

1 15A NCAC 10C .0205 is amended with changes as published in 37:11 NCR 799 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0205 PUBLIC MOUNTAIN TROUT WATERS**

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

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

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

- 14 (1) "Public Mountain Trout Waters" are all the waters included in this Rule and so those designated in
15 15A NCAC 10D .0104.
- 16 (2) "Catch and Release/Artificial Release Artificial Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters" are Public
17 Mountain Trout Waters where only artificial flies and lures having one single hook may be used. No
18 trout may be possessed or harvested while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such with this
19 designation include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 20 (3) "Delayed Harvest Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where between October 1 and
21 one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday of the following June, it is unlawful
22 to possess natural bait, use more than one single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or possess trout
23 while fishing. From 6:00 a.m. until noon on the first Saturday in June until noon that same day, June,
24 only youth anglers may fish and these waters have no bait or lure restrictions. From noon on the first
25 Saturday in June until October 1, anglers of all ages may fish and these waters have no bait or lure
26 restrictions. Waters designated as such with this designation do not include tributaries unless
27 otherwise noted.
- 28 (4) "Hatchery Supported Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters that have no bait or lure
29 restrictions. Waters designated as such with this designation do not include tributaries unless
30 otherwise noted.
- 31 (5) "Special Regulation Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where watercourse-specific
32 regulations apply. Waters designated as such with this designation do not include tributaries unless
33 otherwise noted.
- 34 (6) "Wild Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters which are identified as such in this Rule or
35 15A NCAC 10D .0104. Only artificial lures having only one single hook may be used. No person
36 shall possess natural bait while fishing these waters. Waters designated as such with this designation
37 do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.

1 (7) "Wild Trout ~~Waters/Natural Bait~~ "Natural Bait Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where ~~all~~
2 artificial lures and natural baits, except live fish, may be used provided they are fished using only
3 one single hook. Waters ~~designated as such~~ ~~with this designation~~ include tributaries unless otherwise
4 noted.

5 (8) "Undesignated Waters" are ~~all the~~ other waters in the State. These waters have no bait or lure
6 restrictions.

7 (c) Seasons, creel, and size limits. Seasons, creel, and size limits for trout ~~in all waters~~ are listed in Rule .0316 of this
8 Subchapter.

9 (d) Classifications. This Paragraph designates waters in each county that have a specific classification. Waters on
10 game lands are ~~so~~ designated in 15A NCAC 10D .0104, unless otherwise indicated in this Paragraph. ~~All The~~ other
11 waters are classified as Undesignated Waters.

12 (1) Alleghany

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

14 Little River (~~S.R. from the S.R.~~ 1133 bridge to 275 yards downstream of the intersection
15 of S.R. 1128 and S.R. ~~1129 [marked 1129, marked~~ by a sign on ~~each bank~~) ~~both banks~~

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

17 Big Pine Creek

18 Bledsoe Creek

19 Brush Creek (~~N.C. from the N.C.~~ 21 bridge to ~~the~~ confluence with ~~the~~ Little River, except
20 where posted against ~~trespassing~~) ~~trespassing~~

21 Cranberry Creek

22 ~~(Big)~~ Glade Creek

23 Little River (~~275 from 275~~ yards downstream ~~from of~~ the intersection of S.R. 1128 and
24 S.R. ~~1129 1129, [marked marked~~ by a sign on ~~each bank~~) ~~both banks~~, to McCann ~~Dam~~
25 ~~Dam~~

26 Meadow Fork

27 Pine Swamp Creek

28 Piney Fork

29 Prathers Creek

30 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

31 ~~All The~~ waters located on Stone Mountain State Park

32 (2) Ashe County

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

35 Big Horse Creek (~~Virginia from the Virginia~~ state line to Mud Creek at S.R. 1363,
36 excluding ~~tributaries~~) ~~tributaries~~

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

1 Big Horse Creek (~~S.R. from the S.R.~~ 1324 bridge to ~~the~~ North Fork New ~~River~~) ~~River~~
2 Helton Creek (~~900 from 900~~ yards upstream of ~~the SR S.R.~~ 1372 ~~bridge~~ [~~marked~~ ~~bridge~~,
3 ~~marked~~ by a sign on ~~each bank~~] ~~both banks~~ to ~~the~~ North Fork New ~~River~~) ~~River~~
4 South Fork New River (~~upstream from the upstream~~ end of Todd Island to the ~~SR S.R.~~
5 1351 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~

6 Trout Lake

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

8 Beaver Creek (~~N.C. from N.C.~~ 221 to ~~the~~ confluence of Beaver Creek and South Beaver
9 ~~Creek~~) ~~Creek~~

10 Big Horse Creek (~~Mud from Mud~~ Creek at S.R. 1363 to ~~the~~ S.R. 1324 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~

11 Big Laurel Creek (~~S.R. from the S.R.~~ 1315 bridge to ~~the~~ confluence with ~~the~~ North Fork
12 New ~~River~~) ~~River~~

13 Buffalo Creek (~~S.R. from the S.R.~~ 1133 bridge to ~~the~~ N.C. 194-88 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~

