50 C.F.R. 23; 87 Stat. 884;
Eff. November 14, 1978;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2010; August 1, 2004; January 1, 1992; October 11, 1980; October 1, 1980;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10B .0403 APPLICATION FOR TAGS

~~(a) Fur tags shall be distributed~~ issued free of charge, excluding postage if applicable, by applying in person at 1751 Varsity Dr, Raleigh, NC 27606, over the phone, or by completing and submitting in response to a request form to applications made on forms supplied by the Commission. Commission online at www.ncwildlife.org.

~~(b) Fur tag requests shall include the following applicant information:~~

- ~~(1) name, telephone number, email address, and physical address;~~
- ~~(2) date of birth;~~
- ~~(3) WRC Customer number; and~~
- ~~(4) type and quantity of tags requested.~~

~~(c) The following restrictions shall apply to fur tags:~~

- ~~(1) no more than 50 bobcat tags shall be issued per request;~~
- ~~(2) no more than 150 otter tags shall be issued per request; and~~
- ~~(3) fox tags may be limited in accordance with area, bag, possession, or season limits.~~

~~(b) The fees to be charged for each fur tag are as follows:~~

Species	Fee
Bobcat	2.20
Otter	2.20

~~(c) Foxes shall be tagged in accordance with G.S. 113-291.4(g). The carcasses or pelts of foxes lawfully taken and lawfully tagged in an area of open fox season, and those taken under a depredation permit, and those taken under a local law that permits foxes to be sold may be sold; provided that this Paragraph shall not authorize the sale of carcasses or pelts of foxes taken under a depredation permit in any county in which the sale of foxes or parts thereof is prohibited by local law.~~

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; ~~113-270.1~~; 113-273; 113-276.1; 113-291.4;
Eff. November 14, 1978;
Amended Eff. April 1, 2003; January 1, 1992; August 1, 1988; July 1, 1988; July 1, 1984;
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SUBCHAPTER 10C - INLAND FISHING REGULATIONS

SECTION .0200 - GENERAL REGULATIONS

15A NCAC 10C .0205 PUBLIC MOUNTAIN TROUT WATERS

(a) For purposes of this Rule, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Natural bait" means any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell.
- (2) "Single hook" means a fish hook with only one point.
- (3) "Artificial lure" means a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance that attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.
- (4) "Artificial fly" means one single hook dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel, rubber, or any similar material to which no additional hook, spinner, spoon or similar device is added.
- (5) "Youth anglers" are individuals under 18 years of age.

(b) For purposes of this Rule, 15A NCAC 10C .0316, and 15A NCAC 10D .0104, the following classifications apply:

- (1) "Public Mountain Trout Waters" are all waters included in this Rule and so designated in 15A NCAC 10D .0104.
- (2) "Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where only artificial flies and lures having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed or harvested while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- (3) "Delayed Harvest Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where between October 1 and one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday of the following June, it is unlawful to possess natural bait, use more than one single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or possess trout while fishing. From 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June until noon that same day, only youth anglers may fish and these waters have no bait or lure restrictions. From noon on the first Saturday in June until October 1, anglers of all ages may fish and these waters have no bait or lure restrictions. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.

- (4) "Hatchery Supported Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters that have no bait or lure restrictions. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
 - (5) "Special Regulation Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where watercourse-specific regulations apply. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
 - (6) "Wild Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters which are identified as such in this Rule or 15A NCAC 10D .0104. Only artificial lures having only one single hook may be used. No person shall possess natural bait while fishing these waters. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
 - (7) "Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where all artificial lures and natural baits, except live fish, may be used provided they are fished using only one single hook. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
 - (8) "Undesignated Waters" are all other waters in the State. These waters have no bait or lure restrictions.
- (c) Seasons, creel, and size limits. Seasons, creel, and size limits for trout in all waters are listed in Rule .0316 of this Subchapter.
- (d) Classifications. This Paragraph designates waters in each county that have a specific classification. Waters on game lands are so designated in 15A NCAC 10D .0104, unless otherwise indicated in this Paragraph. All other waters are classified as Undesignated Waters.

(1) Alleghany

- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
Little River (S.R. 1133 bridge to 275 yards downstream of the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129 [marked by a sign on each bank])
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
Big Pine Creek
Bledsoe Creek
Brush Creek (N.C. 21 bridge to confluence with Little River, except where posted against trespassing)
Cranberry Creek
(Big) Glade Creek
Little River (275 yards downstream from the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129 [marked by a sign on each bank] to McCann Dam)
Meadow Fork
Pine Swamp Creek
Piney Fork
Prathers Creek
- (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
All waters located on Stone Mountain State Park

(2) Ashe County

- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
Big Horse Creek (Virginia state line to Mud Creek at S.R. 1363, excluding tributaries)
- (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
Big Horse Creek (S.R. 1324 bridge to North Fork New River)
Helton Creek (~~SR~~ 900 yards upstream of SR 1372 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank] to North Fork New River)
South Fork New River (upstream end of Todd Island to the SR 1351 bridge)
Trout Lake
- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
Beaver Creek (N.C. 221 to confluence of Beaver Creek and South Beaver Creek)
Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at S.R. 1363 to S.R. 1324 bridge)
Big Laurel Creek (S.R. 1315 bridge to confluence with North Fork New River)
Buffalo Creek (S.R. 1133 bridge to N.C. 194-88 bridge)
Cranberry Creek (Alleghany Co. line to South Fork New River)
Nathans Creek
North Fork New River (Watauga Co. line to Sharp Dam)
Old Fields Creek (N.C. 221 to South Fork New River)
Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)
Roan Creek
Three Top Creek

(3) Avery County

- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond)
Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)
Wilson Creek (game land portion)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
Boyde Coffey Lake
Elk River (S.R. 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the Tennessee state line)
Linville River (~~Land Harbor line [below dam]~~ (S.R. 1504 to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line, except where posted against trespassing)
Milltimber Creek

North Toe River — upper (Watauga St. to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and Family Recreational Park, except where posted against trespassing)

North Toe River — lower (S.R. 1164 to Mitchell Co. line, except where posted against trespassing)

Squirrel Creek

Wildcat Lake

- (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

Birchfield Creek

Cow Camp Creek

Cranberry Creek (headwaters to U.S. 19E/N.C. 194 bridge)

Gragg Prong

Horse Creek

Kentucky Creek

North Harper Creek

Plumtree Creek

Roaring Creek

Rockhouse Creek

Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)

South Harper Creek

Webb Prong

- (4) Buncombe County

- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:

Carter Creek (game land portion)

- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)

Cane Creek (headwaters to S.R. 3138 bridge)

Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)

Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)

Ivy Creek (Ivy River)(Dillingham Creek to U.S. 19-23 bridge)

Lake Powhatan

Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to U.S. 19-23 bridge, except where posted against trespassing)

Rich Branch (downstream from the confluence with Rocky Branch)

Stony Creek

Swannanoa (S.R. 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue bridge [intersection of N.C. 81 and U.S. 74A in Asheville], except where posted against trespassing)

- (5) Burke County

- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:

Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)

- (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)

- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Carroll Creek (game land portion above S.R. 1405)

Henry Fork (lower South Mountain State Park line downstream to S.R. 1919 at Ivy Creek)

Linville River portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness area and portion below Lake James powerhouse from upstream bridge on S.R. 1223 to Muddy Creek)

- (D) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:

Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam)

- (E) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

All waters located on South Mountains State Park, except those waters identified in Parts A and B of this Subparagraph

- (6) Caldwell County

- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Wilson Creek (game land portion below Lost Cove Creek to Philips Branch)

- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Boone Fork Pond

Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)

Joes Creek (first falls upstream of S.R. 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)

Wilson Creek (Phillips Branch to Brown Mountain Beach Dam, except where posted against trespassing)

Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to S.R. 1515)

- (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

Buffalo Creek (Watauga Co. line to Long Ridge Branch including game land tributaries)

Joes Creek (Watauga Co. line to first falls upstream of the end of S.R. 1574)

Rockhouse Creek

- (7) Cherokee County

- (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)

- Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)
 Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)
 Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Hwy [S.R. 1325] bridge to Tennessee state line)
 Valley River (S.R. 1359 to U.S. 19 Business bridge in Murphy)
- (B) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:
 Apalachia Reservoir
- (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
 Bald Creek (game land portion)
 Dockery Creek (game land portion)
~~North Shoal Creek (game land portion)~~
- (8) Clay County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
 Fires Creek (Rockhouse Creek to the foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of U.S. 64 bridge)
 Fires Creek (foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area to S.R. 1300)
 Tusquitee Creek (Compass Creek to lower S.R. 1300 bridge)
- (9) Graham County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS footbridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Rd. 2579)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
 Cheoah Reservoir
 Panther Creek (confluence of Stand Creek and Rock Creek to Lake Fontana)
 Santeetlah Creek (Johns Branch to Lake Santeetlah)
 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS Road 2579 to S.R. 1127 bridge)
 Stecoah Creek (upper game land boundary to Lake Fontana)
 Tula Creek (S.R. 1201 to lower bridge on S.R. 1275)
 West Buffalo Creek
 Yellow Creek (Lake Santeetlah hydropower pipeline to Cheoah River)
- (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
 Little Buffalo Creek
 South Fork Squally Creek
 Squally Creek
- (D) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
~~Deep Creek~~
 Long Creek (game land portion)
- (10) Haywood County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
 West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 Cold Springs Creek (Fall Branch to Pigeon River)
 Jonathan Creek (upstream S.R. 1302 bridge to Pigeon River, except where posted against trespassing)
 Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to upstream U.S. 19-23 bridge)
 Richland Creek (Russ Avenue [U.S. 276] bridge to U.S. 19 bridge)
 West Fork Pigeon River (Tom Creek to Queen Creek, including portions on game lands, except Middle Prong)
- (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
 Hurricane Creek
- (11) Henderson County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
 North Fork Mills River (game land portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 (Rocky) Broad River (end of S.R. 1611 to Rutherford County line)
 Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream of S.R. 1551 bridge to U.S. 25 bridge)
 Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to S.R. 1582)
 Green River (Lake Summit powerhouse to game land boundary)
 (Big) Hungry River (S.R. 1885 to Green River)
- (12) Jackson County
- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
 Flat Creek
(East Fork) Tuckasegee River (upstream from the Clark property) (game lands portion upstream of Tanasee Creek Lake, including Duke Energy powerline corridor)
 Tuckasegee River (upstream from the Clark property)
- (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

- Tuckasegee River (downstream N.C. 107 bridge to the falls located 275 yards upstream of the U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank])
- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 Balsam Lake
 Bear Creek Lake
 Cedar Cliff Lake
 Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)
 Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)
 Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1370 to Savannah Creek)
 Savannah Creek (Shell Branch to Cagle Branch)
 Scott Creek (Dark Ridge Creek to Tuckasegee River, except where posted against trespassing)
 Tanasee Creek Lake
 Tuckasegee River — upper (John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107 bridge)
 Tuckasegee River — lower (falls located 275 yards upstream of U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank] to S.R. 1534 bridge at Wilmot)
 Wolf Creek Lake
- (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
 Gage Creek
 North Fork Scott Creek
 Tanasee Creek
 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
 Wolf Creek (except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)
- (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to the South Carolina state line)
~~Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)~~
 Scotsman Creek (game land portion)
- (13) Macon County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
 Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)
 Cartoogechaye Creek (downstream U.S. 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)
 Cliffside Lake
 Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to U.S. 64 bridge near junction of S.R. 1672)
 Nantahala River — upper (Dicks Creek to Whiteoak Creek)
 Nantahala River — lower (Nantahala hydropower discharge canal to Swain Co. line)
 Queens Creek Lake
- (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
~~Jarrett Creek (game land portion)~~
 Kimsey Creek
~~Overflow Creek (game land portion)~~
 Park Creek
 Tellico Creek (game land portion)
 Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)
- (14) Madison County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
 Big Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge to the U.S. 25-70 bridge)
 Shelton Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)
 Spring Creek (N.C. 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews Ave.)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 Big Laurel Creek (Puncheon Fork to the S.R. 1318 [Big Laurel Rd.] bridge downstream of Bearpen Branch)
 Big Pine Creek (S.R. 1151 bridge to French Broad River)
 Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)
 Max Patch Pond
 Meadow Fork Creek (Meadow Fork Campground to Spring Creek)
 Puncheon Fork (Wolf Laurel Branch to Big Laurel Creek)
 Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)
 Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to N.C. 208 bridge at Belva)
 Shut-in Creek
 Spillcorn Creek
 Spring Creek (junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to ~~USFS Rd. 223~~ the confluence with Meadow Fork)
 West Fork Shut-in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East Fork Shut-in Creek)
- (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:

- Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary)
- (15) McDowell County
- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
Newberry Creek (game land portion)
- (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)
Curtis Creek (game land portion downstream of the USFS boundary at Deep Branch)
Mill Creek (U.S. 70 bridge to I-40 bridge)
- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)
Catawba River (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)
Little Buck Creek (game land portion)
North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to North Cove School at S.R. 1569 bridge)
- (16) Mitchell County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to S.R. 1189 bridge)
North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 bridge)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
Big Rock Creek (headwaters to N.C. 226 bridge at S.R. 1307 intersection)
Cane Creek (S.R. 1219 to N.C. 226 bridge)
East Fork Grassy Creek
Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)
Little Rock Creek (Green Creek bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where posted against trespassing)
North Toe River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1121 bridge)
- (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek bridge, except where posted against trespassing)
Little Rock Creek (above Green Creek bridge, including all tributaries, except where posted against trespassing)
Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
- (17) Polk County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the confluence with Cove Creek)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
Green River (Mouth of Cove Creek to the natural gas pipeline crossing)
North Pacolet River (Joels Creek to N.C. 108 bridge)
- (18) Rutherford County
- (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
(Rocky) Broad River (Henderson Co. line to U.S. 64/74 bridge, except where posted against trespassing)
- (19) Stokes County
- (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
Dan River (Virginia state line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of S.R. 1421)
- (20) Surry County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
Ararat River (portion adjacent to the Ararat River Greenway)
Mitchell River (0.6 miles upstream of the end of S.R. 1333 to the lowermost bridge on S.R. 1330)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
Ararat River (S.R. 1727 bridge downstream to the N.C. 103 bridge)
Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of N.C. 268 bridge to a point 265 yards downstream of N.C. 268 [marked by a sign on each bank])
Fisher River (Cooper Creek)(Virginia state line to I-77 bridge)
Little Fisher River (Virginia state line to N.C. 89 bridge)
Lovills Creek (U.S. 52 Business bridge to Ararat River)
Pauls Creek (Virginia state line to .3 miles below S.R. 1625 bridge)
- (21) Swain County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:
Tuckasegee River (U.S. 19 bridge to Slope Street bridge)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
Alarka Creek (game land boundary to Fontana Reservoir)
Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
Cheoah Reservoir
Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)
Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park Boundary line to Tuckasegee River)
Nantahala River (Macon Co. line to existing Fontana Lake water level)
- (22) Transylvania County
- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:

- Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass Creek and Grogan Creek)
- (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
 East Fork French Broad River (East Fork Baptist Church to the downstream S.R. 1107 bridge)
 Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)
- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower USFS boundary)
 French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork)
 French Broad River to the Island Ford Rd. [S.R. 1110] Access Area
 Middle Fork French Broad River (upstream U.S. 178 bridge to French Broad River)
 West Fork French Broad River (S.R. 1312 to confluence with North Fork French Broad River)
- (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
 All waters located on Gorges State Park
 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
- (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
 North Fork French Broad River (game land portion downstream of S.R. 1326)
 Thompson River (S.R. 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against trespassing)
- (23) Watauga County
- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
 Laurel Creek (confluence of North and South Fork Laurel creeks to Elk Creek, excluding tributaries)
 Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Rd. bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffee Lake)
- (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
 Lake Coffey
 Watauga River – upper (S.R. 1114 bridge to Valle Crucis Community Park lower boundary)
 Watauga River – lower (S.R. 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek)
- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 Beaverdam Creek (confluence of Beaverdam Creek and Little Beaverdam Creek to an unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1201 and S.R. 1203)
 Beech Creek
 Buckeye Creek (Buckeye Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap Creek)
 Buckeye Creek Reservoir
 Cove Creek (S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to S.R. 1214 bridge at Sherwood)
 Dutch Creek (second bridge on S.R. 1134 to mouth)
 Elk Creek (S.R. 1510 bridge at Triplett to Wilkes Co. line, except where posted against trespassing)
 Laurel Creek (S.R. 1123 bridge at S.R. 1157 intersection to Watauga River)
 Meat Camp Creek (S.R. 1340 bridge at S.R. 1384 intersection to N.C. 194)
 Middle Fork New River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1539 and U.S. 321 to South Fork New River)
 Norris Fork Creek
 South Fork New River (canoe launch 70 yards upstream of U.S. 421 bridge to lower boundary of Brookshire Park)
 Stony Fork (S.R. 1500 bridge at S.R. 1505 intersection to Wilkes Co. line)
- (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
 Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1134)
 Howard Creek
 Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)
 North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe Co. line)
 Watauga River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1580 bridge)
 Winkler Creek (lower bridge on S.R. 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)
- (24) Wilkes County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
 East Prong Roaring River (Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary)
 Elk Creek — upper (Watauga Co. line to lower boundary of the Blue Ridge Mountain Club)
 Elk Creek — lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)
 Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with the Yadkin River)
 Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Alleghany Co. line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 Basin Creek (S.R. 1730 bridge to confluence with Lovelace Creek)
 Bell Branch Pond
 Boundary Line Pond
 Cub Creek (.5 mile upstream of S.R. 2460 bridge to S.R. 1001 bridge)
 Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River)(downstream ford on S.R. 1569 to confluence with North Fork Reddies River)
 East Prong Roaring River (Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary to S.R. 1002 bridge)

Fall Creek (S.R. 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork, except where posted against trespassing)

Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong)(headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1580)

Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1736)

North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek)(headwaters to Union School bridge on S.R. 1559)

Pike Creek

Pike Creek Pond

South Fork Reddies River (S.R. 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies River)

South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to U.S. 421 bridge adjacent to S.R. 1155 intersection)

(C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

All waters located on Stone Mountain State Park, except East Prong Roaring River from Bullhead Creek downstream to the Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary where Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply, and Stone Mountain Creek from falls at Alleghany County line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek in Stone Mountain State Park where Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply

(25) Yancey County

(A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:

South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek)

Upper Creek

(B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Cane River (Blackberry Ridge Rd. to downstream boundary of Cane River County Park)

(C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Bald Mountain Creek (except where posted against trespassing)

Cane River (Bee Branch [S.R. 1110] to Bowlens Creek)

Price Creek (junction of S.R. 1120 and S.R. 1121 to Indian Creek)

South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey Co. Recreation Park, except where posted against trespassing)

(D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

Cattail Creek (bridge at Mountain Farm Community Rd. to N.C. 197 bridge)

Licksillet Creek

Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)

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SECTION .0300 - GAME FISH

15A NCAC 10C .0314 STRIPED BASS

(a) The daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is four fish in the aggregate, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. The minimum size limit for these fish is 20 inches, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. There is no closed season, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) of this Rule.

(b) In the Dan River upstream from its confluence with Bannister River to the dam at Union Street in Danville, VA and in John H. Kerr Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is two in the aggregate and the minimum size limit is 20 inches from October 1 through May 31. From June 1 through September 30, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate with no minimum size limit.

(c) In Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoir, the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is 20 inches from October 1 through May 31. There is no minimum size limit for these fish from June 1 through September 30.

(d) In ~~Lake Norman~~, Hyco Lake, Moss Lake, Mountain Island Reservoir, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Thom-A-Lex, Lake Townsend, and Salem Lake the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is 16 inches.

(e) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit is 15 in the aggregate. There is no minimum size limit, but only two may be greater than 22 inches.

- (f) In Lake Mattamuskeet, and in the Pee Dee River and its tributaries downstream from the Blewett Falls Dam to the South Carolina state line, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is three fish in the aggregate, and the minimum size limit is 18 inches.
- (g) In the inland fishing waters of Neuse, Pungo, and Tar Pamlico rivers and their tributaries extending upstream to the first impoundment of the main course on the river or its tributaries, and in all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95 not specified in Paragraphs (f), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate. The minimum size limit is 26 inches. In these waters, the season for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed from May 1 through September 30.
- (h) In the inland fishing waters of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries downstream of Buckhorn Dam and in the ponds associated with Martin Marietta Park in Craven County, the season for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed year-round.
- (i) In the inland and joint fishing waters of the Roanoke River Striped Bass Management Area, as established in 15A NCAC 03R .0201 and identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0110, which includes the Roanoke, Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost rivers and their tributaries, the open season for taking and possessing Striped Bass and its hybrids is March 1 through April 30 from the joint-coastal fishing waters boundary at Albemarle Sound upstream to Roanoke Rapids Lake dam. During the open season, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is ~~two one~~ one fish in the aggregate, and the minimum size limit is 18 inches. No fish between 22 inches and 27 inches in length shall be possessed in the daily creel limit. ~~Only one fish larger than 27 inches may be possessed in the daily creel limit.~~
- (j) In designated inland fishing waters of Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Chowan River, Currituck Sound, Alligator River, Scuppernong River, and their tributaries (excluding the Roanoke River and Cashie River and their tributaries), the Striped Bass fishing season, size limits, and creel limits are the same as those established by rules or proclamations of the Marine Fisheries Commission in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.
- (k) In accordance with G.S. 113-292, the Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend, or extend the hook-and-line season for Striped Bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued under this authority.

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SUBCHAPTER 10D - GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

SECTION .0100 - GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE

- (a) For purposes of this Subchapter, the following definitions apply:
- (1) "Permanent Hunting Blind" means any structure that is used for hunter concealment, constructed from manmade or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and removed at the end of each day's hunt.
 - (2) "Target shooting" means the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or self-defense.
 - (3) "Youth" means individuals under 18 years of age.
- (b) Trespass. Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or fishing shall be as authorized by the landowner. The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified the following areas on game lands that have additional restrictions on entry or usage:
- (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to bow and arrow hunting and falconry only. On these areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of any applicable deer season.
 - (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No person shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety zone on any game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
 - (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
 - (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission. Entry shall be authorized only when such entry will not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Restricted Zone and the person or persons requesting entry are able to demonstrate a valid need or such person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.
 - (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary Restricted Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public.
 - (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the discharge of firearms or bow and arrow is prohibited.
 - (7) Restricted Deer Hunting Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Deer Hunting Zones" the use of dogs for taking deer is prohibited, except as allowed by permit as provided in G.S. 113-264(d).
 - (8) Day Use Only Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Day Use Only Zones" the use by the general public shall be prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

- (9) Sensitive Habitat Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Sensitive Habitat Zones" are closed to all use by the general public during the dates specified on the sign, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first obtaining written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission by calling 919-707-0150 and requesting a permit.

The Commission shall conduct a public input meeting in the area where the game land is located before establishing the following zones: archery, restricted firearms, restricted deer hunting, day use only, or sensitive habitat. After the input meeting, the public comments shall be presented at an official Commission meeting for final determination.

(c) Littering. No person shall deposit any litter, trash, garbage, or other refuse at any place on any game land except in receptacles provided for disposal of such refuse at designated camping and target-shooting areas. No garbage dumps or sanitary landfills shall be established on any game land by any person, firm, corporation, county, or municipality, except as permitted by the landowner.

(d) Use of weapons. No person shall discharge:

- (1) any weapon within 150 yards of any game land building or designated game land camping area, except where posted otherwise;
- (2) any weapon within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to game lands, except on Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands; and
- (3) any firearm within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan Game Lands.

No person shall hunt with or have in possession any shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on any posted waterfowl impoundment on any game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used while deer hunting. Every individual carrying a concealed handgun shall adhere to the requirements set forth in G.S. 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Butner-Falls of Neuse, Jordan, Kerr Scott, and Vance game lands, no person shall possess loaded firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons except as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327.13, which is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, free of charge, at:

http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=75b0c14fb2c26906cf64a267eb69b052&mc=true&node=se36.3.327_113&rgn=div8.

On Buckhorn, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Lee, Mayo, and Sutton Lake game lands; Pee Dee River Game Land north of U.S. 74; and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey- Caswell Game Land that is located north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or closed hunting days for game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

- (1) the firearm is a .22 caliber pistol with a barrel not greater than seven and one-half inches in length and shooting only short, long, or long rifle ammunition carried as a side arm;
- (2) the firearm is cased or not immediately available for use;
- (3) the firearm is used by persons participating in field trials on field trial areas; or
- (4) the firearm is possessed in designated camping areas for defense of persons and property.

