

1 15A NCAC 10B .0106 is amended with changes as published in 35:10 NCR 1054-1057 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0106 WILDLIFE TAKEN FOR DEPREDATIONS**

4 ~~(a) Depredation permits allow the taking of undesirable or excess wildlife resources as described in Subparagraphs~~
5 ~~(b)(1) and (b)(2) of this Paragraph. Only employees of the Wildlife Resources Commission (Commission) and~~
6 ~~Wildlife Damage Control Agents (WDCA) may issue depredation permits. Only depredation permits prepared on a~~
7 ~~form supplied by the Commission shall be valid. No permit is needed for the owner or lessee of a property to take~~
8 ~~wildlife while committing depredations on that property; however, the manner of taking, disposition of dead wildlife,~~
9 ~~and reporting requirements as described in this Rule still apply.~~

10 (a) Depredation permits shall authorize the taking, destruction, transfer, removal, transplanting, or driving away of
11 undesirable, destructive, or excess wildlife or wildlife resources as specified in Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

12 (b) The following conditions shall apply to depredation permits:

13 (1) depredation permits shall be prepared on a form supplied by the Commission; and

14 (2) depredation permits shall only be issued by authorized employees of the Commission or licensed
15 Wildlife Control Agents (WCA).

16 (c) Depredation permits shall not be required for the owner or lessee of a property to take wildlife while committing
17 depredations on that property; however, the manner of take, disposition of dead wildlife, and reporting requirements
18 specified in this Rule shall apply.

19 ~~(b) (d)~~ No permit shall be issued to take any endangered or threatened species of wildlife listed under 15A NCAC
20 10I, except alligators, by reason of depredations to property. Only the The Executive Director or his or her designee
21 may issue depredation permits for Special Concern species listed in 15A NCAC 10I .0105 and for alligators. An
22 individual may take an endangered or threatened species in immediate defense of his or her own life or of the lives of
23 others without a permit. Any endangered or threatened species that may constitute a demonstrable but non-immediate
24 threat to human safety shall be reported to a federal or Commission wildlife enforcement officer, who, upon
25 verification of the report, may take or remove the specimen as provided by 15A NCAC 10I .0102. Depredation permits
26 for other species may be issued under the following conditions:

27 (1) for taking wildlife that is or has been damaging or destroying property, provided there is evidence
28 of property damage. No permit may be issued for the taking of migratory birds and other federally-
29 protected animals unless a corresponding, valid U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service depredation
30 permit(s), if required, has been issued. A permit issued pursuant to this Rule shall name the species
31 allowed to be taken and may include limitations as to age, sex, type of depredation, location of
32 animal or damage, and local laws. The permit shall be issued to a landholder or an authorized
33 representative of a unit of local government for depredations on public property. The permit shall
34 be used only by individuals named on the permit.

35 (2) for taking of wildlife resources in circumstances of overabundance or when the wildlife resources
36 present a danger to human safety. Cities, as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), seeking a depredation permit

pursuant to these circumstances shall apply to the Commission using an application available from the Commission. The application shall include the following information:

- (A) the name and location of the city;
- (B) the acreage of the affected property;
- (C) a map of the affected property;
- (D) the signature of an authorized city representative;
- (E) the nature of the overabundance or the threat to public safety; and
- (F) a description of previous actions taken by the city to ameliorate the problem.

~~(c) Wildlife Damage Control Agents. Individuals meeting the following eligibility requirements may apply to become a Wildlife Damage Control Agent (WDCA):~~

~~(1) Successful completion of a training course that is designed to:~~

~~(A) review wildlife laws;~~

~~(B) review safe, humane wildlife handling techniques.~~

~~(2) No wildlife misdemeanor conviction, as specified in G.S. 113-294 that resulted in a license suspension or revocation, within the last five years prior to application to become a WDCA.~~

~~Those individuals who demonstrate knowledge of wildlife laws and safe, humane wildlife handling techniques by a passing score of 80 percent or better on a written examination provided by a representative of the Commission, in cooperation with the training course provider, shall be approved. Those individuals failing to obtain a passing score shall be given one chance for re-testing without re-taking the course. Those individuals approved as agents by the Commission may then issue depredation permits for depredation as defined in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule to landholders and be listed as a second party to provide the control service. WDCAs may not issue depredation permits for coyotes in the counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington; big game animals; bats; or any species listed as endangered, threatened, or special concern under 15A NCAC 101-.0103, .0104, and .0105 of this Chapter. WDCAs shall annually report to the Commission the number and disposition of animals by county. Records shall be available for inspection by a wildlife enforcement officer at any time during the posted business hours of the Commission at newwildlife.org. The Executive Director shall revoke WDCA status when there is evidence of violations of wildlife laws, failure to report, or inhumane treatment of animals by the WDCA. A WDCA may not charge for the permit, but may charge for his or her investigations and control services. Each WDCA shall renew his or her agent status every three years by showing proof of having attended at least one training course provided for the purpose of reviewing and updating information on wildlife laws and safe, humane wildlife handling techniques within the previous 12 months or agency approved continuing education credits.~~

~~(d) (c) Each depredation permit shall have an expiration date or time after which the depredation permit is no longer valid. date. The A depredation permit authorizes the possession of any wildlife resources taken under the authority of the permit permit. and Depredation permits shall be retained as long as the wildlife resource is in the permittee's authorized individual's possession. All individuals~~ Individuals taking wildlife resources under the authority of a depredation permit shall comply with the conditions ~~written on~~ of the permit and the requirements specified in this Rule.

1 ~~(e)-(f)~~ Manner of Taking:

- 2 (1) Taking Without a Permit. Wildlife taken without a permit while committing depredations to
3 property may, during the open season on the species, be taken by the landholder by any lawful
4 method. During the closed season, such depredating wildlife may be taken without a permit only by
5 the use of firearms or archery equipment as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0116.
- 6 (2) Taking With a Permit. Wildlife taken under a depredation permit may be taken only by the method
7 or methods authorized by the permit. When trapping is authorized, in order to limit the taking to the
8 intended purpose, the permit may specify a reasonable distance from the property sought to be
9 protected, within which the traps shall be set. The Executive Director, Commission employee, or
10 ~~agent~~ WCA may also state in a permit authorizing trapping whether or not bait or lure may be used
11 and the type of bait or lure that is authorized based upon factors such as type of depredation,
12 locations of animal or damage, and local laws. In addition to any trapping restrictions that may be
13 contained in the permit, the method of trapping shall be in accordance with the requirements and
14 restrictions imposed by G.S. 113-291.6 and other local laws passed by the General Assembly. No
15 depredation permit shall authorize the use of poisons or pesticides in taking wildlife except in
16 accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina Pesticide Law of 1971, G.S. 143, Article 52,
17 the Structural Pest Control Act of 1955, G.S. 106, Article 4C, and G.S. 113, Article 22A. No
18 depredation permit shall authorize the taking of wildlife by any method by any landholder upon the
19 lands of another except when the individual is listed as a second party on a depredation permit.
- 20 (3) Intentional Wounding. It is unlawful for any landholder, with or without a depredation permit, to
21 intentionally wound a wild animal in a manner so as not to cause its immediate death as suddenly
22 and humanely as the circumstances permit.