14 Cranberry Creek (~~Alleghany from the Alleghany~~ Co. line to ~~the~~ South Fork New ~~River~~)
15 ~~River~~

16 Nathans Creek

17 North Fork New River (~~Watauga from the Watauga~~ Co. line to Sharp ~~Dam~~) ~~Dam~~

18 Old Fields Creek (~~N.C. from N.C.~~ 221 to ~~the~~ South Fork New ~~River~~) ~~River~~

19 Peak Creek (~~headwaters to~~ [~~Upper~~] ~~from the upper~~ boundary of ~~the~~ NCDA-NCSU Upper
20 ~~Mountain Research Station to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters~~) [~~Lake~~]
21 ~~Lake~~

22 Roan Creek

23 Three Top Creek

24 (3) Avery County

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

26 Elk ~~River~~ (~~portion~~ ~~River~~, ~~the portion~~ on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the
27 ~~millpond~~) ~~millpond~~

28 Lost Cove ~~Creek~~ (~~game~~ ~~Creek~~, ~~the game~~ land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and
29 Rockhouse ~~Creek~~) ~~Creek~~

30 Wilson ~~Creek~~ (~~game~~ ~~Creek~~, ~~the game~~ land ~~portion~~) ~~portion~~

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

32 Boyde Coffey Lake

33 Elk River (~~S.R. from the S.R.~~ 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the
34 Tennessee state ~~line~~) ~~line~~

35 Linville River (~~S.R. from S.R.~~ 1504 to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line, except
36 where posted against ~~trespassing~~) ~~trespassing~~

37 Milltimber Creek

1 North Toe River ~~upper (Watauga from Watauga~~ St. to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and
2 Family Recreational Park, except where posted against ~~trespassing)~~ trespassing
3 North Toe River ~~lower (S.R. from S.R.~~ 1164 to Mitchell Co. line, except where posted
4 against ~~trespassing)~~ trespassing
5 Squirrel Creek
6 Wildcat Lake
7 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
8 Birchfield Creek
9 Cow Camp Creek
10 Cranberry Creek ~~(headwaters from the headwaters to the~~ U.S. ~~19E/N.C. 194~~ ~~19E, N.C.~~
11 ~~194, bridge)~~ bridge
12 Gragg Prong
13 Horse Creek
14 Kentucky Creek
15 North Harper Creek
16 Plumtree Creek
17 Roaring Creek
18 Rockhouse Creek
19 Shawneehaw ~~Creek (portion~~ ~~Creek, the portion~~ adjacent to Banner Elk ~~Greenway)~~
20 ~~Greenway~~
21 South Harper Creek
22 Webb Prong
23 (4) Buncombe County
24 (A) Catch and ~~Release/Artificial~~ ~~Release Artificial~~ Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as
25 follows:
26 Carter ~~Creek (game~~ ~~Creek, the game~~ land ~~portion)~~ ~~portion~~
27 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
28 Bent Creek ~~(headwaters from the headwaters to the~~ N.C. Arboretum boundary ~~line)~~ ~~line~~
29 Cane Creek ~~(headwaters from the headwaters to the~~ S.R. 3138 ~~bridge)~~ ~~bridge~~
30 Corner Rock Creek ~~(Little from Little~~ Andy Creek to ~~the~~ confluence with Walker ~~Branch)~~
31 ~~Branch~~
32 Dillingham Creek ~~(Corner from Corner~~ Rock Creek to Ivy ~~Creek)~~ ~~Creek~~
33 Ivy Creek ~~(Ivy River)(Dillingham from Dillingham~~ Creek to ~~the~~ U.S. 19-23 ~~bridge)~~ ~~bridge~~
34 Lake Powhatan
35 Reems Creek ~~(Sugar from Sugar~~ Camp Fork to ~~the~~ U.S. 19-23 bridge, except where posted
36 against ~~trespassing)~~ trespassing

1 Rich Branch (~~downstream from downstream from of~~ the confluence with Rocky ~~Branch~~)
2 ~~Branch~~
3 Stony Creek
4 Swannanoa (~~S.R. from the S.R.~~ 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to ~~the~~ Wood Avenue ~~bridge~~
5 ~~intersection~~ bridge, at the intersection of N.C. 81 and U.S. 74A in ~~Asheville~~, ~~Asheville~~,
6 except where posted against ~~trespassing~~) ~~trespassing~~

7 (5) Burke County

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

10 Henry ~~Fork (portion Fork, the portion~~ on South Mountains State ~~Park)~~ ~~Park~~

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

12 Jacob Fork (~~Shinny from Shinny~~ Creek to ~~the~~ lower South Mountains State Park ~~boundary~~)
13 ~~boundary~~

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

15 Carroll ~~Creek (game~~ ~~Creek, the game~~ land portion above S.R. ~~1405)~~ ~~1405~~

16 Henry Fork (~~lower from the lower~~ South Mountain State Park line ~~downstream~~ to S.R.
17 1919 at Ivy ~~Creek)~~ ~~Creek~~