(e) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

- (1) Requirement. Except as provided in Subparagraph (4) of this Paragraph, any person entering upon any game land for the purpose of hunting, trapping, running dogs, or training dogs using wildlife shall have in his or her possession a game lands license in addition to the appropriate hunting or trapping license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege.
- (2) For Commission-sanctioned field trials, active participants (as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114) in a field trial using wildlife shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege, except non-residents may substitute hunting licenses from their state(s) of residence.
- (3) For any other field trial using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege.
- (4) Exceptions:
 - (A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or legal guardian;
 - (B) on the game lands described in Rule .0103(e)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is required only for hunting doves; all other activities are subject to the control of the landowners.

(f) Field Trials and Training Dogs. Any individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial area shall file with the Commission an application to use the area and facility accompanied by the facility use fee computed at the rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00 noon of the day preceding the first scheduled day of the trial to 10:00 a.m. of the day following the last scheduled day of the trial. The facility use fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which for any reason trials are not run but the building or facilities are used or occupied. A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day shall be charged to sporting, educational, or scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or any other entity shall enter or use in any manner any of the physical facilities located on the Sandhills Field Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no such entry or use of any such facility shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approved use. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than 16 days of field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during any calendar month, and no more than four days may be scheduled during any calendar week; provided, that a field trial requiring more than four days may be scheduled during one week upon reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week so that the monthly maximum of 16 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field Trial Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between October 22 and November 18 and between December 3 and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of such use to the Wildlife Resources Commission for its consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities at any time by individuals for training dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills Game Lands

dogs may be trained only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from April 1 through August 15 on any game land located west of I-95, except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from March 15 through June 15 on any game land located east of I-95, except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Additionally, on game lands located west of I-95 where special hunts are scheduled for sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program, dogs may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special hunts. A field trial shall be authorized when such field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the Game Land or field trial facilities, and the applying organization can demonstrate their experience and expertise in conducting genuine field trial activities. Entry to physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit, shall be granted when they do not conflict with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and they do not conflict with the mission of the agency.

(g) Trapping. Subject to the restrictions contained in 15A NCAC 10B .0110, .0302, and .0303, trapping of furbearing animals, armadillos, coyotes, and groundhogs is permitted on game lands during the applicable open trapping seasons established by rule. Foxes can be trapped on game lands from November 1 through the end of February in any county with an open fox trapping season that falls between November 1 and the end of February. Foxes may not be taken by trapping on game lands in counties with a closed fox trapping season or during any fox trapping season that occurs outside the dates of November 1 through the end of February. Additionally, fox trapping is allowed on game lands in Clay, Graham, Henderson, Macon, and Tyrrell counties with a daily bag limit of two and a season bag limit of 10 from the first to the fourth Saturday in January. Trapping is prohibited:

- (1) on the J Robert Gordon Field Trial Area of Sandhills Game Land;
- (2) in posted "safety zones" located on any game land;
- (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south, US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the west; and
- ~~(4) on the John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke County;~~
- ~~(5)~~(4) on the DuPont State Forest Game Lands; and
- ~~(6)~~(5) from April 1 through October 31.

At each trap, trappers may use a single bait site of grain, fruit, or other foods when trapping if the food is not a processed food product as defined in G.S.113-294(r), is less than 3 cubic inches and is covered to prevent it from being seen from above. Feathers, including those with attached skin or entire bird wings, hair with or without skin or hide, and bones that include no attached meat, organs, or viscera do not need to be covered.

(h) Vehicular Traffic. No person shall drive a motorized vehicle on any game land except on those roads constructed, maintained, and opened for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel, unless such person:

- (1) is driving in the vehicle gallery of a scheduled bird dog field trial held on the Sandhills Game Land; or
- (2) is a disabled sportsman as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule or holds a Disabled Access Program Permit as described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule and is abiding by the rules described in Paragraph (m).

(i) Camping.

- (1) No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for camping.
- (2) On game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, where the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is the primary custodian, the maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping, all personal belongings shall be removed from the game land.

(j) Swimming. Swimming is prohibited in the lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land.

(k) Disabled Sportsman Program. In order to qualify for permit hunts for disabled sportsmen offered by the Commission and use of designated blinds during those hunts, an individual shall possess a Disabled Veteran Sportsman license, a Totally Disabled Sportsman license, or a disabled sportsman hunt certification issued by the Commission. In order to qualify for the certification, the applicant shall provide medical certification of one or more of the following disabilities:

- (1) missing 50 percent or more of one or more limbs, whether by amputation or natural causes;
- (2) paralysis of one or more limbs;
- (3) dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the person unable to perform the task of grasping and lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;
- (4) disease, injury, or defect confining the person to a wheelchair, walker, or crutches; or
- (5) deafness.

On game lands where the privileges described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule apply, participants in the program may operate electric wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles, or other passenger vehicles:

- (1) on ungated or open-gated roads normally closed to vehicular traffic; and
- (2) on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel.

Each program participant may be accompanied by one companion provided such companion has in his possession the companion card issued by the Commission. Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and their companions may access special hunting blinds for people with disabilities during regularly scheduled, non-permit hunting days on a first come basis, except for those blinds located on the Restricted Area of Caswell Game Land.

(l) Release of Animals and Fish. It is unlawful to release pen-raised animals or birds, wild animals or birds, domesticated animals, except hunting dogs and raptors where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes, or feral animals, or hatchery-raised fish on game lands without prior written authorization. It is unlawful to move wild fish from one stream to another on game lands without prior written authorization. Written authorization shall be given when release of such animals is determined by a Wildlife Resources Commission biologist not to be harmful to native wildlife in the area and such releases are in the public interest or advance the programs and goals of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(m) Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway use on Game Lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from the previous sentence but shall comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 126) may use wheelchairs or other mobility devices designed for indoor pedestrian use on any area where foot travel is allowed.

(n) Disabled Access Program. Permits issued under this program shall be based upon medical evidence submitted by the person verifying that a handicap exists that limits physical mobility to the extent that normal utilization of the game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance. Persons meeting this requirement may operate electric wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose owners have agreed to such use. Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated online, at www.ncwildlife.org. This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted for wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each qualified disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is at all times in visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in all lawful activities while assisting a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. Any vehicle used by a qualified disabled person for access to game lands under this provision shall display the vehicular access permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission in the passenger area of the vehicle where it can easily be seen by Commission staff outside the vehicle. It is unlawful for anyone other than disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule and those holding a Disabled Access Permit to hunt, during waterfowl season, within 100 yards of a waterfowl blind designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a Disabled Sportsman's hunting blind.

(o) Public nudity. Public nudity, including nude sunbathing, is prohibited on any game land, including land or water. For the purposes of this Section, "public nudity" means a person's intentional failure to cover with a fully opaque covering the person's genitals, pubic area, anal area, or female breasts below a point from the top of the areola while in a public place.

(p) Shooting Ranges. On public shooting ranges managed by the Commission, no person shall use designated shooting ranges for any purpose other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting skills, or for other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. All other uses, including camping, building fires, operating concessions or other activities not directly involved with recreational or competitive shooting are prohibited, except for activities that have been approved by the Commission and for which a permit has been issued may be conducted, provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers at the time the activity is taking place. No person, when using any shooting range, shall deposit any debris or refuse on the grounds of the range. This includes any items used as targets, except that clay targets broken on the range, by the shooter, may be left on the grounds where they fall. No person shall shoot any items made of glass on the grounds of the range. No person may leave any vehicle or other obstruction in such a location or position that it will prevent, impede, or inconvenience the use by other persons of any shooting range. No person shall leave parked any vehicle or other object at any place on the shooting range other than such a place or zone as is designated as an authorized parking zone and posted or marked as such. No person shall handle any firearms or bow and arrow on a shooting range in a careless or reckless manner. No person shall intentionally shoot into any target holder, post, or other permanent fixture or structure while using a shooting range. No person shall shoot a firearm in a manner that would cause any rifled or smoothbore projectiles to travel off of the range, except that shotgun shot, size No. 4 or smaller may be allowed to travel from the range if it presents no risk of harm or injury to any person(s). Persons using a shooting range shall obey posted range safety rules and those persons who violate range safety rules or create a public safety hazard shall leave the shooting range if directed to by law enforcement officers or to leave by Commission employees. No person shall handle any firearms on a shooting range while under the influence of an impairing substance. The consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on a shooting range is prohibited. Open days and hours of operation shall be designated on signs and at least one such sign shall be posted at the entrance to each shooting range. No person, when using any shooting range, shall do any act that is prohibited or neglect to do any act that is required by signs or markings placed on such area under authority of this Rule for the purpose of regulating the use of the area.

(q) Limited-access Roads. During the months of June, July, and August, roads posted as "Limited-access Roads" are open to motorized vehicles from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. only. These roads shall be posted with the opening and closing times.

(r) No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that has been so mutilated.

(s) Baiting. Except as provided in paragraph (g) of this Rule, no person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior written authorization from an agent of the Commission. Written authorization may be provided for Commission authorized projects or Commission contractors to meet specific objectives. Except as authorized by rule, no person shall take or attempt to take any wild birds or wild animals attracted to such foods.

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15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING HUNTING ON GAME LANDS

(a) Safety Requirements. No person while hunting on any designated game land shall be under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drug, or fail to comply with restrictions enacted by the National Park Service regarding the use of the Blue Ridge Parkway where it adjoins game lands listed in this Rule.

(b) Traffic Requirements. No person shall park a vehicle on game lands in such a manner as to block traffic or gates, or otherwise prevent vehicles from using any roadway.

(c) Tree Stands. It is unlawful to erect or to occupy, for the purpose of hunting, any tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts, or wire to a tree on any game land designated herein. This prohibition does not apply to lag-screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal remaining in or attached to the tree.

(d) Time and Manner of Taking. Hunting is allowed on game lands only during the open season for game animals and game birds, unless hunting is allowed by permit. Individual game lands or parts thereof may be closed to hunting or limited to specific dates by this Chapter. Persons shall hunt only with weapons lawful for the open game animal or game bird seasons.

- (1) On managed waterfowl impoundments, persons shall:
 - (A) not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates;
 - (B) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates;
 - (C) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;
 - (D) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and
 - (E) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.
- (2) On Sundays, the following shall be prohibited:
 - (A) hunting with a firearm between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM;
 - (B) the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;
 - (C) hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-54.1(b), or any accessory structure thereof, and
 - (D) hunting migratory game birds.

On designated youth waterfowl days, youths may hunt on managed waterfowl impoundments from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. On designated veterans and military waterfowl days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-only areas from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Restrictions (1)(A), (1)(C), and (1)(E) in this Paragraph shall apply. On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the portion of the impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone."

(e) Definitions:

- (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed under each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.
- (3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game may be taken on the open days of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during the open seasons. Falconry may also be practiced on Sundays.
- (4) For purposes of this Section, "Seven Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game may be taken during the open season on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- (5) For purposes of this Section, "Four Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. on Fridays, and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.

(f) Hunting with Dogs on Game Lands. Deer shall not be taken with the use of dogs on game lands in counties or parts of counties where taking deer with dogs is prohibited as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

(g) The listed seasons and restrictions apply in the following game lands:

- ~~(1) Yadkin River Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties~~
 - ~~(A) Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter in that portion in Montgomery county, and deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.~~
 - ~~(C) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.~~
- (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County
 - (A) Seven Day per Week Area

- ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
~~(C) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday first of the December Bear Season.~~
- (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties
 (A) Seven Days per Week Area
 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin, and Washington counties
 (A) Seven Days per Week Area
 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- ~~(5)~~(1) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County
 (A) Six Days per Week Area
 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 (C) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(6)~~(2) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County
 (A) Three Days per Week Area
 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 (C) Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
 (D) On the Singletary Lake Tract, the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.
 (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
 (G) The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes shall be prohibited from February 15 through August 1.
- ~~(7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County~~
 (A) Seven Days per Week Area
 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
 (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(8)~~(3) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- ~~(9) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.~~
 (A) Three Days per Week Area
 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 (C) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season.
 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (10) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
 (A) Seven Days per Week Area
 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.
 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (11) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County
 (A) Four Days per Week Area
 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- ~~(12)~~(4) Butner Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties
 (A) Six Days per Week Area
 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 (iii) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November 1.