23 ~~(f)-(g)~~ Disposition of Wildlife Taken:

- 24 (1) Generally. Except as provided by Subparagraphs (2) through (5) of this Paragraph, any wildlife
25 killed without a permit while committing depredations shall be buried or disposed of in a safe and
26 sanitary manner on the property where taken. Wildlife killed under a depredation permit may be
27 transported to an alternate disposal site if desired. Anyone in possession of carcasses of animals
28 being transported under a depredation permit shall have the depredation permit in his or her
29 possession. Except as provided by Subparagraphs ~~(f)(2) through (5) of this Rule, (2) through (5) of~~
30 this Paragraph, all wildlife killed under a depredation permit shall be buried or otherwise disposed
31 of as stated on the permit.
- 32 (2) Deer and feral swine. The edible portions of feral swine and deer may be retained by the landholder
33 for consumption but shall not be transported from the property where the depredations took place
34 without a valid depredation permit. The landholder may give a second party the edible portions of
35 feral swine or deer taken under a depredation permit. The receiver of the edible portions shall hold
36 a copy of the depredation permit. The nonedible portions of any deer carcass, including head, hide,

- feet, and antlers, shall be disposed of as specified in Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph or turned over to a wildlife enforcement officer for disposition.
- (3) Fox. Any fox killed under a depredation permit may be disposed of as described in Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph or, upon compliance with the fur tagging requirements of 15A NCAC 10B Section .0400, the carcass or pelt thereof may be sold to a licensed fur dealer.
- (4) Furbearing Animals. The carcass or pelt of any furbearing animal killed during the open season for taking such furbearing animal for control of depredations to property, whether with or without a permit, may be sold to a licensed fur dealer provided that the person offering such carcass or pelt for sale has a valid hunting or trapping license; provided further that bobcats and otters may only be sold upon compliance with any required fur tagging requirement set forth in 15A NCAC 10B Section .0400.
- (5) Animals Taken Alive. Wild animals in the order Carnivora, armadillos, groundhogs, nutria, and beaver shall be humanely euthanized either at the site of capture or at a facility designed to humanely handle the euthanasia, or such wild animals must be released on the property where captured. Feral swine shall be euthanized while still in the trap in accordance with G.S. 113-291.12. For all other animals taken alive, the animal shall be euthanized or released on property with permission of the landowner. When the relocation site is public property, written permission shall be obtained from the local, ~~state~~, State, or federal official authorized to manage the property before any animal may be released. Animals transported or held for euthanasia shall be euthanized within 12 hours of ~~capture~~, possession. Anyone in possession of live animals being transported for relocation or euthanasia under a depredation permit shall have the depredation permit in his or her possession.
- ~~(g)~~ (h) Reporting Requirements. Any landholder who kills an alligator; coyote in the counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, or Washington; deer; Canada goose; bear; elk; or wild turkey under a valid depredation permit shall report the kill on the form provided with the permit, including the number and species of animal(s) killed, and submit the form upon the expiration date of the depredation permit to the Commission. Any landowner who kills a coyote in the counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington shall report the kill, including the number of coyotes killed, on the form provided with the depredation permit. The killing and method of disposition of every alligator; coyote in the counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington; bear; or elk taken without a permit shall be reported to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 24 hours following the time of such killing.
- (i) Exemption for Animal Control Officers. Animal Control Officers, as defined by G.S. 130A-184(1) when in the performance of official duties, shall be exempt from obtaining a depredation permit when taking wild animals that:
- (1) ~~Exhibit~~ exhibit visible signs of rabies;
 - (2) ~~Exhibit~~ exhibit unprovoked aggression that may be associated with rabies;
 - (3) ~~Are~~ are suspected to be rabid; or
 - (4) ~~Have~~ have or may have exposed humans, pets, or livestock to rabies.

1 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274; 113-291.4; 113-291.6; 113-300.1; 113-300.2; 113-307;*
2 *113-331; 113-333; 113-334(a); 113-337;*
3 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
4 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; January 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; July 1, 2010; May 1, 2008; August*
5 *1, 2002; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1995; January 1, 1995; January 1, 1992; August 1, 1990;*
6 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2014 and shall remain in effect until amendments expire as*
7 *specified in G.S. 150B-21.1(d) or the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North*
8 *Carolina's court order number 2:13-CV-60-BOs signed on May 13, 2014 is rescinded, whichever*
9 *date is earlier. The court order is available at www.ncwildlife.org;*
10 *Temporary Amendment Eff. February 27, 2015;*
11 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2021; October 1, 2019; December 1, 2016; July 1, 2016; May 1, 2016.*
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1 15A NCAC 10B .0110 is readopted with changes as published in 35:11 NCR 1111 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0110 ATTENDANCE OF TRAPS**

4 (a) Every trap shall be visited daily and any animal caught therein removed, except for completely submerged conibear
5 type traps which shall be visited once every 72 hours and any animal caught therein removed.

6 (b) Remote trap checking systems may be used in lieu of visiting the trap, provided the system has the following
7 features:

- 8 (1) a control unit that monitors the trap in real-time ~~[remains in continuous operation]~~ and reports trap
9 status and unit status to a centralized application database at least once every ~~[24]~~ 12 hours;
- 10 (2) a software application that notifies the user of unit status, ~~[notification alarms that report]~~ trap
11 ~~[closures,]~~ activity, and system health issues within ~~[one hour]~~ 10 minutes of ~~[detection]~~ these events
12 via ~~[email]~~ email, ~~[and]~~ text-based messaging ~~[systems;]~~ systems, ~~[and]~~ or an in-application
13 notification; and
- 14 (3) an on-demand ~~[control unit testing capabilities for determining trap status, signal strength, and~~
15 ~~battery condition via remote system check in.]~~ test procedure that is used at each deployment of a
16 unit to confirm that the unit is placed in a location where its wireless communication can be received
17 and processed.

18 (c) If the remote trap checking system control unit reports a trap closure, the trap shall be physically visited within 24
19 hours of the time the trap was reported closed.

20 (d) If a remote trap checking system control unit fails to report ~~[trap]~~ its status ~~[within]~~ after a ~~[24-hour]~~ 12-hour
21 period, or reports a system health issue, the trap shall be physically visited within 24 hours of the last time ~~[an open~~
22 ~~trap signal]~~ a status report was ~~[received;]~~ sent.