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

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

22 Catawba River (~~Muddy from Muddy~~ Creek to ~~the~~ City of Morganton water intake ~~dam~~)
23 ~~dam~~

24 (E) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

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

27 (6) Caldwell County

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

29 Wilson ~~Creek (game~~ ~~Creek, the game~~ land portion below Lost Cove Creek to Philips
30 ~~Branch)~~ ~~Branch~~

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

32 Boone Fork Pond

33 Buffalo Creek (~~mouth from the mouth~~ of Joes Creek to McCloud ~~Branch)~~ ~~Branch~~

34 Joes Creek (~~first from the first~~ falls upstream of S.R. 1574 to ~~the~~ confluence with Buffalo
35 ~~Creek)~~ ~~Creek~~

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

- 1 Yadkin River (~~Happy from the Happy~~ Valley Ruritan Community Park to S.R. ~~1515~~ ~~1515~~)
- 2 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 3 Buffalo Creek (~~Watauga from the Watauga~~ Co. line to Long Ridge Branch including game
- 4 land ~~tributaries~~ ~~tributaries~~)
- 5 Joes Creek (~~Watauga from the Watauga~~ Co. line to ~~the~~ first falls upstream of the end of
- 6 S.R. ~~1574~~ ~~1574~~)
- 7 Rockhouse Creek
- 8 (7) Cherokee County
- 9 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 10 Davis Creek (~~confluence from the confluence~~ of Bald ~~Creek~~ and Dockery ~~ereeks~~ ~~Creek~~ to
- 11 Hanging Dog ~~Creek~~ ~~Creek~~)
- 12 Hyatt Creek (~~Big from Big~~ Dam Branch to ~~the~~ Valley ~~River~~ ~~River~~)
- 13 Junaluska Creek (~~Ashturn from Ashturn~~ Creek to ~~the~~ Valley ~~River~~ ~~River~~)
- 14 Shuler Creek (~~Joe from the Joe~~ Brown Hwy [~~S.R. 1325~~] bridge ~~Hwy, S.R. 1325 bridge,~~ to
- 15 ~~the~~ Tennessee state ~~line~~ ~~line~~)
- 16 Valley River (~~S.R. from S.R.~~ 1359 to ~~the~~ U.S. 19 Business bridge in ~~Murphy~~ ~~Murphy~~)
- 17 (B) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:
- 18 Apalachia Reservoir
- 19 (C) Wild Trout ~~Waters/Natural Bait~~ ~~Natural Bait Waters~~ are as follows:
- 20 Bald ~~Creek (game~~ ~~Creek, the game~~ land ~~portion~~ ~~portion~~)
- 21 Dockery ~~Creek (game~~ ~~Creek, the game~~ land ~~portion~~ ~~portion~~)
- 22 (8) Clay County
- 23 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 24 Fires Creek (~~Rockhouse from Rockhouse~~ Creek to the foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek
- 25 Picnic ~~Area~~ ~~Area~~)
- 26 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 27 Buck ~~Creek (game~~ ~~Creek, the game~~ land portion downstream of ~~the~~ U.S. 64 ~~bridge~~ ~~bridge~~)
- 28 Fires Creek (~~foot from the foot~~ bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area to S.R. ~~1300~~)
- 29 ~~1300~~)
- 30 Tusquitee Creek (~~Compass from Compass~~ Creek to ~~the~~ lower S.R. 1300 ~~bridge~~ ~~bridge~~)
- 31 (9) Graham County
- 32 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 33 (~~Big~~) Snowbird Creek (~~USFS from the USFS~~ footbridge at the old railroad junction to
- 34 USFS Rd. ~~2579~~ ~~2579~~)
- 35 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 36 Calderwood Reservoir (~~Cheoah from Cheoah~~ Dam to ~~the~~ Tennessee state ~~line~~ ~~line~~)
- 37 Cheoah Reservoir

- 1 Panther Creek (~~confluence~~ from the confluence of Stand Creek and Rock Creek to Lake
2 ~~Fontana~~) Fontana
- 3 Santeetlah Creek (~~Johns~~ from Johns Branch to Lake ~~Santeetlah~~) Santeetlah
- 4 (~~Big~~) Snowbird Creek (~~USFS~~ from USFS Road Rd. 2579 to the S.R. 1127 ~~bridge~~) bridge
- 5 Stecoah Creek (~~upper~~ from the upper game land boundary to Lake ~~Fontana~~) Fontana
- 6 Tulula Creek (~~S.R.~~ from S.R. 1201 to the lower bridge on S.R. ~~1275~~) 1275
- 7 West Buffalo Creek
- 8 Yellow Creek (~~Lake~~ from Lake Santeetlah hydropower pipeline to ~~the~~ Cheoah ~~River~~) River
- 9 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 10 Little Buffalo Creek
- 11 South Fork Squally Creek
- 12 Squally Creek
- 13 (D) Wild Trout ~~Waters/Natural Bait~~ Natural Bait Waters are as follows:
- 14 Long ~~Creek (game~~ Creek, the game land ~~portion~~) portion
- 15 (10) Haywood County
- 16 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 17 West Fork Pigeon River (~~Queen~~ from Queen Creek to the first game land boundary
18 upstream of Lake ~~Logan~~) Logan
- 19 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 20 Cold Springs Creek (~~Fall~~ from Fall Branch to ~~the~~ Pigeon ~~River~~) River
- 21 Jonathan Creek (~~upstream~~ from upstream of the S.R. 1302 bridge to ~~the~~ Pigeon River,
22 except where posted against ~~trespassing~~) trespassing
- 23 Pigeon River (~~Stamey~~ from Stamey Cove Branch to ~~the~~ upstream U.S. 19-23 ~~bridge~~) bridge
- 24 Richland Creek (~~Russ Avenue [U.S. 276] bridge~~ from the Russ Avenue, U.S. 276, bridge
25 to ~~the~~ U.S. 19 ~~bridge~~) bridge
- 26 West Fork Pigeon River (~~Tom~~ from Tom Creek to Queen Creek, including ~~the game land~~
27 ~~portion, portions on game lands,~~ except Middle ~~Prong~~) Prong
- 28 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 29 Hurricane Creek
- 30 (11) Henderson County
- 31 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 32 North Fork Mills ~~River (game~~ River, the game land portion below the Hendersonville
33 watershed ~~dam~~) dam
- 34 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 35 (~~Rocky~~) Broad River (~~end~~ from the end of S.R. 1611 to ~~the~~ Rutherford ~~County Co. line~~)
36 line