- (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
 - (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
 - (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
 - (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.
 - (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14.
 - (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
 - (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping area.
- (13)(5) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
 - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (14) ~~Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County~~
- ~~(A) Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - ~~(C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.~~
 - ~~(D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road, and south of NC 210 to the Black River.~~
 - ~~(E) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
 - ~~(F) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (15) ~~Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County~~
- ~~(A) Six Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - ~~(C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
 - ~~(D) Bear hunting on the Salters Creek Tract is by permit only.~~
 - ~~(E) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (16) ~~R. Wayne Bailey Caswell Game Land in Caswell County~~
- ~~(A) Three Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.~~
 - ~~(C) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only, September 1 through May 15. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.~~
 - ~~(D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit only for all quail and woodcock hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.~~
 - ~~(E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after November 1.~~
 - ~~(F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.~~
 - ~~(G) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey Caswell Shooting Range.~~
- (17) ~~Chatham Game Land in Chatham County~~
- ~~(A) Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - ~~(C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
 - ~~(D) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15.~~
 - ~~(E) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (18) ~~Chowan Game Land in Chowan County~~
- ~~(A) Six Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - ~~(C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (19) ~~Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates, and Hertford counties.~~
- ~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~

- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (C) ~~Bear hunting is restricted to the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November bear season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December bear season except that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County bear season.~~
- (D) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.~~
- (E) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.~~
- (F) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (20) ~~Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County~~
 - (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
 - (C) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (21) ~~Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.~~
 - (A) ~~Four Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Deer hunting on the Campbell Tract shall be by permit only.~~
- (22) ~~Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties~~
 - (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
 - (i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
 - (ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~
 - (iii) ~~Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~~~
 - (D) ~~Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.~~
 - (E) ~~Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.~~
 - (F) ~~Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (23) ~~Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County~~
 - (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by permit only from November 1 through the end of all waterfowl seasons.~~
 - (C) ~~Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do not use a firearm.~~
 - (D) ~~The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.~~
 - (E) ~~Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of their hunt.~~
 - (F) ~~No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.~~
 - (G) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.~~
 - (H) ~~Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (24)(6) ~~Dan River Game Land in Rockingham County~~
 - (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer hunting is by permit only.~~
 - (C) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
 - (D) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.~~
 - (E) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (25) ~~Dare Game Land in Dare and Hyde counties~~
 - (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.~~
 - (D) ~~The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.~~
- (26)(7) ~~Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.~~
- (27) ~~DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties~~
 - (A) ~~Hunting is by permit only.~~
 - (B) ~~The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders during scheduled permit hunts.~~

- (28) ~~Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County~~
(A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
(B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.~~
- (29) ~~Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties~~
(A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
(B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
(C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
(D) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (30) ~~Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties~~
(A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
(B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
(C) ~~Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:~~
(i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
(ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~
(iii) ~~Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
(D) ~~Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek, and Hobucken.~~
(E) ~~On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting only Zone during the period November 1 through March 15.~~
(F) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.~~
(G) ~~Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.~~
(H) ~~Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on the Beaufort County portion north of NC 33 except for that portion east of Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.~~
(I) ~~Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (31) ~~Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties~~
(A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
(B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
(C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
- (32)(8) ~~Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County~~
(A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
(B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
(C) ~~On that portion north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road, hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
(D) ~~Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on that portion of the game land that is north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road.~~
- (33) ~~Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County~~
(A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
(B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
(C) ~~Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:~~
(i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and~~
(ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~
(iii) ~~Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.~~
(D) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.~~
(E) ~~Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season, except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.~~
- (34) ~~Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties~~
(A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
(B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
(C) ~~Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:~~
(i) ~~Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
(ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and~~
(iii) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
(D) ~~The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.~~

- ~~(E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.~~
- ~~(F) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- ~~(G) Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
- (35)(9) Headwaters State Forest Game Land in Transylvania County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season
- ~~(36)(10) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
- (37)(11) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
 - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
 - (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and bear hunting are permit only.
 - (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:
 - (i) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and
 - (ii) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting is by permit only.
 - (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
 - (H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
 - (I) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.
 - (J) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- ~~(38) Hyeo Game land in Person County~~
 - ~~(A) Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - ~~(C) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- ~~(39)(12) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
- (40) Johns River Game Land in Burke County
 - (A) Hunting is by permit only.
 - (B) During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.
 - (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31, except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the permits.
 - (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
 - (E) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas is limited to August 31 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (41) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
 - (i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
 - (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed only on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older [must] shall obtain a Game Lands license prior to engaging in horseback riding on any area other than the American Tobacco Trail.
 - (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
 - (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
 - (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (42) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties

- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.~~
 - (D) ~~Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (43)(13) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
 - (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
 - (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
 - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.
 - (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
 - (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- (44)(14) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
 - (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- (45) ~~Lee Game Land in Lee County~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (46) ~~Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (47) ~~Linwood Game Land in Davidson County~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (48) ~~Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
 - (D) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
 - (F) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (49) ~~Mayo Game Land in Person County~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Waterfowl shall be taken only on:~~
 - (i) ~~Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
 - (ii) ~~Christmas and New Year's Days; and~~
 - (iii) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
 - (D) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (50) ~~Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County~~
- (A) ~~Four Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Tuesday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
- (51) ~~Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.~~
- (52) ~~Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
 - (C) ~~On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.~~
- (53)(15) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County

- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Camping is allowed any time within 100 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the game land that lies west of NC-43.
- (54) ~~New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (55) ~~Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County~~
- (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.~~
 - (C) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter.~~
 - (D) ~~The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.~~
 - (E) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (F) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
 - (G) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
 - (H) ~~On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:~~
 - (i) ~~Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and~~
 - (ii) ~~Swimming.~~
 - (I) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (56) ~~North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.~~
 - (D) ~~Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.~~
 - (E) ~~Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (57) ~~Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.~~
 - (D) ~~Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (58) ~~Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North of US 74.~~
 - (D) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
 - (E) ~~Horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15 only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.~~
 - (F) ~~Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting shall be prohibited on that portion south of US 74.~~
- (59) ~~Perkins Game Land in Davie County~~
- (A) ~~Four Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Tuesday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.~~
 - (D) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (60) ~~Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).~~
 - (D) ~~The use of bicycles shall be restricted to designated trails on the Linville River Tract (Burke County). Persons engaged in the act of hunting on the Linville River Tract during any open day of an applicable season for game birds or game animals shall be exempt from this restriction.~~
- (61) ~~Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.~~

- ~~(C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August 31 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through May 15.~~
- ~~(62)~~(16) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- ~~(63)~~(17) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
 - (C) Bear hunting is prohibited.
- ~~(64)~~(18) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
 - (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- ~~(65)~~(19) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties
- (A) Hunting and trapping is by Permit only.
 - (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business or by permit holders.
 - (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however, that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the game land.
 - (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(66)~~(20) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
- ~~(67) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County~~
- ~~(A) Four Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - ~~(C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- ~~(68)~~(21) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
 - (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter.
 - (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
 - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
 - (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
 - (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(69)~~(22) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.
- ~~(70) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County~~
- ~~(A) Four Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - ~~(C) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
 - ~~(D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- ~~(71) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties~~
- ~~(A) Three Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22 through March 31 except as follows:~~
 - ~~(i) deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the blackpowder firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be taken with all legal weapons from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;~~
 - ~~(ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through the third Saturday thereafter;~~
 - ~~(iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;~~
 - ~~(iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;~~
 - ~~(v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;~~
 - ~~(vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit Hunt; and~~
 - ~~(vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.~~

- (C) ~~The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.~~
- (D) ~~The archery season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the archery season, by permit during the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.~~
- (E) ~~Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season and by permit during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.~~
- (F) ~~Either sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.~~
- (G) ~~In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
- (H) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
- (I) ~~Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited unless participating in authorized field trials. Horseback riding is allowed on the remainder of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week on roads that are open to vehicular traffic and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.~~
- (J) ~~Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.~~
- (K) ~~Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.~~
- (72) ~~Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin counties~~
 - (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
 - (D) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
 - (E) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (73)(23) ~~Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.~~
 - (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers season.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
 - (D) ~~Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f).~~
 - (E) ~~Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove season.~~
 - (F) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (74)(24) ~~Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.~~
- (75) ~~Shoeco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren counties~~
 - (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
 - (D) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.~~
 - (E) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (76) ~~South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties~~
 - (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (D) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:~~
 - (i) ~~January 2 through March 31;~~
 - (ii) ~~May 16 through August 31;~~
 - (iii) ~~Sundays only—April 1 through May 15; and~~

- (iv) ~~Sundays only—September 1 through January 1.~~
- (77) ~~Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (C) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.~~
- (D) ~~Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.~~
- (E) ~~Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:~~
- (i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
- (ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~
- (iii) ~~Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
- (F) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (G) ~~Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.~~
- (78)(25) ~~Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties~~
- (A) ~~Hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
- (B) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.~~
- (C) ~~Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:~~
- (i) ~~hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and~~
- (ii) ~~persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.~~
- (D) ~~During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).~~
- (E) ~~During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).~~
- (79) ~~Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.~~
- (C) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (D) ~~Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (80)(26) ~~Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County~~
- (A) ~~Hunting is by permit only~~
- (B) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited~~
- (81)(27) ~~Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
- (82) ~~Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.~~
- (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
- (83) ~~Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
- (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.~~
- (D) ~~The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.~~
- (84) ~~Tillery Game Land in Halifax County~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
- (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
- (D) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
- (E) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
- (F) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (85) ~~Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties~~
- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
- (86) ~~Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties~~

- (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
- (C) ~~On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:~~
 - (i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
 - (ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~
 - (iii) ~~Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
- (D) ~~Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.~~
- (87)(28) Vance Game Land in Vance County
 - (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- (88) ~~Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season.~~
- (89)(29) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County
 - (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
 - (B) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (90)(30) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County
 - (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
 - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
 - (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
 - (i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d);
 - (ii) hunting is by permit only; and
 - (iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
 - (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (G) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (91)(31) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen and Pender counties
 - (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
 - (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
 - (C) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on the Long Ridge Tract.
- (92) ~~William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County~~
 - (A) ~~Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.~~

(h) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperater agent or by phone.

(i) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:

- (1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;
- (2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;
- (3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;
- (4) ~~Burke County—John's River Waterfowl Refuge;~~
- (5) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);
- (6) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and
- (7) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

(j) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the Commission. Written permission may be granted only when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge will not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.

(k) Feral swine may be taken by licensed hunters during the open season for any game animal or game bird using any legal manner of take allowed during those seasons. Dogs may not be used to hunt feral swine except on game lands that allow the use of dogs for hunting deer or bear, and during the applicable deer or bear season.

(l) Youth Waterfowl Day. On the day declared by the Commission to be Youth Waterfowl Day, youths may hunt on any game land and on any impoundment without a special hunt permit, including permit-only areas, except where prohibited in Paragraph (h) of this Rule.

(m) Veterans and Military Waterfowl Days. On the day declared by the Commission to be Veterans and Military Waterfowl Days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-only areas.

(n) Permit Hunt Opportunities for Disabled Sportsmen. The Commission may designate special hunts for participants of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during the closed season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on each permit. If the hunt has a limited weapon choice, the allowed weapons shall be stated on each permit.

(o) As used in this Rule, horseback riding includes all equine species.

(p) When waterfowl hunting is authorized in this Rule on Christmas and New Years' Day and those days fall on Sundays, the open waterfowl hunting day shall be the following day.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;

Eff. February 1, 1976;

Temporary Amendment Eff. October 3, 1991;

Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; September 1, 1994; July 1, 1994;

Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1999; July 1, 1999;

Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;

Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;

Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);

Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;

Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);

Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; January 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; October 1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May 1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; October 1, 2004;

Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2018;

Amended Eff. August 1, 2022; August 1, 2020; August 1, 2019;

Temporary Amendment Eff. September 25, 2021.

15A NCAC 10D .0106 BEAR SANCTUARIES

(a) It shall be unlawful to take bear on posted bear sanctuaries as set forth in Paragraph (b) of this rule, except when authorized by permit issued by the Commission on sanctuaries specified in Paragraph (c) of this Rule.