23 (e) Remote trap checking system users shall maintain records of trap status and notification alarms for ~~[a period of no~~
24 ~~less than]~~ at least seven days after receipt. Records shall be made available for inspection upon request by a
25 representative of the Commission.

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27 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.6;*
28 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
29 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002; July 1, 1988.*
30 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2021*
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1 15A NCAC 10B .0202 is amended with changes as published in the 35:11 NCR 1111 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

4 (a) Open Seasons for hunting bear shall be from the:

- 5 (1) Monday on or nearest October 15 through the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Monday
6 after Thanksgiving through January 1 in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Cleveland
7 counties;
- 8 (2) Second Monday in November through January 1 in Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus,
9 Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Robeson, and Sampson counties;
- 10 (3) Second Saturday in November through the second Sunday thereafter and the third Saturday after
11 Thanksgiving through the fifth Sunday after Thanksgiving in Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Hertford,
12 Jones, Martin, and Washington counties;
- 13 (4) Second Saturday in November through the third Sunday thereafter and the third Saturday after
14 Thanksgiving through the fifth Sunday after Thanksgiving in Dare, Hyde, and Tyrrell counties;
- 15 (5) Second Saturday in November through the second Sunday thereafter and the third Saturday after
16 Thanksgiving through the fifth Sunday after Thanksgiving in Currituck, Gates, and Perquimans
17 counties;
- 18 (6) Second Sunday in November through the following ~~Sunday~~ Sunday, when November 1 falls on a
19 Sunday the season shall be from the third Sunday in November through the following Sunday, and
20 the third Saturday after Thanksgiving through the fifth Sunday after Thanksgiving in Camden,
21 Chowan, and Pasquotank counties;
- 22 (7) Third Saturday in November though the fifth Sunday thereafter in Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax,
23 Lenoir, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, Wayne, and Wilson counties; and
- 24 (8) Concurrent with the open season for all lawful weapons for hunting deer as specified in 15A NCAC
25 10B .0203(a)(1) in Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Davie,
26 Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Johnston,
27 Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond,
28 Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, and Yadkin counties.

29 (b) Restrictions

- 30 (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain,
31 fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw
32 components.
- 33 (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:
 - 34 (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or
35 product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum,
36 candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease;
 - 37 (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph;

- 1 (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph,
2 including any extracts of those substances; or
3 (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.
- 4 (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday
5 before Thanksgiving in the counties in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
- 6 (4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in
7 Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this Rule.
- 8 (5) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
- 9 (6) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85,
10 Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston,
11 Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph,
12 Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other counties and
13 parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.
- 14 (c) No Open Season. It shall be unlawful to take bear on posted bear sanctuaries except when authorized by permit
15 issued by the Commission. See 15A NCAC 10D .0106 for posted bear sanctuaries.
- 16 (d) The daily bag limit for bear is one, the possession limit is one, and the season limit is one.

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18 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;*
19 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
20 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;*
21 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*
22 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
23 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*
24 *Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;*
25 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;*
26 *Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;*
27 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May*
28 *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;*
29 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 31, 2016;*
30 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016;*
31 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2018;*
32 *~~Amended Eff. [August 1, 2021;] August 1, 2019;~~*
33 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2020;*
34 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021.*
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1 15A NCAC 10B .0203 is amended as published in the 35:11 NCR 1112 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0203 DEER (WHITE-TAILED)**

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

5 (1) Deer With Visible Antlers. Deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished
6 from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, may be taken on all game lands except Buffalo
7 Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to
8 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for Deer With Visible Antlers seasons on these Game Lands), during the
9 following seasons:

10 (A) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick,
11 Carteret, Columbus*, Cumberland, Craven, Dare, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Jones,
12 Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson,
13 Scotland, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.

14 *Unlawful to hunt or kill deer in Lake Waccamaw or within 50 yards of its shoreline.

15 (B) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Bertie, Camden, Chowan,
16 Currituck, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Johnston, Martin,
17 Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne, and
18 Wilson counties.

19 (C) Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through January 1 in all of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe,
20 Catawba, Cleveland, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Polk, Rutherford, Stokes,
21 Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties.

22 (D) Monday of Thanksgiving week through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day in all
23 of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson,
24 Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey
25 counties.

26 (E) Two Saturdays before Thanksgiving Day through January 1 in all of Alamance, Anson,
27 Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg,
28 Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union
29 counties.

30 (F) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates,
31 and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; in those
32 parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National
33 Wildlife Refuge; in that part of Hyde county known as Lake Mattamuskeet National
34 Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Dare and Hyde counties known as Alligator River
35 National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the
36 Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in that part of Currituck County known as the
37 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 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 apporportion 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~~: ~~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 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 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) of this Rule that has either-sex days for all lawful 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) 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~~ "blackpowder firearms" means "Any 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 or cylinder~~ muzzle, cylinder, or breech and that cannot use fixed ~~ammunition.~~" 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, 2021; 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.

1 15A NCAC 10B .0227 is adopted with changes as published in 35:11 NCR 1115-1116 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0227 WILD QUAIL MANGEMENT AREAS**

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5 (a) A ~~Wild~~ "Wild Quail Management ~~Area~~ Area" shall be land maintained to enhance enjoyment of sportsmen and
6 support wild bobwhite quail conservation under signed agreement between the landowner(s) and the Wildlife
7 Resources Commission.

8 (b) The following ~~minimum~~ qualifications shall apply to all Wild Quail Management Areas:

9 (1) At least ~~1,500~~ 500 acres of contiguous land; and

10 (2) A minimum of 225 acres or 15% of the ~~land~~ land, whichever is greater, shall be maintained in
11 year-round bobwhite quail habitat.

12 (c) Wild bobwhite quail habitat shall be any ~~habitat described as~~ early successional habitat ~~within the North Carolina~~
13 ~~Wildlife Action Plan, available online, free of charge, at www.newwildlife.org.~~ dominated by herbaceous vegetation
14 or shrub cover consisting of a mixture of young saplings, shrubs, forbs, and woody plants typically less than ten feet
15 tall with scattered open patches of grasses, wildflowers, and vines. Forest stands shall have a basal area no greater
16 than 60 square feet per acre. Land managed and maintained primarily for human uses such as large lawns, golf courses,
17 sod-forming pastures, production agriculture fields, monoculture hayfields, solar energy, or production timber stands
18 shall not qualify as early successional habitat.

19 (d) Landowners interested in establishing a Wild Quail Management Area shall contact the Commission as described
20 on the Commission's website at www.newwildlife.org.