1 Cane Creek (~~railroad~~ from the railroad bridge upstream of the S.R. 1551 bridge to the U.S.
2 25 ~~bridge~~) bridge
3 Clear Creek (~~Laurel~~ from Laurel Fork to S.R. ~~1582~~) 1582
4 Green River (~~Lake~~ from the Lake Summit powerhouse to the game land ~~boundary~~)
5 boundary
6 (~~Big~~) Hungry River (~~S.R.~~ from S.R. 1885 to the Green ~~River~~) River

7 (12) Jackson County

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

10 Flat Creek

11 (~~East Fork~~) Tuckasegee ~~River(game~~ [~~River (game~~ River, the game ~~lands~~ land portion
12 upstream of Tanasee Creek Lake, including the Duke Energy powerline ~~corridor~~) corridor
13 Tuckasegee River (~~upstream~~ the portion upstream from the Clark ~~property~~) property

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

15 Tuckasegee River (~~downstream~~ from downstream of the N.C. 107 bridge to the falls
16 located 275 yards upstream of the U.S. 23-441 ~~bridge [marked~~ bridge, marked by a sign on
17 ~~each bank~~) both banks

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

19 Balsam Lake

20 Bear Creek Lake

21 Cedar Cliff Lake

22 Cullowhee Creek (~~Tilley~~ from Tilley Creek to the Tuckasegee ~~River~~) River

23 Dark Ridge Creek (~~Jones~~ from Jones Creek to Scott ~~Creek~~) Creek

24 Greens Creek (~~Greens~~ from Greens Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1370 to Savannah ~~Creek~~)
25 Creek

26 Savannah Creek (~~Shell~~ from Shell Branch to Cagle ~~Branch~~) Branch

27 Scott Creek (~~Dark~~ from Dark Ridge Creek to the Tuckasegee River, except where posted
28 against ~~trespassing~~) trespassing

29 Tanasee Creek Lake

30 Tuckasegee River — ~~upper (John~~ from John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107
31 ~~bridge~~) bridge

32 Tuckasegee River — ~~lower (falls~~ from the falls located 275 yards upstream of the U.S. 23-
33 441 ~~bridge [marked~~ bridge, marked by a sign on ~~each bank~~) both banks, to the S.R. 1534
34 bridge at ~~Wilmot~~) Wilmont