(b) The following shall be posted bear sanctuaries:

- Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary – Bertie and Washington counties
- Columbus County bear sanctuary – Brunswick and Columbus counties
- Croatan bear sanctuary – Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
- Daniel Boone bear sanctuary – Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties
- Dare bear sanctuary – Dare and Hyde counties,
- Fires Creek bear sanctuary – Clay County
- Flat Top bear sanctuary – Mitchell and Yancey counties
- Green Swamp bear sanctuary – Brunswick County
- Gull Rock bear sanctuary – Hyde County
- Harmon Den bear sanctuary – Haywood County
- Juniper Creek bear sanctuary – Brunswick and Columbus counties
- Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary – McDowell and Yancey counties
- North River bear sanctuary – Camden and Currituck counties
- Panther town – Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary – Jackson County
- Pisgah Bear Sanctuary – Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania
- Pungo River bear sanctuary – Hyde County
- Rich Mountain bear sanctuary – Madison County
- Sherwood bear sanctuary – Haywood County
- Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary – Bladen and Cumberland counties
- Standing Indian bear sanctuary – Macon County
- Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary – Allegheny and Wilkes counties
- Wayah bear sanctuary – Macon County

(c) It shall be lawful to take bear on the following sanctuaries when authorized by permit issued by the Commission:

- Daniel Boone bear sanctuary – Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties
- Dare bear sanctuary – Dare and Hyde counties
- Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary – McDowell and Yancey counties
- Panther town – Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary – Jackson County

Pisgah Bear Sanctuary – Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania
Standing Indian bear sanctuary – Macon County

(d) Feral Swine shall not be taken with the use of dogs on bear sanctuaries.

(e) Dogs shall not be trained or allowed to run unleashed between March 1 and the Monday on or nearest October 15 on bear sanctuaries located in and west of the counties and parts of counties described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2019;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2022.

SECTION .0200 – USE OF GAMELANDS

15A NCAC 10D .0209 BUFFALO COVE GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the Sunday immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule and the Sunday immediately following the closing of Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule through the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Sunday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.

(c) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(d) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

(e) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0226 DUPONT STATE FOREST GAME LANDS IN HENDERSON AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES

(a) Hunting is by permit only.

(b) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders during scheduled permit hunts.

(c) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0229 GOOSE CREEK GAME LAND IN BEAUFORT AND PAMLICO COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:

(1) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;

(2) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and

(3) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

(d) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek, and Hobucken.

(e) On Spring Lake, Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1 through March 15.

(f) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

(g) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.

(h) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on the Beaufort County portion north of NC 33 except for that portion east of Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.

(i) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0230 GREEN RIVER GAME LAND IN HENDERSON AND POLK COUNTIES

(a) Six Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- (c) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (d) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0239 JOHNS RIVER GAME LAND IN BURKE COUNTY

- (a) Hunting is by permit only.
- (b) During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.
- (c) The construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- (d) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas is limited to August 31 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (e) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0240 JORDAN GAME LAND IN CHATHAM, DURHAM, ORANGE, AND WAKE COUNTIES

- (a) Six Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (c) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
 - (1) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (2) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
 - (3) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (d) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed only on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older shall obtain license prior to engaging in horseback riding on any area other than the American Tobacco Trail.
- (e) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (f) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- (g) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (h) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0243 KINGS CREEK GAME LAND IN CALDWELL AND WILKES COUNTIES

- (a) Six Days per Week Area
- (b) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.
- (c) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0260 PISGAH GAME LAND IN AVERY, BUNCOMBE, BURKE, CALDWELL, HAYWOOD, HENDERSON, MADISON, MCDOWELL, MITCHELL, TRANSYLVANIA, WATAUGA, AND YANCEY COUNTIES

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (c) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- (d) The use of bicycles shall be restricted to designated trails on the Linville River Tract (Burke County). Persons engaged in the act of hunting on the Linville River Tract during any open day of an applicable season for game birds or game animals shall be exempt from this restriction.
- (e) Alcohol and fires are prohibited in the Wilson Creek portion of Pisgah Game Land (Caldwell County)
- (f) Target shooting is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the Sunday immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule and the Sunday immediately following the closing of Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule through the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Sunday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.

(c) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(d) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:

- (1) January 2 through March 31;
- (2) May 16 through August 31;
- (3) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and
- (4) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.

(e) Target shooting is prohibited.

(f) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

(g) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any posted and designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

SUBCHAPTER 10E - FISHING AND BOATING ACCESS AREAS

15A NCAC 10E .0104 USE OF AREAS REGULATED

(a) No person shall leave any vehicle, boat trailer or other obstruction on any public fishing or boating access area in such a location, position or condition that prevents or impedes the use by other persons of any ramp or other facility constructed for the purpose of launching or landing boats or fishing.

(b) No person shall park a vehicle, boat, boat trailer, or other object at a public fishing or boating access area unless parking in a designated parking zone. Public fishing or boating access areas and facilities remain available for use when designated parking zones are at capacity. When designated parking zones are at capacity, any person may enter and use the areas or facilities, provided other arrangements for parking are made that do not violate this Rule or the regulations of this Subchapter, if applicable. No person shall operate a vehicle at a public fishing or boating access area in a manner that endangers life, limb, or property.

(c) No person shall possess a loaded firearm on any public fishing or boating access area, except that a handgun may be carried by an individual with a valid concealed handgun permit. The individual carrying a handgun must adhere to the requirements set forth in North Carolina G.S. 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. The permission to carry a handgun does not apply to access areas on the following game lands:

- (1) Bladen Lakes State Forest
- (2) Buckhorn
- (3) Butner-Falls of Neuse
- (4) Chatham
- (5) DuPont State Forest
- (6) Harris
- (7) Hyco
- (8) Jordan
- (9) Kerr Scott
- (10) Lee
- (11) Mayo
- (12) Pee Dee River north of U.S 74
- (13) Sutton Lake
- (14) Vance
- (15) the portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell that is located north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119

(d) No person, when using any public fishing or boating access area, shall deposit debris or refuse anywhere on the grounds of the area. No person, when using any public fishing or boating access area, shall do any act that is prohibited or neglect to do any act that is required by signs or markings placed on such area under authority of this Rule for the purpose of regulating the use of the area.

(e) No person shall operate a motorboat in the public waters of North Carolina within 50 yards of a Commission-owned or managed boat launching ramp at greater than "no wake" speed. For the purpose of this Rule, "no wake" speed means idling speed or a slow speed creating no appreciable wake.

(f) Except where facilities are ~~provided, provided or permits are issued,~~ it is unlawful to use any boating access area for purposes other than the launching and retrieving of vessels boats and parking vehicles ~~and boat with vessel~~ trailers. All other uses, including swimming, skiing, camping, building fires, operating concessions or other activities not directly involved with launching and retrieving of vessels boats are prohibited, except those activities activities, including fish weigh ins, for which the Commission has issued a permit permit. ~~has been issued may be conducted, provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers at the time the activity is taking place.~~ All organized activities and events require a permit from the Commission and can be applied for at www.ncwildlife.org. Permits shall be available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers at the time the activity is taking place.

(g) ~~Unless otherwise Except where facilities are provided and approved uses are posted,~~ it is unlawful to use any public fishing area for purposes other than fishing. ~~All prohibited uses and activities shall be posted including possession of loaded firearms (except as allowed in Paragraph (b) of this Rule), swimming, launching or mooring jet skis or boats, skiing, building fires, operating concessions, or other activities not directly associated with fishing.~~

(h) It is unlawful to feed or release animals or birds, domesticated animals and feral animals on public fishing or boating access areas without prior written authorization of the Wildlife Resources Commission. Written authorization will only be granted to persons acting on behalf of the Commission, to persons conducting scientific investigations or surveys, and for release of rehabilitated wildlife. Written authorization will not be granted for any feeding or release that is inimical to the conservation of native wildlife resources. For the purpose of enforcing this Paragraph, "domesticated animals" does not include pets under the control of the owner and raptors or hunting dogs where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes.

(i) The use of gasoline powered motors on Ethridge Pond Public Fishing Area and Newbold Pond Public Fishing Area in Edgecombe County is prohibited.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-14; 113-134; 113-264;
Eff. February 1, 1976;*

Amended Eff. August 1, 2022; August 1, 2019; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; July 1, 1995; February 1, 1994; September 1, 1992; July 1, 1991.

SUBCHAPTER 10H – REGULATED ACTIVITIES

SECTION .1300 – REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

15A NCAC 10H .1301 ~~COMMERCIAL TAKE OF CERTAIN TURTLES PROHIBITED SALE OF NATIVE TURTLES~~

~~(a) For the purposes of this Rule, "commercial taking" means the taking, possession, collection, transportation, purchase, or sale of five or more individual turtles or any turtle part, per person in a calendar year.~~

~~(a) Buying or selling any native turtle species is prohibited except for snapping turtles (Chelydra serpentina) with a curved carapace length of 13 inches or greater as authorized by 15A NCAC 10B .0119.~~

~~(b) It shall be unlawful to engage in the commercial taking of any native turtle species in the families Emydidae or Trionychidae.~~

~~(c) The prohibition on commercial taking in this Rule shall not apply to the following:~~

- ~~(1) A licensed veterinarian when holding for purposes of medical treatment;~~
- ~~(2) A holder of a valid captivity permit for the purposes of rehabilitation;~~
- ~~(3) A publicly financed zoo, scientific research facility or institution of higher education, or any State or federal agency;~~
- ~~(4) Any person who accidentally collects five or more turtles incidental to any lawful activity, and who immediately returns them to the wild; or~~
- ~~(5) Property owners who legally apply for and receive depredation permits from the Wildlife Resources Commission, or one of its Wildlife Damage Control Agents.~~

~~(d) No native turtle shall be sold, except:~~

- ~~(1) as authorized by 10A NCAC 41A .0302; and~~
- ~~(2) snapping turtles (Chelydra serpentina) with a curved carapace length of 11 inches or greater.~~

~~(e)(b) Violators shall be subject to a replacement cost per individual turtle that shall equal the replacement cost for "species with no open season" as set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0117(c).~~

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-333(a)(6);
Eff. May 1, 2007;*

*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December 6, 2016;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2022; November 1, 2019.*

15A NCAC 10H .1302 POSSESSION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

(a) Possession permits are required for the possession, importation, transportation, purchase, and sale per physical address of:

- (1) 25 or more individuals of any combination of native amphibian species; or
- (2) five or more individuals of native reptile species.

~~(b) Possession permits shall not be required for the possession, importation, transportation, purchase, and sale of:~~

- ~~(1) 24 or fewer individuals of any combination of native amphibian species; or~~
- ~~(2) four or fewer individuals of native reptile species.~~

(b) Possession permits are required for the rehabilitation of native reptiles and amphibians.

(c) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to authorize the collection of any wildlife resources from the wild or the taking, possession, transportation, sale, purchase, or release to the wild of any wildlife resources or their parts in violation of State or federal laws or regulations.

(d) At no time shall permitted animals be released to the wild, except under situations of research or rehabilitation with written permission from the Wildlife Resources Commission.

~~(e) The sale of native turtles shall be unlawful, except as authorized by 10A NCAC 41A .0302 and snapping turtles (Chelydra serpentina) with a curved carapace length of 11 or greater.~~

~~(f)~~(e) A possession permit shall not be issued for:

- (1) holding reptiles and amphibians that were acquired unlawfully;
- (2) holding reptiles and amphibians for unlawful sale or trade;
- (3) ~~selling snapping turtles (Chelydra serpentina) less than 11 inches (curved carapace length);~~ individuals collecting snapping turtles under the collection license set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0119;
- (4) ~~collecting five or more individual native turtles from the families Emydidae or Trionychidae from the wild in a given year, except those entities exempted from collection in Rule .1301(c) of this Section;~~ collection of native reptiles and amphibians from the wild;
- (5) ~~collecting five or more individuals in aggregate from other native reptile families or 25 or more individual amphibians from the wild in a given year without first having secured a valid Collection License;~~
- ~~(6)~~(5) individuals in violation of the requirements of a collection license, as set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0119, an endangered species permit, as set forth in 15A NCAC 10I .0100, or a possession permit as set forth in this Section; or
- ~~(7)~~(6) individuals who do not first obtain possession permits prior to acquiring the following wildlife resources in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

~~(g)~~(f) The Unless a more limited duration is designated on the permit permit, possession permits shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of the applicable year.

~~(h)~~(g) Individuals permitted under this Rule shall submit a report to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 15 days following the date of permit expiration. The report shall contain the numbers of each species held under the permit and the use or disposition thereof.

(h) Any individual engaged in the purchased transportation and sale of more than 100 snapping turtles is required to have a possession permit. Permitted individuals shall submit the numbers of snapping turtles taken under the permit and the use or disposition thereof to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 15 days of permit expiration.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-274(c)(1c);

Eff. May 1, 2007;

Amended Eff. May 1, 2009;

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December 6, 2016;

Amended Eff. August 1, 2022; November 1, 2019; August 1, 2017.