21 (e) The signed agreement between the landowner(s) and the Commission shall include: ~~[include at a minimum:]~~

22 (1) ~~[A]~~ a list of all owners of land included in the Wild Quail Management Area;

23 (2) ~~[County]~~ county parcel identification information for each parcel to be included in the Wild Quail
24 Management Area;

25 (3) ~~[A]~~ a scaled map of the Wild Quail Management Area with the areas to be maintained in year-round
26 bobwhite quail habitat ~~[clearly]~~ identified;

27 (4) ~~[Management]~~ management practices to be used to maintain bobwhite quail habitat and populations;
28 and

29 (5) ~~[Any]~~ any reporting requirements in addition to the minimum requirements in (g)(6) that are specific
30 to the individual Wild Quail Management Area.

31 (f) Property inspection:

32 (1) All potential properties shall be inspected by a representative of the Commission prior to acceptance
33 into the ~~[program:]~~ program to determine that the proposed land and habitat will qualify to become
34 a Wild Quail Management Area; and

35 (2) Wild Quail Management Areas shall be inspected by a representative of the Commission at least
36 once every five ~~[years:]~~ years to determine that the requirements of the signed agreement and this
37 rule are being met.

(g) The following shall apply to all Wild Quail Management Areas:

- (1) No domestically raised upland game birds shall be released on Wild Quail Management Areas.
- (2) The hunting of wild bobwhite quail shall only be permitted during the established seasons in 15A NCAC 10B .0208.
- (3) Supplemental feeding, if conducted, shall be for the primary purpose of ensuring that wild bobwhite quail populations remain stable during droughts or other periods of stressful environmental conditions. Supplemental feed shall:
 - (A) be broadcast into quail habitat along a minimum linear distance of at least one mile per 100 acres of habitat at a rate of three bushels per mile;
 - (B) be broadcast on a bi-weekly schedule during at least five months each year
 - (C) be broadcast using a non-stationary spreader;
 - (D) be only natural grains or seed; and
 - (E) not be placed to attract birds for the purpose of hunting.
- (4) Except for wild bobwhite quail on Wild Quail Management Areas, no wild birds shall ~~may~~ be taken near or with the aid of supplemental feed.
- (5) Trapping for raccoon, striped skunk, and opossum on Wild Quail Management Areas for the purpose of nest predator control shall be allowed from the end of the established trapping season in 15A NCAC 10B .0303 through May 31. Enclosed foot-hold traps with a one-way trigger or cage traps may be used, and trapped raccoons, striped skunks, and opossums may be euthanized or released at the trap site.
- (6) An annual report for the period of June 1 through May 31 shall be submitted to the Commission within 30 days of the end of the reporting period, and shall include ~~at least~~ the following:
 - (A) number of days and hours wild bobwhite quail were hunted;
 - (B) total annual harvest of wild bobwhite quail;
 - (C) total number of coveys flushed;
 - (D) supplemental feeding activities;
 - (E) number of trap nights, number of animals trapped and their disposition or release, by species, for trapping activity conducted during trapping seasons established by 15A NCAC 10B .0303; and
 - (F) number of trap nights, number of animals trapped and their disposition or release, by species, for trapping activity conducted outside of trapping seasons established by 15A NCAC 10B .0303.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113- 291.1;
Eff. August 1, 2021.

1 15A NCAC 10C .0305 is amended with changes as published in the 35:11 NCR 1125 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0305 LARGEMOUTH BASS**

4 (a) The daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass is five fish, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), ~~and~~
5 ~~(j), and~~ (l) of this Rule. There is no minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass, but only two of them may be less than
6 14 inches except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) of this Rule. There
7 is no closed season, except for waters identified in Paragraph (l) of this Rule.

8 (b) In Lake Cammack in Alamance County, and Lake Holt in Granville County the daily creel limit for Largemouth
9 Bass is 10 fish and no more than two fish greater than 14 inches may be possessed.

10 (c) In Lake Santeeclah in Graham County, there is no daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass
11 less than 14 inches. The daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass greater than 14 inches is five fish
12 in aggregate.

13 (d) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Alabama Bass,
14 and Spotted Bass is 10 fish in aggregate. The minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 12 inches.

15 (e) The minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 14 inches in the following:

- 16 (1) Lake Raleigh in Wake County;
17 (2) Lake Sutton in New Hanover County;
18 (3) Pungo Lake in Washington and Hyde counties;
19 (4) New Lake in Hyde County; and
20 (5) Currituck, Roanoke, Croatan, Albemarle sounds, and all their tributaries including Roanoke River
21 downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam, Chowan River, Meherrin River, Yeopim River, Pasquotank
22 River, Perquimans River, Little River, Big Flatty Creek, North River, Northwest River,
23 Scuppernong River, Alligator ~~River River. (including including~~ the Alligator/Pungo Canal east of
24 the NC Hwy 264/45 bridge, and all other associated tributaries and canals in these river systems.

25 (f) In Cane Creek Lake in Union County, and Buckhorn Reservoir in Wilson and Nash counties, the minimum size
26 limit for Largemouth Bass is 16 inches.

27 (g) In Lake Phelps in Tyrrell and Washington counties, the minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 14 inches,
28 and no fish between 16 and 20 inches may be possessed.

29 (h) In Shearon Harris Reservoir in Chatham and Wake counties and Lake Hampton in Yadkin County, there is no
30 minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass, but only two Largemouth Bass less than 14 inches and no Largemouth Bass
31 between 16 and 20 inches may be possessed.

32 (i) In Lake Thom-A-Lex in Davidson County, the minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 18 inches.

33 (j) In the Alleghany County portion of New River downstream of Fields Dam (Grayson County, ~~Virginia) there~~
34 Virginia), the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Spotted Bass is 5 fish in aggregate. There
35 is no minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass, but no fish between 14 and 22 inches in length may be possessed and
36 only one Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, or Spotted Bass greater than 22 inches may be possessed.

(k) In Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County, the minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 16 inches and only one Largemouth Bass greater than 20 inches may be possessed.

(l) In Jean Guite Creek and associated canals within the Town of Southern ~~Shores, Shores in Dare County, County~~ and in the ponds associated with Martin Marietta Park in Craven County, no Largemouth Bass may be possessed.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Temporary Amendment Eff. May 10, 1990, for a period of 180 days to expire on November 1, 1990;
Temporary Amendment Eff. May 22, 1990, for a period of 168 days to expire on November 1, 1990;
Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 1991, for a period of 180 days to expire on November 1, 1991;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; October 1, 1992;
Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1994 for a period of 180 days or until the permanent rule becomes effective, whichever is sooner;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995;
Temporary Amendment Eff. November 1, 1998;
Amended Eff. April 1, 1999;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;
Temporary Amendment Eff. March 8, 2002 [This rule replaces the rule proposed for permanent amendment effective July 1, 2002 and approved by RRC in May 2001];
Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC in April 2002);
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, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; November 1, 2013; August 1, 2012;
March 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; July 1, 2008; May 1, 2008; May 1,
2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2021; August 1, 2020.