35 Wolf Creek Lake

36 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

37 Gage Creek

- 1 North Fork Scott Creek
- 2 Tanasee Creek
- 3 Whitewater River (~~downstream~~ from Silver Run Creek to ~~the~~ South Carolina state ~~line~~)
- 4 ~~line~~
- 5 Wolf Creek (~~except~~ ~~except~~ Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek ~~Lake~~) ~~Lake~~
- 6 (E) Wild Trout ~~Waters/Natural Bait~~ ~~Natural Bait Waters~~ are as follows:
- 7 Chattooga River (~~S.R.~~ ~~from the S.R.~~ 1100 bridge to the South Carolina state ~~line~~) ~~line~~
- 8 ~~Scotsman Creek (game land portion)~~
- 9 (13) Macon County
- 10 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 11 Nantahala River (~~Whiteoak~~ ~~from Whiteoak~~ Creek to ~~the~~ Nantahala hydropower discharge
- 12 ~~canal~~) ~~canal~~
- 13 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 14 Burningtown Creek (~~Left~~ ~~from Left~~ Prong to ~~the~~ Little Tennessee ~~River~~) ~~River~~
- 15 Cartoogechaye Creek (~~downstream~~ ~~from downstream of the~~ U.S. 64 bridge to ~~the~~ Little
- 16 Tennessee ~~River~~) ~~River~~
- 17 Cliffside Lake
- 18 Cullasaja River (~~Sequoyah~~ ~~from Sequoyah~~ Dam to ~~the~~ U.S. 64 bridge near ~~the~~ junction of
- 19 S.R. ~~1672~~) ~~1672~~
- 20 Nantahala River ~~upper~~ (~~Dicks~~ ~~from Dicks~~ Creek to Whiteoak ~~Creek~~) ~~Creek~~
- 21 Nantahala River ~~lower~~ (~~Nantahala~~ ~~from the Nantahala~~ hydropower discharge canal to
- 22 ~~the~~ Swain Co. ~~line~~) ~~line~~
- 23 Queens Creek Lake
- 24 (C) Wild Trout ~~Waters/Natural Bait~~ ~~Natural Bait Waters~~ are as follows:
- 25 Chattooga River (~~S.R.~~ ~~from the S.R.~~ 1100 bridge to ~~the~~ South Carolina state ~~line~~) ~~line~~
- 26 Kimsey Creek
- 27 Park Creek
- 28 ~~Tellico Creek (game land portion)~~
- 29 ~~Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)~~
- 30 (14) Madison County
- 31 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 32 Big Laurel Creek (~~N.C.~~ ~~from the N.C.~~ 208 bridge to the U.S. 25-70 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~
- 33 Shelton Laurel Creek (~~N.C.~~ ~~from the N.C.~~ 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big
- 34 Laurel ~~Creek~~) ~~Creek~~
- 35 Spring Creek (~~N.C.~~ ~~from the N.C.~~ 209 bridge at ~~the~~ Hot Springs city limits to ~~the~~ iron
- 36 bridge at end of Andrews ~~Ave.~~) ~~Ave.~~
- 37 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

- 1 Big Laurel Creek (~~Puncheon from Puncheon~~ Fork to the S.R. ~~1318 [Big 1318, Big~~ Laurel
2 ~~Rd.] Rd.~~, bridge downstream of Bearpen ~~Branch) Branch~~
- 3 Big Pine Creek (~~S.R. from the S.R.~~ 1151 bridge to ~~the~~ French Broad ~~River) River~~
- 4 Little Ivy Creek (~~confluence from the confluence~~ of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech
5 Glen to ~~the~~ confluence with Ivy Creek at Forks of ~~Ivy) Ivy~~
- 6 Max Patch Pond
- 7 Meadow Fork Creek (~~Meadow from Meadow~~ Fork Campground to Spring ~~Creek) Creek~~
- 8 Puncheon Fork (~~Wolf from Wolf~~ Laurel Branch to Big Laurel ~~Creek) Creek~~
- 9 Roaring Fork (~~Fall from Fall~~ Branch to Meadow ~~Fork) Fork~~
- 10 Shelton Laurel Creek (~~confluence from the confluence~~ of Big Creek and Mill Creek to ~~the~~
11 N.C. 208 bridge at ~~Belva) Belva~~
- 12 Shut-in Creek
- 13 Spillcorn Creek
- 14 Spring Creek (~~junction from the junction~~ of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to the confluence with
15 Meadow ~~Fork) Fork~~
- 16 West Fork Shut-in Creek (~~lower from the lower~~ game land boundary to ~~the~~ confluence with
17 East Fork Shut-in ~~Creek) Creek~~
- 18 (C) ~~Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:~~
- 19 ~~Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary)~~
- 20 (15) McDowell County
- 21 (A) Catch and ~~Release/Artificial~~ ~~Release Artificial~~ Flies and Lures Only Trout Waters are as
22 follows:
- 23 Newberry ~~Creek (game~~ ~~Creek, the game~~ land ~~portion) portion~~
- 24 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 25 Catawba ~~River (portion~~ ~~River, the portion~~ adjacent to ~~the~~ Marion ~~Greenway) Greenway~~
- 26 Curtis ~~Creek (game~~ ~~Creek, the game~~ land portion downstream of the USFS boundary at
27 Deep ~~Branch) Branch~~
- 28 Mill Creek (~~U.S. from the U.S.~~ 70 bridge to ~~the~~ I-40 ~~bridge) bridge~~
- 29 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 30 Armstrong Creek (~~Cato from the Cato~~ Holler line downstream to ~~the~~ upper Greenlee ~~line)~~
31 ~~line~~
- 32 Catawba River (~~Catawba from the Catawba~~ Falls Campground to ~~the~~ Old Fort Recreation
33 ~~Park) Park~~
- 34 Little Buck ~~Creek (game~~ ~~Creek, the game~~ land ~~portion) portion~~
- 35 North Fork Catawba River (~~headwaters from the headwaters~~ to North Cove School at ~~the~~
36 S.R. 1569 ~~bridge) bridge~~
- 37 (16) Mitchell County