SECTION .1400 – WILDLIFE CAPTIVITY AND REHABILITATION

15A NCAC 10H .1402 CAPTIVITY LICENSE FOR REHABILITATION

(a) A captivity license for rehabilitation shall be required for lawful possession of injured, crippled, or orphaned native wild animals or wild birds for the purpose of providing short term care and eventual release into the animal's natural habitat. A captivity license for rehabilitation shall not be issued for:

- (1) Endangered, threatened, or special concern species as defined by 15A NCAC 10I .0100. Rehabilitation of these species requires an endangered species permit from the Commission;
- (2) Domestic animals;
- (3) Feral swine;
- (4) Nutria;
- (5) Coyote;
- (6) Adult black bear; ~~or~~
- (7) Adult white-tailed deer or ~~elk~~ elk;
- (8) Nine-banded armadillo; or
- (9) Eggs of upland game birds.

(b) A captivity license for rehabilitation shall not be issued for the purpose of holding wild animals or wild birds:

- (1) As pets;
- (2) For education, exhibition, or scientific purposes, except as provided in Rule .1403 of this Section;
- (3) For dog training;
- (4) For hunting; or
- (5) Acquired unlawfully.

(c) Individuals who do not possess a captivity license for rehabilitation may take temporary possession of injured, crippled, or orphaned wild animals or wild birds, provided they are surrendered to a North Carolina licensed veterinarian or an individual licensed under this Rule within 24 hours of taking possession of such animals.

(d) North Carolina licensed veterinarians providing medical care to sick, injured, or crippled wild animals or wild birds are not required to have a license for rehabilitation from the Commission. North Carolina licensed veterinarians without a captivity license for rehabilitation may hold wild animals or wild birds until the animal is medically stable. Once medically stable, the wild animal or wild bird shall be transferred to an individual possessing a captivity license for rehabilitation with the appropriate category for the given species. Licensed veterinarians rehabilitating wild animals or wild birds shall have a valid captivity license for rehabilitation.

(e) Individuals applying for a captivity license for rehabilitation that have never held this license in North Carolina or a similar license in another state shall be designated as an apprentice. The following requirements shall apply to an apprentice license:

- (1) On the application, the apprentice shall designate a mentor with a valid captivity license for rehabilitation in NC, who has held that license for two or more years;
- (2) An apprentice shall complete at least 12 months of supervised rehabilitation activities under a licensed rehabilitator; and
- (3) An apprentice license shall only authorize the possession of squirrels, rabbits, and opossums.

(f) Individuals applying for a captivity license for rehabilitation shall meet statutory and regulatory requirements, including those in G.S. 113-272.5 and all applicable rules of this Section. Individuals seeking to rehabilitate migratory birds shall provide proof of a valid and concurrent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Migratory Bird Rehabilitation permit for each category of migratory birds to be rehabilitated. The Commission shall state on the captivity license for rehabilitation the categories of wild animals and wild birds that the individual is licensed to possess.

(g) Required facilities.

- (1) Individuals holding a captivity license for rehabilitation shall conduct their rehabilitation activities at the facility designated on their license that meets the minimum standards set forth in the "Miller, E.A., edition. 2000. Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation, 3rd edition. National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, St. Cloud, MN. 116 pages. ISBN 1-931439-00-1." This publication is hereby incorporated by reference, excluding subsequent amendments and editions, and is available at no cost at http://www.nwrawildlife.org/page/Minimum_Standards.
- (2) All wild animals and wild birds undergoing rehabilitation shall be separated from pets, domestic animals, livestock, and non-native animals.
- (3) All wild animals shall be kept in separate enclosures by species.
- (4) Rehabilitation in a residence shall have designated, separate rooms used only for housing, treatment, and rehabilitation.
- (5) Handling of animals shall be for treatment only.

(h) Wild animals or wild birds showing symptoms of or believed to be infected with a zoonotic disease shall be euthanized or treated prior to release, based upon advice from a North Carolina licensed veterinarian.

(i) Release of rehabilitated wild animals and wild birds.

- (1) All rehabilitated wild animals and wild birds shall be released as soon as the animal can be expected to survive in the wild or has attained full recovery from illness or injury, as determined by the rehabilitator or a North Carolina licensed veterinarian.
- (2) Wild animals and wild birds may remain in a rehabilitation facility for no longer than 180 days. If a longer rehabilitation period is needed, the license holder shall notify the Commission in writing. The Commission shall consider extended rehabilitation on a case-by-case basis by evaluation, which may include the nature of the animal's condition and recommended treatment plan.
- (3) Wild animals and wild birds shall not be released on property owned by another unless the rehabilitator has written permission dated within the last 12 months from the landowner.
- (4) Wild animals or wild birds that are unfit shall be non-releasable and humanely euthanized.

However, the Commission shall consider transfer of wild animals and wild birds on a case-by-case basis when written authorization is requested from the Commission. The wild animal or wild bird shall only be transferred to an individual or facility with a captivity license for holding as set forth in Rule .1403 of this Section when written authorization is obtained from the Commission.

(j) Transfer of Animals.

- (1) Wild animals originating outside the State shall not be accepted for the purpose of rehabilitation unless written authorization is obtained from the Commission.
- (2) Wild animals received for rehabilitation may not be exported outside the State for the purpose of rehabilitation or release after rehabilitation unless written authorization is obtained from both the Commission and the state where the wild animal will be exported to or released from.
- (3) It shall be unlawful for a license holder to sell any wild animal or wild bird being held under a license for rehabilitation.
- (4) It shall be lawful for a license holder to transfer a wild animal or wild bird to another individual who possesses a valid captivity license for rehabilitation with the appropriate category for the given species or a wild bird to another individual with a valid permit for the given species.

(k) White-tailed Deer Fawn.

- (1) Only individuals holding a captivity license for rehabilitation with the white-tailed deer fawn category may possess, rehabilitate, and release white-tailed deer fawns. To become licensed to rehabilitate white-tailed deer fawns, an individual shall meet all the requirements of the captivity license for rehabilitation.
- (2) No white-tailed deer fawn shall be possessed until the applicant has constructed or acquired an enclosure for keeping fawn that complies with the standards set forth in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, and the facility has been verified by a representative of the Commission.
- (3) Any white-tailed deer fawn held for more than 48 hours shall be permanently tagged using only Commission-provided tags.
- (4) Orphaned white-tailed deer fawns shall be held for no longer than 90 days. Injured white-tailed deer fawns shall be held for no longer than 180 days or until December 31, whichever occurs first. If a longer rehabilitation period is needed, the license holder shall notify the Commission in writing. The Commission shall consider extended rehabilitation on a case-by-case basis. A fawn shall be considered an adult on December 31 of the birth year.
- (5) Records of all white-tail deer fawn rehabilitation shall be maintained on a form, as set forth in Rule .1406 of this Section, and submitted to the Commission within 15 days of expiration of the license or prior to the request for reissuance of the license.

- (6) Any individual or facility with the white-tailed deer category may not rehabilitate white-tailed fawn on properties licensed for farmed cervids.
- (l) Elk Calves.
- (1) Only individuals under a signed cooperative agreement with the Commission to meet conservation objectives shall be authorized to rehabilitate elk calves.
 - (2) Individuals in a cooperative agreement with the Commission shall obtain a captivity license for rehabilitation with the elk calf category. To become licensed to rehabilitate elk calves, an individual shall meet all the requirements of the captivity license for rehabilitation.
 - (3) Any elk calves held for more than 48 hours shall be permanently tagged using only Commission-provided tags.
 - (4) Any individual or facility with the elk calf category may not rehabilitate elk calves on properties licensed for farmed cervids.
 - (5) No elk calf shall be possessed until the applicant has constructed or acquired an enclosure for keeping elk calves that complies with the standards set forth in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, and the facility has been verified by a representative of the Commission.
 - (6) Records of all elk calf rehabilitation shall be maintained on a form, as set forth in Rule .1406 of this Section, and submitted to the Commission within 15 days of expiration of the license or prior to the request for reissuance of the license
- (m) Black Bear Cubs.
- (1) Only individuals under a signed cooperative agreement with the Commission to meet conservation objectives shall be authorized to rehabilitate black bear cubs.
 - (2) Individuals in a cooperative agreement with the Commission shall obtain a captivity license for rehabilitation with the black bear category. To become licensed to rehabilitate black bear cubs, an individual shall meet all the requirements of the captivity license for rehabilitation.
 - (2) No black bear shall be possessed until the applicant has constructed or acquired an enclosure for keeping black bear that complies with the standards set forth in Paragraph (g) of this Rule, and the facility has been verified by a representative of the Commission.
- (n) Rabies Species.
- (1) Only individuals holding a captivity license for rehabilitation with the rabies species category may possess, rehabilitate, or release rabies species. To become licensed to rehabilitate rabies species, an individual shall meet all requirements of the general captivity license for rehabilitation and shall:
 - (A) have held an active rehabilitation license within or outside of the State for at least the previous three years and have rehabilitated during that time;
 - (B) certify 12 hours of rabies or rabies species-specific training or a combination thereof;
 - (C) certify up-to-date rabies immunization in accordance with current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.CDC.gov for any rehabilitator, staff member or volunteer, who may come in contact with rabies species. Proof of immunization to demonstrate that the vaccine was administered shall be provided upon the request of the Commission or authorized representative and shall be kept at the license holder's facility;
 - (D) provide the name and contact information of a North Carolina licensed veterinarian with whom the rehabilitator has consulted and who agrees to provide necessary medical treatment to the rabies species. Contact information for the veterinarian shall be posted at the facility where the rabies species are being rehabilitated;
 - (E) certify notification to the appropriate animal control authority and local health department prior to making application to the Commission, to inform them of their anticipated activities and location. Contact information for these agencies shall be posted at the facility where the rabies species are being rehabilitated.
 - (F) have separate facilities from non-rabies species adequate for the species to be rehabilitated. Enclosures within the facility shall prevent escape of the animal and exposure to people, pets, livestock, and other captive or free-ranging wildlife. Exterior caging shall be locked and surrounded by double fencing or a solid wall barrier; and
 - (G) coordinate with appropriate local health department regarding euthanasia and testing of rabies species. A written protocol for testing shall be posted at the facility and made available for inspection by the Commission upon request.
 - (2) Except for bats, rehabilitation and release of rabies species is not authorized in counties where the United States Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) program is conducted, as specified by the United States Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service at www.aphis.usda.gov.
 - (3) Except as otherwise specified in this Section, rabies species shall not be removed from their containment except for treatment, release, maintenance of the enclosure, or euthanasia.
 - (4) Rehabilitated rabies species must be released in either the county where they were rehabilitated or the county where they were found.
 - (5) All rabies species shall be considered potentially infected with the rabies virus. If any human or domestic animal has been scratched, bitten, or exposed to saliva, the fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord, or brain and spinal cord material from any rabies species, the license holder shall contact the local Health Department immediately to report the incident. The local Health Department may require euthanasia of the animal and submission of the brain for rabies testing. Rehabilitators shall abide by all requests made by authorized public health department personnel, animal

control, or Commission personnel regarding disposition of the animal. No rabies species that has scratched or bitten a human or domestic animal or dies in captivity can be released or disposed of until the local Health Department investigates the situation to determine if testing is necessary.

- (6) Records of all rabies species rehabilitation shall be maintained on a form, as described in Rule .1406 of this Section, and submitted to the Commission within 15 days of expiration of the license or prior to the request for reissuance of the license.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 106-549.97(b); 113-134; 113-272.5; 113-274;
Eff. January 1, 2020;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2022.*

TITLE 15A – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Wildlife Resources Commission intends to adopt the rules cited as 15A NCAC 10D .0201-.0203, .0206, .0208, .0210, .0211, .0213-.0222, .0224, .0227, .0228, .0232, .0233, .0237, .0241, .0245-.0252, .0254-.0259, .0261, .0267, .0270-.0272, .0275, .0277-.0279, .0282-.0286, .0288, .0292, .0293 and amend the rule cited as 15A NCAC 10D .0103.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.ncwildlife.org/Proposed-Regulations>

Proposed Effective Date: August 1, 2022

Public Hearing:

Date: January 13, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asheboro, NC (Southwest Randolph High School, Auditorium) 1641 Hopewell Friends Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205.

Date: January 11, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: New Bern, NC (Courthouse, room 4) 302 Broad St, New Bern, NC.