1 15A NCAC 10C .0322 is amended with changes as published in the 35:11 NCR 1127 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0322 ALABAMA BASS AND SPOTTED BASS**

4 (a) There is no daily creel limit for Alabama Bass or Spotted Bass, except for waters identified in paragraph
5 Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule. There is no minimum size limit or closed season.

6 (b) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Alabama Bass,
7 and Spotted Bass is 10 fish in aggregate.

8 (c) In the Alleghany County portion of New River downstream of Fields Dam (Grayson County, ~~Virginia~~) ~~there~~
9 Virginia, the daily creel limit for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Spotted Bass is 5 fish in aggregate. There
10 is no minimum size limit for Spotted Bass, but no fish between 14 and 22 inches in length may be possessed and only
11 one Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, or Spotted Bass greater than 22 inches may be possessed.

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13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;*

14 *Eff. August 1, 2020.*

15 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021.*

1 15A NCAC 10D .0102 is amended with changes as published in the 35:11 NCR 1129-1133 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE**

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

- 5 (1) "Permanent Hunting Blind" means any structure that is used for hunter concealment, constructed
6 from manmade or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and removed at the end of each
7 day's hunt.
8 (2) "Target shooting" means the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or
9 self-defense.
10 (3) "Youth" means individuals under 18 years of age.

11 (b) Trespass. Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or fishing shall be as authorized by the
12 landowner. The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified the following areas on game lands that have additional
13 restrictions on entry or usage:

- 14 (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to bow and
15 arrow hunting and falconry only. On these areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open days
16 of any applicable deer season.
17 (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No person
18 shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety zone on
19 any game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
20 (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the use
21 of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
22 (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the
23 general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having
24 obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources
25 Commission. Entry shall be authorized only when such entry will not compromise the primary
26 purpose for establishing the Restricted Zone and the person or persons requesting entry are able to
27 demonstrate a valid need or such person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting
28 official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations,
29 surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.
30 (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are
31 closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited
32 without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the
33 Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land ~~shall~~ may be declared a Temporary
34 Restricted Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public. ~~public due to~~
35 ~~topographical features or activities occurring on the area.~~
36 (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the discharge
37 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 ~~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 ~~or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility~~, 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~~ animals, armadillos, coyotes, and groundhogs is permitted on game lands during the applicable open trapping seasons, 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. ~~except that trapping~~ Trapping is prohibited:

- (1) on the ~~field trial course~~ J Robert Gordon Field Trial Area of the 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;
- (4) on the John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke ~~County; and~~ County;
- (5) on the DuPont State Forest Game ~~Lands;~~ Lands; and
- (6) from April 1 through October 31.

~~On those areas of State-owned land known collectively as the Roanoke River Wetlands, controlled trapping is allowed under a permit system.~~ 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 [GS] G.S.113-294(r), is less than 3 cubic inches and is [completely] covered to prevent it from being seen from above. Feathers, including those with attached skin or entire

1 bird wings, hair with or without skin or hide, and bones that include no attached meat, organs, or viscera ~~[are not~~
2 ~~considered other foods and are excluded from this requirement.]~~ do not need to be covered.

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

5 (1) is driving in the vehicle gallery of a scheduled bird dog field trial held on the Sandhills Game Land;
6 or

7 (2) is a disabled sportsman as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule or holds a Disabled Access Program
8 Permit as described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule and is abiding by the rules described in Paragraph
9 (m).

10 (i) Camping.

11 (1) No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for camping.

12 (2) On game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, where the North Carolina Wildlife Resources
13 Commission is the primary custodian, the maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at
14 any designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period from May 1 through August 31.
15 After 14 consecutive days of camping, all personal belongings shall be removed from the game land.

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

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

22 (1) missing 50 percent or more of one or more limbs, whether by amputation or natural causes;

23 (2) paralysis of one or more limbs;

24 (3) dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the person unable to perform the task of grasping and
25 lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;

26 (4) disease, injury, or defect confining the person to a wheelchair, walker, or crutches; or

27 (5) deafness.

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

30 (1) on ungated or open-gated roads normally closed to vehicular traffic; and

31 (2) on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular
32 travel.

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

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

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

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

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

35 (p) Shooting Ranges. On public shooting ranges managed by the Commission, no person shall use designated shooting
36 ranges for any purpose other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting skills, or for
37 other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. All other uses, including camping, building fires, operating

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

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

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

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

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34 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-129; 113-134; 113-264; 113-270.3; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-305; 113-306;*
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4 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0103 is amended with changes as published in the 35:11 NCR 1133-1147 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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23 dates;

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

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

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

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

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

29 (A) hunting with a firearm between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM;

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

31 (C) hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S.
32 14-54.1(b), or any accessory structure thereof, thereof, and

33 (D) hunting migratory game birds

34 On designated youth waterfowl days, youths may hunt on managed waterfowl impoundments from ½ hour before
35 sunrise to sunset. On designated veterans and military waterfowl days, veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and
36 members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty
37 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.~~

(c) 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. ~~[On Sundays, the following shall be prohibited:]~~
 - ~~[(A) — hunting 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 within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-54.1(b), or any accessory structure thereof.]~~
- (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. ~~[season on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. On Sundays, the following shall be prohibited:]~~
 - ~~[(A) — hunting between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM;]~~
 - ~~[(B) — the use of a firearm to take deer that are run or chased by dogs;]~~

1 ~~[(C) — hunting within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-54.1(b), or~~
2 ~~any accessory structure thereof.]~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County

14 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Day per Week Area

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

17 (C) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of three hunting days
18 ~~during~~ the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday first
19 ~~three hunting days during the second week~~ of the December Bear Season.

20 (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties

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

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

24 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.

25 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

26 (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, ~~Martin~~, and Washington counties

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

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

30 (5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County

31 (A) Six Days per Week Area

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

34 (C) Target Shooting is prohibited.

35 (6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County

36 (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~~ 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) Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County~~
- ~~(A) Hunting is by permit only.~~
- ~~(B) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.~~
- ~~(9)~~(8) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- ~~(10)~~(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 Tuesday ~~three hunting days during of~~ the November Bear Season and the ~~first three hunting days of the second week~~ second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday 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)~~(10) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
- (A) ~~Six~~ 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

1 archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be
3 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest
4 October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.

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

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

9 ~~(12)~~(11) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County

10 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area

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

13 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

14 ~~(13)~~(12) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties

15 (A) Six Days per Week Area

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

18 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:

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

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

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

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

24 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.

25 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.

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

27 (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of
28 Falls Lake.

29 (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
30 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
31 seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of
32 bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September
33 1 through May 14.