- 1 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
2 Cane Creek (~~N.C. from the N.C.~~ 226 bridge to ~~the~~ S.R. 1189 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~
3 North Toe River (~~U.S. from the U.S.~~ 19E bridge to ~~the~~ N.C. 226 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~
- 4 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
5 Big Rock Creek (~~headwaters from the headwaters~~ to ~~the~~ N.C. 226 bridge at ~~the~~ S.R. 1307
6 ~~intersection~~) ~~intersection~~
7 Cane Creek (~~S.R. from S.R.~~ 1219 to ~~the~~ N.C. 226 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~
8 East Fork Grassy Creek
9 Grassy Creek (~~East from East~~ Fork Grassy Creek to ~~the~~ ~~mouth~~) ~~mouth~~
10 Little Rock Creek (~~Green from the Green~~ Creek bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where
11 posted against ~~trespassing~~) ~~trespassing~~
12 North Toe River (~~Avery from the Avery~~ Co. line to ~~the~~ S.R. 1121 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~
- 13 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
14 Green Creek (~~headwaters from the headwaters~~ to ~~the~~ Green Creek bridge, except where
15 posted against ~~trespassing~~) ~~trespassing~~
16 Little Rock Creek (~~above the portion upstream of the~~ Green Creek bridge, including ~~all the~~
17 tributaries, except where posted against ~~trespassing~~) ~~trespassing~~
18 Wiles Creek (~~game from the game~~ land boundary to ~~the~~ ~~mouth~~) ~~mouth~~
- 19 (17) Polk County
20 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
21 Green River (~~Fishtop from the Fishtop~~ Falls Access Area to the confluence with Cove
22 ~~Creek~~) ~~Creek~~
- 23 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
24 Green River (~~Mouth from the mouth~~ of Cove Creek to the natural gas pipeline ~~crossing~~)
25 ~~crossing~~
26 North Pacolet River (~~Joels from Joels~~ Creek to ~~the~~ N.C. 108 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~
- 27 (18) Rutherford County
28 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
29 (~~Rocky~~) Broad River (~~Henderson from the Henderson~~ Co. line to ~~the~~ U.S. 64/74 bridge,
30 except where posted against ~~trespassing~~) ~~trespassing~~
- 31 (19) Stokes County
32 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
33 Dan River (~~Virginia from the Virginia~~ state line downstream to a point 200 yards below the
34 end of S.R. ~~1421~~) ~~1421~~
- 35 (20) Surry County
36 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
37 Ararat ~~River (portion~~ ~~River, the portion~~ adjacent to the Ararat River ~~Greenway~~) ~~Greenway~~

1 Mitchell River ~~(0.6 from 0.6~~ miles upstream of the end of S.R. 1333 to the lowermost
2 bridge on S.R. ~~1330) 1330~~

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

4 Ararat River ~~(S.R. from the S.R. 1727 bridge~~ downstream to the N.C. 103 ~~bridge) bridge~~

5 Big Elkin Creek ~~(dam from the dam~~ 440 yards upstream of ~~the~~ N.C. 268 bridge to a point
6 265 yards downstream of N.C. ~~268 [marked 268, marked~~ by a sign on ~~each bank]) both~~
7 ~~banks~~

8 Fisher River ~~(Cooper Creek)(Virginia from the Virginia~~ state line to ~~the I-77 bridge) bridge~~

9 Little Fisher River ~~(Virginia from the Virginia~~ state line to ~~the~~ N.C. 89 ~~bridge) bridge~~

10 Lovills Creek ~~(U.S. from the U.S. 52 Business bridge to the~~ Ararat ~~River) River~~

11 Pauls Creek ~~(Virginia from the Virginia~~ state line to ~~.3 0.3~~ miles below ~~the~~ S.R. 1625
12 ~~bridge) bridge~~

13 (21) Swain County

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

15 Tuckasegee River ~~(U.S. from the U.S. 19 bridge to the~~ Slope Street ~~bridge) bridge~~

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

17 Alarka Creek ~~(game from the game~~ land boundary to Fontana ~~Reservoir) Reservoir~~

18 Calderwood Reservoir ~~(Cheoah from Cheoah~~ Dam to ~~the~~ Tennessee state ~~line) line~~

19 Cheoah Reservoir

20 Connelly Creek ~~(Camp from Camp~~ Branch to ~~the~~ Tuckasegee ~~River) River~~

21 Deep Creek ~~(Great from the Great~~ Smoky Mountains National Park Boundary line to ~~the~~

22 Tuckasegee ~~River) River~~

23 Nantahala River ~~(Macon from the Macon~~ Co. line to ~~the~~ existing Fontana Lake water ~~level)~~
24 ~~level~~

25 (22) Transylvania County

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

28 Davidson River ~~(headwaters from the headwaters~~ to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek,

29 Looking Glass Creek ~~and Grogan Creek) Creek, Cedar Rock Creek and John Rock Branch~~

30 ~~[[tributary to the Davidson River at Bobby N. Setzer State Fish Hatchery] and John Rock~~
31 ~~Branch)]~~

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

33 East Fork French Broad River ~~(East from East~~ Fork Baptist Church to the downstream S.R.
34 1107 ~~bridge) bridge~~

35 Little River ~~(confluence from the confluence~~ of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of
36 Hooker ~~Falls) Falls~~

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

1 Davidson River (~~Avery from Avery~~ Creek to ~~the~~ lower USFS ~~boundary~~) ~~boundary~~

2 French Broad River (~~confluence from the confluence~~ of ~~the~~ North Fork French Broad River
3 and West ~~Fork~~) ~~Fork~~