Date: January 18, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Marion, NC (McDowell Technical College) 54 College Dr., Marion, NC 28752. The auditorium is located in the Cedar Building

Date: January 20, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Register Online at https://ncwildlife-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_xHH2QrJXSJig4fEH0-0qgQ Webinar ID 160 983 2165 US: +1 669 254 5252 or 833 568 8864 (Toll Free)

Reason for Proposed Action: As part of the edits to 10D .0103 during the annual cycle, the Commission is proposing to split out all of the game lands into their own individual rules. This will simplify any changes that need to be made to game lands in the future. These game lands have no changes and are pulled exactly as written from the current 10D .0103 temporary rule.

10D .0103 is under legislative review. The temporary version and the version under review are both included in the annual cycle package. The agency is unsure which version will have to be amended at this time.

Comments may be submitted to: Rulemaking Coordinator, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; email regulations@ncwildlife.org

Comment period ends: January 31, 2022

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission after the adoption of the Rule. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- State funds affected
- Local funds affected
- Substantial economic impact (\geq \$1,000,000)
- Approved by OSBM
- No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 10 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND WATER SAFETY

SUBCHAPTER 10D - GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

SECTION .0100 - GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING HUNTING ON GAME LANDS

(a) Safety Requirements. No person while hunting on any designated game land shall be under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drug, or fail to comply with restrictions enacted by the National Park Service regarding the use of the Blue Ridge Parkway where it adjoins game lands listed in this Rule.

(b) Traffic Requirements. No person shall park a vehicle on game lands in such a manner as to block traffic or gates, or otherwise prevent vehicles from using any roadway.

(c) Tree Stands. It is unlawful to erect or to occupy, for the purpose of hunting, any tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts, or wire to a tree on any game land designated herein. This prohibition does not apply to lag-screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal remaining in or attached to the tree.

(d) Time and Manner of Taking. Hunting is allowed on game lands only during the open season for game animals and game birds, unless hunting is allowed by permit. Individual game lands or parts thereof may be closed to hunting or limited to specific dates by this Chapter. Persons shall hunt only with weapons lawful for the open game animal or game bird seasons. ~~On managed waterfowl impoundments, persons shall:~~

~~(1) not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates;~~

~~(2) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates;~~

~~(3) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;~~

~~(4) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and~~

~~(5) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.~~

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(B) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates;

(C) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;

(D) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and

(E) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

(2) On Sundays, the following shall be prohibited:

(A) hunting with a firearm between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

(B) the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;

(C) hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-54.1(b), or any accessory structure thereof, and

(D) hunting migratory game birds.

On designated youth waterfowl days, youths may hunt on managed waterfowl impoundments from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. On designated veterans and military waterfowl days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-only areas from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Restrictions ~~(1), (1)(A), (1)(C), (3), and (5)(1)(E)~~ in this Paragraph shall apply. On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the portion of the impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone." ~~No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that has been so mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior written authorization of the Commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization shall be made based on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or attempt to take any game birds or game animals attracted to such foods.~~

(e) Definitions:

(1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.

(2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed under each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.

(3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game may be taken on the open days of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during the open seasons.

(4) For purposes of this Section, "Seven Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which game may be taken during the open season on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

(5) For purposes of this Section, "Four Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. on Fridays, and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.

(f) Hunting with Dogs on Game Lands. Deer shall not be taken with the use of dogs on game lands in counties or parts of counties where taking deer with dogs is prohibited as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

(g) The listed seasons and restrictions apply in the following game lands:

~~(1) Aleoa Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties~~

~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~

- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter in that portion in Montgomery county, and deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.~~
- (C) ~~On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.~~
- (2) ~~Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County~~
- (A) ~~Six Day per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (C) ~~Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.~~
- (3) ~~Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (C) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (4) ~~Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin, and Washington counties~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (5)(1) ~~Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (C) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (6)(2) ~~Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County~~
- (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (C) ~~Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.~~
- (D) ~~On the Singletary Lake Tract, the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.~~
- (E) ~~Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.~~
- (F) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.~~
- (G) ~~The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes shall be prohibited from February 15 through August 1.~~
- (7) ~~Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
- (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
- (D) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (8) ~~Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County~~
- (A) ~~Hunting is by permit only.~~
- (B) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
- (9)(3) ~~Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County~~
- (A) ~~Hunting is by permit only.~~
- (B) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
- (10) ~~Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.~~
- (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (C) ~~Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days of the second week of the December Bear Season. If any of these days falls on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those days.~~
- (D) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (11) ~~Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.~~
- (C) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (D) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
- (12) ~~Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County~~
- (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~

- (13)(4) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
 - (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
 - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (iii) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November 1.
 - (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
 - (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
 - (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
 - (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.
 - (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14.
 - (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
 - (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping area.
- (14)(5) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
 - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (15) ~~Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County~~
- ~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - ~~(C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.~~
 - ~~(D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road, and south of NC 210 to the Black River.~~
 - ~~(E) Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (16) ~~Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County~~
- ~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - ~~(C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
 - ~~(D) Bear hunting on the Salters Creek Tract is by permit only.~~
- (17) ~~R. Wayne Bailey Caswell Game Land in Caswell County~~
- ~~(A) Three Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.~~
 - ~~(C) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.~~
 - ~~(D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit only for all quail and woodcock hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.~~
 - ~~(E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after November 1.~~
 - ~~(F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.~~
 - ~~(G) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey Caswell Shooting Range.~~
- (18) ~~Chatham Game Land in Chatham County~~
- ~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~
 - ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - ~~(C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
 - ~~(D) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.~~
 - ~~(E) Target shooting is prohibited.~~

- (19) ~~Chowan Game Land in Chowan County~~
 (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (20) ~~Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates, and Hertford counties.~~
 (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 (C) ~~Bear hunting is restricted to the first three hunting days during the November bear season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December bear season except that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County bear season.~~
 (D) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.~~
 (E) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.~~
 (F) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (21) ~~Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County~~
 (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 (B) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
 (C) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (22) ~~Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.~~
 (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 (C) ~~Deer hunting on the Campbell Tract shall be by permit only.~~
- (23) ~~Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties~~
 (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 (C) ~~Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:~~
 (i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
 (ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~
 (iii) ~~Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
 (D) ~~Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.~~
 (E) ~~Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.~~
- (24) ~~Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County~~
 (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 (B) ~~Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by permit only from November 1 through the end of all waterfowl seasons.~~
 (C) ~~Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do not use a firearm.~~
 (D) ~~The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.~~
 (E) ~~Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of their hunt.~~
 (F) ~~No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.~~
 (G) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.~~
- (25)(6) ~~Dan River Game Land in Rockingham County~~
 (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 (B) ~~Deer hunting is by permit only.~~
 (C) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
 (D) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.~~
 (E) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (26) ~~Dare Game Land in Dare and Hyde counties~~
 (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.~~
 (C) ~~No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.~~
 (D) ~~The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.~~
- (27)(7) ~~Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County~~
 (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.~~
- (28) ~~DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties~~

- (A) ~~Hunting is by permit only.~~
 - (B) ~~The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders during scheduled permit hunts.~~
- (29) ~~Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.~~
- (30) ~~Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
 - (D) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (31) ~~Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:~~
 - (i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
 - (ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~
 - (iii) ~~Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
 - (D) ~~Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek, and Hobucken.~~
 - (E) ~~On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting only Zone during the period November 1 through March 15.~~
 - (F) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.~~
 - (G) ~~Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.~~
 - (H) ~~Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on the Beaufort County portion north of NC 33 except for that portion east of Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.~~
 - (I) ~~Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.~~
- (32) ~~Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
- (33)(8) ~~Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~On that portion north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road, hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
 - (D) ~~Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on that portion of the game land that is north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road.~~
- (34) ~~Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:~~
 - (i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and~~
 - (ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~
 - (iii) ~~Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.~~
 - (D) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.~~
 - (E) ~~Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season, except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.~~
- (35) ~~Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties~~
- (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:~~
 - (i) ~~Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~

- (ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and~~
- (iii) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
- (D) ~~The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.~~
- (E) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.~~
- (F) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (G) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
- (36)(9) ~~Headwaters State Forest Game Land in Transylvania County~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season~~
- (37)(10) ~~Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
- (38)(11) ~~Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:~~
 - (i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
 - (ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~
 - (iii) ~~Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
 - (D) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.~~
 - (E) ~~On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and bear hunting are permit only.~~
 - (F) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:~~
 - (i) ~~all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and~~
 - (ii) ~~on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting is by permit only.~~
 - (G) ~~Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.~~
 - (H) ~~Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.~~
 - (I) ~~Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.~~
 - (J) ~~Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.~~
- (39) ~~Hyco Game land in Person County~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (40)(12) ~~J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
- (41) ~~Johns River Game Land in Burke County~~
 - (A) ~~Hunting is by permit only.~~
 - (B) ~~During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.~~
 - (C) ~~Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31, except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the permits.~~
 - (D) ~~The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.~~
 - (E) ~~Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas is limited to August 31 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.~~
- (42) ~~Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Waterfowl may be taken only on:~~
 - (i) ~~Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
 - (ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and~~
 - (iii) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
 - (D) ~~Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited except allowed only on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. The remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. People age 16 or older must shall obtain who ride horseback on trails occurring entirely within the game land boundaries shall possess a Game Lands license. license prior to engaging in horseback riding on any area other than the American Tobacco Trail.~~

- (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
 - (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
 - (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (43) ~~Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties~~
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (44)(13) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
 - (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
 - (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
 - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.
 - (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
 - (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- (45)(14) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
 - (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- (46) ~~Lee Game Land in Lee County~~
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
 - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (47) ~~Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County~~
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers Season.
- (48) ~~Linwood Game Land in Davidson County~~
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (49) ~~Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties~~
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
 - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
 - (F) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (50) ~~Mayo Game Land in Person County~~
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
 - (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
 - (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
 - (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
 - (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (51) ~~Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County~~
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
 - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (52) ~~Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties~~
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- (53) ~~Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.~~
- (A) Six Days per Week Area

- (B) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
- (C) ~~On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.~~
- (54)(15) ~~Neuse River Game Land in Craven County~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Camping is allowed any time within 100 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the game land that lies west of NC-43.~~
- (55) ~~New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (56) ~~Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County~~
 - (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the Friday before Thanksgiving Day.~~
 - (C) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday thereafter.~~
 - (D) ~~The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.~~
 - (E) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (F) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
 - (G) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
 - (H) ~~On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:~~
 - (i) ~~Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and~~
 - (ii) ~~Swimming.~~
 - (I) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (57) ~~North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.~~
 - (D) ~~Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.~~
- (58) ~~Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.~~
- (59) ~~Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North of US 74.~~
 - (D) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
 - (E) ~~Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and only during the following times:~~
 - (i) ~~during June, July, and August; and~~
 - (ii) ~~on Sundays during the other months or parts of months when deer and turkey seasons are closed.~~
 - (F) ~~Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting shall be prohibited on that portion south of US 74.~~
- (60) ~~Perkins Game Land in Davie County~~
 - (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.~~
 - (D) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (61) ~~Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Seven Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).~~
 - (D) ~~The use of bicycles shall be restricted to designated trails on the Linville River Tract (Burke County). Persons engaged in the act of hunting on the Linville River Tract during any open day of an applicable season for game birds or game animals shall be exempt from this restriction.~~
- (62) ~~Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.~~

- (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August 31 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through May 15.~~
- (63)(16) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (64)(17) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
 - (C) Bear hunting is prohibited.
- (65)(18) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
 - (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- (66)(19) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties
- (A) Hunting and trapping is by Permit only.
 - (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business or by permit holders.
 - (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however, that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the game land.
 - (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (67)(20) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
- (68) ~~Robeson Game Land in Robeson County~~
- (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
- (69)(21) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
 - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
 - (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter.
 - (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
 - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
 - (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
 - (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
 - (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
 - (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (70)(22) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.
- (71) ~~Sampson Game Land in Sampson County~~
- (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (72) ~~Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties~~
- (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22 through March 31 except as follows:~~
 - (i) ~~deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the blackpowder firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be taken with all legal weapons from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;~~
 - (ii) ~~dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through the third Saturday thereafter;~~
 - (iii) ~~squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;~~
 - (iv) ~~rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;~~
 - (v) ~~waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;~~
 - (vi) ~~wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit Hunt; and~~
 - (vii) ~~raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.~~
 - (C) ~~The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.~~