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

- 1 (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area
2 and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited
3 in this camping area.
- 4 ~~(14)~~(13) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- 5 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
7 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 8 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 9 ~~(15)~~(14) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- 10 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
12 Antlers Season.
- 13 (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- 14 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west
15 of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road,
16 and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- 17 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 18 (F) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 19 ~~(16)~~(15) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- 20 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 23 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 24 (D) Bear hunting on the Salters Creek Tract is by permit only.
- 25 (E) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 26 ~~(17)~~(16) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County
- 27 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 28 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
29 Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- 30 (C) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from
31 May 16 [-] through August 31, only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays only.
32 September 1 [-] through May 15, during the remainder of the year except during open
33 turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular
34 traffic and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16
35 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 36 (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock
37 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)~~(17) Chatham Game Land in Chatham 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) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

(D) ~~Horseback riding riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from May 16 [-] through August 31, only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays only September 1 [-] through May 15, during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.~~

(E) Target shooting is prohibited.

~~(19)~~(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.

~~(20)~~(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 ~~three hunting days during~~ of the November bear season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~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.

- 1 (E) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays
2 only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on
3 those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- 4 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 5 ~~(21)~~(20) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County
- 6 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
8 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 9 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
10 Antlers Season.
- 11 ~~(22)~~(21) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
- 12 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area
- 13 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
14 Antlers Season.
- 15 (C) Deer hunting on the Campbell Tract shall be by permit only.
- 16 ~~(23)~~(22) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
- 17 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
19 Antlers Season.
- 20 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- 21 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 22 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 23 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 24 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of all waterfowl
25 seasons, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish
26 Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
- 27 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas.
28 During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- 29 (F) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 30 ~~(24)~~(23) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
- 31 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 32 (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by
33 permit only from November 1 through the end of all waterfowl seasons.
- 34 (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the
35 guides do not use a firearm.
- 36 (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.
- ~~(25)~~(24) 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)~~(25) Dare Game Land in Dare and Hyde counties
- (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 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)~~(26) 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)~~(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.
- ~~(29)~~(28) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga 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 first Friday thereafter.
- ~~(30)~~(29) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
- (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) Horseback riding is prohibited.

- 1 (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 2 ~~(31)~~(30) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
- 3 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 4 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 5 Antlers Season.
- 6 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
- 7 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 8 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 9 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 10 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 11 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all
- 12 waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl
- 13 impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith
- 14 Creek, and Hobucken.
- 15 (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except
- 16 waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping
- 17 season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1
- 18 through March 15.
- 19 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 20 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 21 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1
- 22 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting
- 23 opportunity permit.
- 24 (H) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is
- 25 prohibited on the Beaufort County portion north of [NC 33.] NC 33 except for that portion
- 26 east of Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.
- 27 (I) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 28 ~~(32)~~(31) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties
- 29 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 31 Antlers Season.
- 32 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 33 ~~(33)~~(32) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County
- 34 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 35 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 36 Antlers Season.

- 1 (C) On that portion north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little
2 Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road, hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 3 (D) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is
4 prohibited on that portion of the game land that is north of Big Macedonia Road, east of
5 Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road.
- 6 ~~(34)~~(33) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County
- 7 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
9 Antlers Season.
- 10 (C) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
11 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and
12 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
13 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
- 14 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
15 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- 16 (E) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of ~~three hunting days~~
17 ~~during~~ the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~first~~
18 ~~three hunting days during the second week~~ of the December Bear Season, except for that
19 portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- 20 ~~(35)~~(34) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties
- 21 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 22 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
23 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 24 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
25 (i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
26 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
27 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 28 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
- 29 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 30 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 31 (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 32 ~~(36)~~(35) Headwaters State Forest Game Land in Transylvania County
- 33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
35 Antlers Season
- 36 ~~(37)~~(36) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 37 ~~(38)~~(37) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 3 Antlers Season.
- 4 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- 5 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 6 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 7 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 8 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 9 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- 10 (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east
- 11 of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and
- 12 bear hunting are permit only.
- 13 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:
- 14 (i) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch
- 15 extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road
- 16 extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and
- 17 (ii) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving,
- 18 Christmas, and New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden
- 19 Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River,
- 20 south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting
- 21 is by permit only.
- 22 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the
- 23 last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting
- 24 opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- 25 (H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and
- 26 within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
- 27 (I) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.
- 28 (J) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- 29 ~~(39)~~(38) Hyco Game land in Person County
- 30 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 31 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 32 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 33 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 34 ~~(40)~~(39) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 35 ~~(41)~~(40) Johns River Game Land in Burke County
- 36 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 37 (B) During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.

- 1 (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31,
 2 except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the
 3 permits.
- 4 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- 5 (E) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas is
 6 limited to August 31 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 7 ~~(42)~~(41) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties
- 8 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
 10 Antlers Season.
- 11 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
 12 (i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 13 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
 14 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 15 (D) ~~Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited except~~ allowed only on
 16 those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use.
 17 Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American
 18 Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use,
 19 horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 [-] through August 31, only
 20 ~~during June, July, and August, and on Sundays only from September 1 [-] through May 15.~~
 21 ~~the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. People age 16 or~~
 22 ~~older [must] shall obtain who ride horseback on trails occurring entirely within the game~~
 23 ~~land boundaries shall possess a Game Lands license. license prior to engaging in horseback~~
 24 riding on any area other than the American Tobacco Trail.
- 25 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 26 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- 27 (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
 28 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
 29 seasons for game birds and game animals.
- 30 ~~(43)~~(42) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties
- 31 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 33 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
 34 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 35 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 36 ~~(44)~~(43) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
- 37 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- 2 (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable
- 3 Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
- 4 (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating
- 5 the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- 6 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 7 Antlers season.
- 8 (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 9 (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- 10 ~~(45)~~(44) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
- 11 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 12 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 13 Antlers Season.
- 14 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 15 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
- 16 (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 17 ~~(46)~~(45) Lee Game Land in Lee County
- 18 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 19 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 20 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 21 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 22 ~~(47)~~(46) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
- 23 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible
- 25 Antlers Season.
- 26 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 27 ~~(48)~~(47) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
- 28 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 29 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 30 Antlers Season.
- 31 ~~(49)~~(48) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
- 32 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 33 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 34 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 35 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 36 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 37 (F) Target Shooting is prohibited.

1 ~~(50)~~(49) Mayo Game Land in Person County

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

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

5 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:

6 (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;

7 (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and

8 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

9 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.

10 ~~(51)~~(50) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County

11 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area

12 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
13 Antlers Season through the second ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday thereafter.

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

16 ~~(52)~~(51) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania
17 counties

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

19 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
20 Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.

21 ~~(53)~~(52) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.

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

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

25 (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.

26 ~~(54)~~(53) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County

27 (A) Six Days per Week Area

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

30 (C) Camping is allowed any time within 100 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the
31 game land that lies west of NC-43.