4 French Broad River to the Island Ford ~~Rd. [S.R. 1110] Rd., S.R. 1110~~ Access Area

5 Middle Fork French Broad River (~~upstream from upstream of the~~ U.S. 178 bridge to ~~the~~
6 French Broad ~~River~~) ~~River~~

7 West Fork French Broad River (~~S.R. from S.R.~~ 1312 to ~~the~~ confluence with North Fork
8 French Broad ~~River~~) ~~River~~

9 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

10 ~~All The~~ waters located on Gorges State Park

11 Whitewater River (~~downstream~~ from Silver Run Creek to ~~the~~ South Carolina state ~~line~~)
12 ~~line~~

13 (E) Wild Trout ~~Waters/Natural Bait~~ ~~Natural Bait Waters~~ are as follows:

14 North Fork French Broad ~~River (game~~ ~~River, the game~~ land portion downstream of S.R.
15 ~~1326)~~ ~~1326~~

16 Thompson River (~~S.R. from S.R.~~ 1152 to ~~the~~ South Carolina state line, except where posted
17 against ~~trespassing~~) ~~trespassing~~

18 (23) Watauga County

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

21 Laurel Creek (~~confluence from the confluence~~ of North ~~Fork Laurel Creek~~ and South Fork
22 Laurel ~~creeks~~ ~~Creek~~ to Elk Creek, excluding ~~tributaries~~) ~~tributaries~~

23 Pond Creek (~~headwaters from the headwaters~~ to ~~the~~ Locust Ridge Rd. bridge, excluding
24 the pond adjacent to Coffee ~~Lake~~) ~~Lake~~

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

26 Lake Coffey

27 Watauga River ~~upper (S.R. from the S.R.~~ 1114 bridge to ~~the~~ Valle Crucis Community
28 Park lower ~~boundary~~) ~~boundary~~

29 Watauga River ~~lower (S.R. from the S.R.~~ 1103 bridge to ~~the~~ confluence with Laurel
30 ~~Creek~~) ~~Creek~~

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

32 Beaverdam Creek (~~confluence from the confluence~~ of Beaverdam Creek and Little
33 Beaverdam Creek to an unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1201 and
34 S.R. ~~1203)~~ ~~1203~~

35 Beech Creek

36 Buckeye Creek (~~Buckeye from Buckeye~~ Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap ~~Creek~~) ~~Creek~~

37 Buckeye Creek Reservoir

1 Cove Creek (~~S.R.~~ from the S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to the S.R. 1214 bridge at
2 ~~Sherwood~~) Sherwood

3 Dutch Creek (~~second bridge on S.R. 1134~~ [~~S.R.~~ from the second S.R. 1136 bridge to
4 ~~mouth~~) the mouth

5 Elk Creek (~~S.R.~~ from the S.R. 1510 bridge at Triplett to the Wilkes Co. line, except where
6 posted against ~~trespassing~~) trespassing

7 Laurel Creek (~~S.R.~~ from the S.R. 1123 bridge at the S.R. 1157 intersection to the Watauga
8 ~~River~~) River

9 Meat Camp Creek (~~S.R.~~ from the S.R. 1340 bridge at the S.R. 1384 intersection to N.C.
10 ~~194~~) 194

11 Middle Fork New River (~~adjacent~~ from adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1539 and U.S.
12 321 to the South Fork New ~~River~~) River

13 Norris Fork Creek

14 South Fork New River (~~canoe~~ from the canoe launch 70 yards upstream of U.S. 421 bridge to
15 the lower boundary of Brookshire ~~Park~~) Park

16 Stony Fork (~~S.R.~~ from the S.R. 1500 bridge at the S.R. 1505 intersection to the Wilkes Co.
17 ~~line~~) line

18 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

19 Dutch Creek (headwaters from the headwaters to ~~second bridge on S.R. 1134~~) the second
20 ~~S.R. 1136~~ [~~bridge~~] bridge

21 Howard Creek

22 Maine Branch (headwaters from the headwaters to the North Fork New ~~River~~) River

23 North Fork New River (~~from~~ from the confluence with Maine Branch and Mine branches
24 Branch to the Ashe Co. ~~line~~) line

25 Watauga River (~~Avery~~ from the Avery Co. line to the S.R. 1580 ~~bridge~~) bridge

26 Winkler Creek (lower from the lower bridge on S.R. 1549 to the confluence with the South
27 Fork New ~~River~~) River

28 (24) Wilkes County

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

30 East Prong Roaring River (~~Bullhead~~ from Bullhead Creek downstream to the Stone
31 Mountain State Park lower ~~boundary~~) boundary

32 Elk Creek ~~upper~~ (Watauga from the Watauga Co. line to the lower boundary of the Blue
33 Ridge Mountain ~~Club~~) Club

34 Elk ~~Creek~~ ~~lower~~ (portion Creek, the portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)
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36 Reddies River (~~Town~~ from the Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to the
37 confluence with the Yadkin ~~River~~) River

1 Stone Mountain Creek (~~from~~ ~~from the~~ falls at ~~the~~ Alleghany Co. line to ~~the~~ confluence with
2 ~~the~~ East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead ~~Creek~~) ~~Creek~~