- (D) ~~The archery season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the archery season, by permit during the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.~~
- (E) ~~Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season and by permit during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.~~
- (F) ~~Either sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.~~
- (G) ~~In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
- (H) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
- (I) ~~Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited unless participating in authorized field trials.~~
- (J) ~~Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.~~
- (K) ~~Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.~~
- (73) ~~Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
 - (D) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
 - (E) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (74)(23) ~~Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.~~
 - (A) ~~Three Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers season.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
 - (D) ~~Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f).~~
 - (E) ~~Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove season.~~
 - (F) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (75)(24) ~~Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.~~
- (76) ~~Shoccoo Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
 - (D) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.~~
 - (E) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (77) ~~South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (D) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:~~
 - (i) ~~January 2 through March 31;~~
 - (ii) ~~May 16 through August 31;~~
 - (iii) ~~Sundays only—April 1 through May 15; and~~
 - (iv) ~~Sundays only—September 1 through January 1.~~
- (78) ~~Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~

- (C) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.~~
- (D) ~~Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.~~
- (E) ~~Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken only on the following days:~~
 - (i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~
 - (ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~
 - (iii) ~~Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~
- (F) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (G) ~~Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.~~
- (79)(25) ~~Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties~~
 - (A) ~~Hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
 - (B) ~~Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.~~
 - (C) ~~Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:~~
 - (i) ~~hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and~~
 - (ii) ~~persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.~~
 - (D) ~~During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).~~
 - (E) ~~During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).~~
- (80) ~~Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Target shooting is prohibited.~~
- (81)(26) ~~Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County~~
 - (A) ~~Hunting is by permit only~~
 - (B) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited~~
- (82)(27) ~~Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.~~
- (83) ~~Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
- (84) ~~Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.~~
 - (D) ~~The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.~~
- (85) ~~Tillery game Land in Halifax County~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited.~~
 - (D) ~~The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
 - (E) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
 - (F) ~~Target Shooting is prohibited.~~
- (86) ~~Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~
 - (C) ~~Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.~~
- (87) ~~Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties~~
 - (A) ~~Six Days per Week Area~~
 - (B) ~~Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~
 - (C) ~~On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:~~
 - (i) ~~the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;~~

(ii) ~~Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and~~

(iii) ~~Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.~~

(D) ~~Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.~~

~~(88)~~(28) Vance Game Land in Vance County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the Nutbush Peninsula tract.

~~(89)~~ Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties

~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~

~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~

~~(C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.~~

~~(90)~~(29) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County

(A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.

(B) Target Shooting is prohibited.

~~(91)~~(30) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County

(A) Three Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:

(i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;

(ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and

(iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

(D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.

(E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:

(i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d);

(ii) hunting is by permit only; and

(iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.

(F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

(G) Target Shooting is prohibited.

~~(92)~~(31) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen and Pender counties

(A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.

(B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

(C) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on the Long Ridge Tract.

~~(93)~~ William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County

~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~

~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~

(h) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperators agent or by phone.

(i) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:

(1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;

(2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;

(3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;

~~(4) Burke County—John's River Waterfowl Refuge;~~

~~(5)~~(4) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);

~~(6)~~(5) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and

~~(7)~~(6) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

(j) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the Commission. Written permission may be granted only when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge will not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.

(k) Feral swine may be taken by licensed hunters during the open season for any game animal or game bird using any legal manner of take allowed during those seasons. Dogs may not be used to hunt feral swine except on game lands that allow the use of dogs for hunting deer or bear, and during the applicable deer or bear season.

(l) Youth Waterfowl Day. On the day declared by the Commission to be Youth Waterfowl Day, youths may hunt on any game land and on any impoundment without a special hunt permit, including permit-only areas, except where prohibited in Paragraph (h) of this Rule.

(m) Veterans and Military Waterfowl Days. On the day declared by the Commission to be Veterans and Military Waterfowl Days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-only areas.

(n) Permit Hunt Opportunities for Disabled Sportsmen. The Commission may designate special hunts for participants of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during the closed season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on each permit. If the hunt has a limited weapon choice, the allowed weapons shall be stated on each permit.

(o) As used in this Rule, horseback riding includes all equine species.

(p) When waterfowl hunting is authorized in this Rule on Christmas and New Years' Day and those days fall on Sundays, the open waterfowl hunting day shall be the following day.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
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SECTION .0200 – USE OF GAME LANDS

15A NCAC 10D .0201 ALLIGATOR RIVER GAME LAND IN TYRELL COUNTY

(a) Seven Day per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0202 ANGOLA BAY GAME LAND IN DUPLIN AND PENDER COUNTIES

(a) Seven Day per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Target shooting is prohibited.

(d) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0203 BACHELOR BAY GAME LAND IN BERTIE AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0206 BRINKLEYVILLE GAME LAND IN HALIFAX COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) Horseback riding is prohibited.

(d) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;

Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0208 BUCKRIDGE GAME LAND IN TYRELL COUNTY

- (a) Three Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (c) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season.
- (d) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0210 BULLARD AND BRACNH HUNTING PRESERVE GAME LANDS IN ROBESON COUNTY

- (a) Four Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (c) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0211 BUTNER-FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND IN DURHAM, GRANVILLE, AND WAKE COUNTIES

- (a) Six Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (c) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
 - (1) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (2) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (3) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November

- (d) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (e) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (f) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- (g) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.
- (h) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14.
- (i) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (j) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping area.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0213 CAPE FEAR RIVER WETLANDS GAME LAND IN PENDER COUNTY

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (c) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- (d) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road, and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- (e) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (f) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0214 CARTERET COUNTY GAME LAND IN CARTERET COUNTY

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (c) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (d) Bear hunting on the Salters Creek Tract is by permit only.
- (e) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;

Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0215 R. WAYNE BAILEY-CASWELL GAME LAND IN CASWELL COUNTY

(a) Three Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.

(c) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only, September 1 through May 15. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.

(d) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.

(e) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after November 1.

(f) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.

(g) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0216 CHATHAM GAME LAND IN CHATHAM COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15.

(d) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0217 CHOWAN GAME LAND IN CHOWAN COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0218 CHOWAN SWAMP GAME LAND IN BERTIE, GATES, AND HERTFORD COUNTIES

(a) Six Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Bear hunting is restricted to the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November bear season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December bear season except that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County bear season.

(d) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

(e) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.

(f) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0219 COLD MOUNTAIN GAME LAND IN HAYWOOD COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

(c) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0220 COLUMBUS COUNTY GAME LAND IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

- (a) Four Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (c) Deer hunting on the Campbell Tract shall be by permit only.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0221 CROATAN GAME LAND IN CARTERET, CRAVEN, AND JONES COUNTIES

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (c) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
 - (1) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (2) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (3) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (d) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
- (e) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- (f) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0222 CURRITUCK BANKS GAME LAND IN CURRITUCK COUNTY

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by permit only from November 1 through the end of all waterfowl seasons.
- (c) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do not use a firearm.
- (d) The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- (e) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of their hunt.
- (f) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- (g) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- (h) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0224 DARE GAME LAND IN DATE AND HYDE COUNTIES

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (c) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
- (d) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0227 ELK KNB GAME ALND IN WATAUGA COUNTY

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0228 EMBRO GAME LAND IN HALIFAX AND WARREN COUNTIES

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (c) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (d) Target Shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0232 GULL ROCK GAME LAND IN HYDE COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:

(1) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and

(2) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and

(3) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.

(d) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.

(e) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0233 HARRIS GAME LAND IN CHATHAM, HARNETT, AND WAKE COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:

(1) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and

(2) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and

(3) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.

(d) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.

(e) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.

(f) Target shooting is prohibited.

(g) Horseback riding is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0237 HYCO GAME LAND IN PERSON COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0241 JUNIPER CREEK GAME LAND IN BRUNSWICK AND COLUMBUS COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

(d) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0245 LEE GAME LAND IN LEE COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0246 LIGHT GROUND POCOSIN GAME LAND IN PAMLICO COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0247 LINWOOD GAME LAND IN DAVIDSON COUNTY

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0248 LOWER FISHING CREEK GAME LAND IN EDGEcombe AND HALIFAX COUNTIES

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (c) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (d) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (e) Target Shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0249 MAYO GAME LAND IN PERSON COUNTY

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (c) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
 - (1) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (2) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
 - (3) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (d) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0250 MITCHELL RIVER GAME LAND IN SURRY COUNTY

- (a) Four Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Tuesday thereafter.
- (c) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0251 NANTAHALA GAME LAND IN CHEROKEE, CLAY, GRAHAM, JACKSON, MACON, SWAIN, AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0252 NEEDMORE GAME LAND IN MACON AND SWAIN COUNTIES.

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (c) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0254 NEW LAKE GAME LAND IN HYDE AND TYRRELL COUNTIES

- (a) Seven Days per Week Area
- (b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0255 NICHOLSON CREEK GAME LAND IN HOKE COUNTY

(a) Three Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.

(c) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter.

(d) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.

(e) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(f) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.

(g) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

(h) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:

(1) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and

(2) Swimming.

(3) Target shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0256 NORTH RIVER GAME LAND IN CAMDEN AND CURRITUCK COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.

(d) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.

(e) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305.

15A NCAC 10D .0257 NORTHWEST RIVER MARSH GAME LAND IN CURRITUCK COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.

(d) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0258 PEE DEE RIVER GAME LAND IN ANSON, MONTGOMERY, RICHMOND, AND STANLY COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North of US-74.

(d) Target shooting is prohibited.

(e) Horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only September 1 through May 15 only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.

(f) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting shall be prohibited on that portion south of US-74.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305.

15A NCAC 10D .0259 PERKINS GAME LAND IN DAVIE COUNTY

(a) Four Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Tuesday thereafter.

(c) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.

(d) Target Shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0261 POND MOUNTAIN GAME LAND IN ASHE COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.

(c) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August 31 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through May 15.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0267 ROBESON GAME LAND IN ROBESON COUNTY

(a) Four Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0270 SAMPSON GAME LAND IN SAMPSON COUNTY

(a) Four Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Target shooting is prohibited.

(d) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0271 SANDHILLS GAME LAND IN HOKE, MOORE, RICHMOND, AND SCOTLAND COUNTIES

(a) Three Days per Week Area

(b) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22 through March 31 except as follows:

- (1) deer of either-sex may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the blackpowder firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be taken with all legal weapons from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- (2) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through the third Saturday thereafter;
- (3) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- (4) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- (5) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
- (6) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit Hunt; and
- (7) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.

(c) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.

(d) The archery season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the archery season, by permit during the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.

(e) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season and by permit during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.

(f) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.

(g) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

(h) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

(i) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited unless participating in authorized field trials. Horseback riding is allowed on the remainder of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week on roads that are open to vehicular traffic and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.

(j) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.

(k) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0272 SANDY CREEK GAME LAND IN NASH AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) Horseback riding is prohibited.

(d) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.

(e) Target Shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0275 SHOCCO CREEK GAME LAND IN FRANKLIN, HALIFAX, NASH, AND WARREN COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) Horseback riding is prohibited.

(d) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

(e) Target Shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0277 STONES CREEK GAME LAND IN ONSLOW COUNTY

(a) Six Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

(d) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.

(e) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:

(1) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;

(2) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and

(3) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

(f) Target shooting is prohibited.

(g) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0278 SUGGS MILL POND GAME LAND IN BLADEN AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES

(a) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.

(b) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

(c) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:

(1) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and

(2) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.

(d) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).

(e) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0279 SUGGS SUTTON LAKE GAME LAND IN NEW HANOVER AND BRUNSWICK COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.

(c) Target shooting is prohibited.

(d) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0282 THREE TOP MOUNTAIN GAME LAND IN ASHE COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.

(c) Horseback riding is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0283 THURMOND CHATHAM GAME LAND IN ALLEGHANY AND WILKES COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.

(d) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0284 TILLERY GAME LAND IN HALIFAX COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) Horseback riding is prohibited.

(d) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.

(e) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

(f) Target Shooting is prohibited.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0285 TOXAWAY GAME LAND IN JACKSON AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0286 UWHARRIE GAME LAND IN DAVIDSON, MONTGOMERY, AND RANDOLPH COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(c) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:

- (1) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (2) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (3) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

(d) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0288 VAN SWAMP GAME LAND IN BEAUFORT AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(c) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the December Bear Season.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0292 WILLIAM H. SILVER GAME LAND IN HAYWOOD COUNTY

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.

15A NCAC 10D .0293 YADKIN RIVER GAME LAND IN DAVIDSON, DAVIE, MONTGOMERY, ROWAN, AND STANLY COUNTIES

(a) Seven Days per Week Area

(b) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter in that portion in Montgomery county, and deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.

(c) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. August 1, 2022.