32 ~~(55)~~(54) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties

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

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

36 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

37 ~~(56)~~(55) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County

- 1 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the
- 3 Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- 4 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
- 5 the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week
- 6 thereafter.
- 7 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
- 8 Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
- 9 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 10 Antlers Season.
- 11 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 12 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 13 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
- 14 (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
- 15 (ii) Swimming.
- 16 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 17 ~~(57)~~(56) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
- 18 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 19 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 20 Antlers Season.
- 21 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
- 22 shoreline.
- 23 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
- 24 (E) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 25 ~~(58)~~(57) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
- 26 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 28 Antlers Season.
- 29 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
- 30 shoreline.
- 31 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 32 ~~(59)~~(58) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties
- 33 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 35 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 36 (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North
- 37 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. ~~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)~~(59) Perkins Game Land in Davie County
- (A) ~~Three~~ 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.~~ Season through the second Tuesday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- ~~(61)~~(60) 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)~~(61) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe 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 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)~~(62) 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.

1 ~~(64)~~(63) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County

2 (A) Three Days per Week Area

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

5 (C) Bear hunting is prohibited.

6 ~~(65)~~(64) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties

7 (A) Hunting is by permit only.

8 (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.

9 ~~(66)~~(65) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties

10 (A) Hunting and trapping is by Permit only.

11 (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business
12 or by permit holders.

13 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
14 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however,
15 that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-
16 owned portion of the game land.

17 (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.

18 ~~(67)~~(66) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.

19 ~~(68)~~(67) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County

20 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area

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

23 (C) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

24 ~~(69)~~(68) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County

25 (A) Three Days per Week Area

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

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

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

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

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

36 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

37 (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.

- 1 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 2 ~~(70)~~(69) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.
- 3 ~~(71)~~(70) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
- 4 (A) ~~Three~~ Four Days per Week Area
- 5 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 6 Antlers Season.
- 7 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 8 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 9 ~~(72)~~(71) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties
- 10 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22
- 12 through March 31 except as follows:
- 13 (i) deer of either-sex may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of
- 14 the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with
- 15 blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the
- 16 blackpowder firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving
- 17 Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be taken with all legal weapons from
- 18 the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following
- 19 Thanksgiving Day;
- 20 (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through
- 21 the third Saturday thereafter;
- 22 (iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from the second Saturday
- 23 before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- 24 (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding
- 25 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- 26 (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
- 27 (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen
- 28 Program Permit Hunt; and
- 29 (vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or
- 30 nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
- 31 (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday
- 32 before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the
- 33 J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
- 34 (D) The archery season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth
- 35 Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds,
- 36 the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer of either sex may be
- 37 taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the archery season, by permit

- 1 during the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated
2 in this Subparagraph. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday
3 after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.
- 4 (E) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding
5 Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on
6 the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day
7 through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open
8 hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season and by permit during the Deer With
9 Visible Antlers season. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday
10 after Thanksgiving Day through January 1.
- 11 (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
- 12 (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing
13 days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 14 (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 15 (I) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited
16 unless participating in authorized field trials. Horseback riding is allowed on the remainder
17 of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week on roads that are open to vehicular traffic
18 and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- 19 (J) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
20 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 21 (K) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- 22 ~~(73)~~(72) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin ~~Counties~~ counties
- 23 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
25 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 26 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 27 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 28 (E) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 29 ~~(74)~~(73) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.
- 30 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 31 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer with Visible
32 Antlers season.
- 33 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
34 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 35 (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed
36 in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f).

- 1 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove
2 season.
- 3 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 4 ~~(75)~~(74) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.
- 5 ~~(76)~~(75) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren counties
- 6 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
8 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 9 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 10 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
11 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 12 (E) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 13 ~~(77)~~(76) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties
- 14 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 15 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the
16 Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of
17 either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on
18 or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October
19 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with
20 archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible
21 Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be
22 taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest
23 October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.
- 24 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
25 Antlers Season.
- 26 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:
- 27 (i) January 2 through March 31;
- 28 (ii) May 16 through August 31;
- 29 (iii) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and
- 30 (iv) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.
- 31 ~~(78)~~(77) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County
- 32 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 33 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
34 Antlers Season.
- 35 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- 36 (D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- 37 (E) Waterfowl ~~on posted waterfowl impoundments~~ may be taken only on the following days:

- 1 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 2 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 3 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 4 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 5 (G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- 6 ~~(79)~~(78) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
- 7 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 8 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 9 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 10 (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
- 11 (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
- 12 (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- 13 (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels
- 14 on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only
- 15 by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by
- 16 the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 17 (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed
- 18 waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters
- 19 possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife
- 20 Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 21 ~~(80)~~(79) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- 22 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 24 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 25 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 26 (D) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.
- 27 ~~(81)~~(80) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County
- 28 (A) Hunting is by permit only
- 29 (B) Target Shooting is prohibited
- 30 ~~(82)~~(81) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 31 ~~(83)~~(82) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 32 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 33 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 34 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 35 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 36 ~~(84)~~(83) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
- 37 (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) 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)~~(84) Tillery ~~game~~ Game Land in Halifax 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) 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)~~(85) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania 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 except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- ~~(87)~~(86) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties
- (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) 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)~~(87) 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.

- 1 (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the
2 Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- 3 ~~(89)~~(88) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties
- 4 (A) ~~Six~~ Seven Days per Week Area
- 5 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
6 Antlers Season.
- 7 (C) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of ~~three hunting days~~
8 ~~during~~ the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday ~~first~~
9 ~~three hunting days during the second week~~ of the December Bear Season.
- 10 ~~(90)~~(89) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County
- 11 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 12 (B) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 13 ~~(91)~~(90) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County
- 14 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 15 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
16 Antlers Season.
- 17 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
18 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 19 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 20 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 21 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 22 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all
23 waterfowl seasons, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
- 24 (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
- 25 (i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting
26 Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to
27 G.S. 113-264(d);
- 28 (ii) hunting is by permit only; and
- 29 (iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 30 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 31 (G) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 32 ~~(92)~~(91) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen and Pender counties
- 33 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 34 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
35 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 36 (C) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is
37 prohibited on the Long Ridge Tract.

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

(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, 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 cooperator 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.

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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;
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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, 2021;~~ August 1, 2020; August 1, 2019;
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Amended Eff August 1, 2021.

1 15A NCAC 10H .1503 is adopted with changes as published in 35:10 NCR 1057 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10H .1503 Manner of Take**

4 (a) WCAs shall comply with applicable manner of taking and disposition of wildlife requirements specified in 15A
5 NCAC 10B .0106.

6 (b) A WCA license number shall be equivalent to a trapper identification number for the purpose of meeting trap
7 identification requirements specified in G.S. 113-291.6(b)(4) for all trap types used.

8 (c) WCAs ~~may~~ shall only engage in bat eviction and exclusion activities from August 1 through April 30 of the next
9 calendar year unless otherwise approved by the Commission, on a case-by-case basis, for reasons of public health and
10 safety, species conservation, or animal health.

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12 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274

13 Eff. May 1, 2021.

1 15A NCAC 10H .1505 is adopted with changes as published in 35:10 NCR 1058 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10H .1505 Wildlife Control Agent License Renewal and Revocation**

4 (a) A WCA may renew his or her WCA license by completing at least one Commission-approved continuing
5 education course within the previous year. A list of Commission-approved continuing education courses may be
6 found at www.ncwildlife.org/wca.

7 (b) WCAs that do not renew their license for two consecutive calendar years shall be ineligible for renewal and
8 shall be required to repeat the requirements specified in 15A NCAC 10H .1501, prior to obtaining a new WCA
9 license.

10 (c) The Executive Director or his or her [designee,] designee may warn, cite, or revoke a WCA's license, if the WCA
11 violates any provision of G.S. 14, Article 47; G.S. 113, Subchapter IV; any rules promulgated by the Commission;
12 conditions of the WCA license; or standards taught in a Commission-approved WCA training course. The
13 determination whether to warn, cite, or revoke a WCA's wildlife control agent license shall be based upon the
14 seriousness of the violation.

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16 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274
17 Eff. May 1, 2021.

1 15A NCAC 10H .1506 is adopted as published in 35:10 NCR 1058 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10H .1506 Alligator Control Agent Certification Eligibility and Requirements**

4 (a) The following definitions shall apply in this Section:

5 (1) “Alligator control agent” or “ACA” means a licensed Wildlife Control Agent that holds a current
6 and valid alligator control agent certification issued by the Commission.

7 (2) “Alligator control agent certification” or “ACA certification” means a certification issued by the
8 Commission that authorizes a Wildlife Control Agent to engage in alligator damage control or
9 alligator removal activities by means of a Commission-issued depredation permit.

10 (b) It shall be unlawful to engage in alligator damage control or alligator removal activities for compensation without
11 first obtaining an alligator control agent (ACA) certification from the Commission.

12 (c) Only individuals with a valid WCA license shall be eligible for ACA certification.

13 (d) WCAs meeting the following requirements shall qualify for ACA certification:

14 (1) completion of a Commission-approved ACA training course that reviews the following:

15 (A) alligator ~~regulations;~~ rules;

16 (B) procedures for alligator data collection activities; and

17 (C) safe, humane alligator capture, handling, and transporting techniques.

18 (2) a passing score on the ACA written examination as specified in Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

19 (3) demonstration to the Commission of necessary equipment to safely and humanely capture and
20 relocate alligators, including ropes, cables, snares, poles, passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag
21 reader, and an alligator transport device.

22 (e) WCAs may register for a Commission-approved ACA training course at www.ncwildlife.org/wca

23 (f) WCAs scoring at least an 80 percent on the ACA examination provided by the Commission shall be deemed to
24 have received a passing score. WCAs failing to obtain a passing score on the examination shall receive one opportunity
25 to re-take the examination and receive a passing score without being required to retake the ACA training course.

26 (g) An ACA certification shall not be transferable between individuals.

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274*

29 *Eff. May 1, 2021.*

1 15A NCAC 10H .1507 is adopted with changes as published in 35:10 NCR 1058-1059 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10H .1507 Additional Permit Requirements for Alligator Control Agents**

4 (a) ACAs shall obtain an endangered species permit from the Commission each calendar year prior to conducting any
5 alligator handling and relocation activities.

6 (b) ACAs shall only handle alligators after a separate depredation permit for each alligator has been issued ~~from a~~
7 ~~representative of the Commission.~~ by the Executive Director or his or her designee.

8 (c) In emergency situations, where an alligator must be moved without delay due to a current or imminent threat to
9 human safety, the safety of the alligator, or disruption of traffic, ACAs shall obtain an authorization code from a
10 representative of the Commission prior to conducting any alligator handling and relocation activities. Authorization
11 codes may be obtained from Commission District Biologists or by contacting the Commission's communications
12 center at 1-800-662-7137 to be directed to an appropriate Commission representative.

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14 History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274

15 Eff. May 1, 2021.

1 15A NCAC 10J .0103 is amended with changes as published in 35:11 NCR 1147 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10J .0103 HUNTING ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREAS**

4 (a) Safety Requirements. No person while hunting on any area designated and posted as a wildlife conservation area
5 shall be under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drug.

6 (b) Tree Stands. It is unlawful to erect or to occupy, for the purpose of hunting, any tree stand or platform attached
7 by nails, screws, ~~bolts~~ **bolts**, or wire to a tree on any area designated and posted as a wildlife conservation area. This
8 prohibition shall not apply to lag-screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal left remaining
9 in or attached to the tree.

10 (c) Time and Manner of Taking. Except where closed to hunting or limited to specific dates by ~~these regulations~~, **the**
11 **Rules of this Chapter** hunting on areas designated and posted as wildlife conservation areas is permitted during the
12 open season for the game or furbearing species being hunted. Waterfowl hunters shall not enter the areas earlier than
13 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates, and hunting is prohibited after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates; decoys may
14 not be set out prior to 4:00 a.m. and must be removed by 3:00 p.m. each date. No person shall operate any vessel or
15 vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine on the waters of any area designated and posted as a wildlife
16 conservation area. No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal taken by severing the head
17 or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal which has been so mutilated. No person shall place, or cause
18 to be placed on any area designated and posted as a wildlife conservation area, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without
19 prior written authorization of the Commission or its agent and no person shall take or attempt to take any game birds
20 or game animals attracted to such foods. No person shall use an electronic calling device for the purpose of attracting
21 wild birds or wild animals. No live wild animals or wild birds shall be removed from any designated wildlife
22 conservation area except with the written permission of the landowner.

23 (d) Hunting Dates:

24 (1) Any game may be taken during the open seasons ~~on the following wildlife conservation areas~~ and
25 hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Thanksgiving, ~~Christmas~~ **Christmas**,
26 and New Year's Days. In addition, deer may be taken with bow and arrow on the opening day of
27 the bow and arrow season for deer. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on
28 Tuesdays, until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays. ~~Additional restrictions~~
29 ~~apply as indicated in parentheses following specific designations:~~

30 (2) Except as otherwise indicated, the following designated wildlife conservation areas or indicated
31 portions thereof are closed to all hunting:

32 (A) Nona Pitt Hinson Cohen Wildlife Conservation Area - Richmond County.

33 (B) John D. Lewis Wildlife Conservation Area - Wayne County.

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35 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-136; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-305;*

36 *Eff. February 1, 1990;*

37 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021; October 1, 1994.*