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

4 Basin Creek (~~S.R.~~ ~~from the S.R.~~ 1730 bridge to ~~the~~ confluence with Lovelace ~~Creek~~) ~~Creek~~

5 Bell Branch Pond

6 Boundary Line Pond

7 Cub Creek (~~.5 mile~~ ~~from 0.5 miles~~ upstream of ~~the~~ S.R. 2460 bridge to ~~the~~ S.R. 1001
8 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~

9 Darnell Creek (~~North Prong Reddies River~~)(~~downstream~~ ~~from the downstream~~ ford on S.R.
10 1569 to ~~the~~ confluence with ~~the~~ North Fork Reddies ~~River~~) ~~River~~

11 East Prong Roaring River (~~Stone~~ ~~from the Stone~~ Mountain State Park lower boundary to
12 ~~the~~ S.R. 1002 ~~bridge~~) ~~bridge~~

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

15 Middle Fork Reddies River (~~Clear Prong~~)(~~headwaters~~ ~~from the headwaters~~ to ~~the~~ bridge
16 on S.R. ~~1580~~) ~~1580~~

17 Middle Prong Roaring River (~~headwaters~~ ~~from the headwaters~~ to ~~the~~ second bridge on S.R.
18 ~~1736~~) ~~1736~~

19 North Fork Reddies River (~~Vannoy Creek~~)(~~headwaters~~ ~~from the headwaters~~ to ~~the~~ Union
20 School bridge on S.R. ~~1559~~) ~~1559~~

21 Pike Creek

22 Pike Creek Pond

23 South Fork Reddies River (~~S.R.~~ ~~from the S.R.~~ 1355 bridge to ~~the~~ confluence with ~~the~~
24 Middle Fork Reddies ~~River~~) ~~River~~

25 South Prong Lewis Fork (~~Fall~~ ~~from Fall~~ Creek to ~~the~~ U.S. 421 bridge adjacent to ~~the~~ S.R.
26 1155 ~~intersection~~) ~~intersection~~

27 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

28 ~~All~~ ~~The~~ waters located on Stone Mountain State Park, except East Prong Roaring River
29 from Bullhead Creek ~~downstream~~ to the Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary where
30 Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply, and Stone Mountain Creek from ~~the~~ falls
31 at ~~the~~ Alleghany ~~County Co.~~ line to ~~the~~ confluence with ~~the~~ East Prong Roaring River and
32 Bullhead Creek in Stone Mountain State Park where Delayed Harvest Trout Waters
33 regulations apply

34 (25) Yancey County

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

37 South Toe River (~~headwaters~~ ~~from the headwaters~~ to Upper ~~Creek~~) ~~Creek~~

1 Upper Creek

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

3 Cane River (~~Blackberry~~ from Blackberry Ridge Rd. to the downstream boundary of Cane
4 River County ~~Park~~ Park)

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

6 Bald Mountain ~~Creek~~ (~~except~~ Creek, except where posted against ~~trespassing~~) trespassing

7 Cane River (~~Bee Branch [S.R. 1110]~~ from Bee Branch, S.R. 1110, to Bowlens ~~Creek~~) Creek

8 Price Creek (~~junction~~ from the junction of S.R. 1120 and S.R. 1121 to Indian ~~Creek~~) Creek

9 South Toe River (~~Clear~~ from Clear Creek to the lower boundary line of Yancey Co.

10 Recreation Park, except where posted against ~~trespassing~~) trespassing

11 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

12 Cattail Creek (~~bridge~~ from the bridge at Mountain Farm Community Rd. to the N.C. 197
13 ~~bridge~~) bridge

14 Lickskillet Creek

15 Middle Creek (~~game~~ from the game land boundary to ~~mouth~~) the mouth

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17 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-272; 113-292;*
18 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
19 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;*
20 *October 1, 1992;*
21 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*
22 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
23 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*
24 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*
25 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 6/21/01 and 04/18/02);*
26 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
27 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*
28 *2003);*
29 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*
30 *August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May*
31 *1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;*
32 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019;*
33 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023; August 1, 2022; August 1, 2021; August 1, 2020.*
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1 15A NCAC 10C 0206 is with changes amended as published in 37:11 NCR 806 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0206 TROTLINES, JUG HOOKS AND SET HOOKS**

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

- 5 (1) ~~"set"~~ **"Set** hook" means a fishing device consisting of a single line having no more than three hooks
6 that is attached at one end only to a stationary object.
7 (2) ~~"jug"~~ **"Jug** hook" means a fishing device consisting of a single line having no more than three hooks
8 that is attached to a float.
9 (3) ~~"trotline"~~ **"Trotline"** means a fishing device consisting of a horizontal common line having multiple
10 hooks attached.

11 (b) Trotlines, jug hooks, and set hooks may be set in the inland waters of North Carolina, provided no live bait is
12 used, except that they:

- 13 (1) may not be set in ~~any of~~ the impounded waters on the Sandhills Game Land;
14 (2) may not be set in ~~any~~ designated public mountain trout waters except impounded waters of power
15 reservoirs and municipally-owned water supply reservoirs open to the public for fishing; ~~and~~
16 (3) in Lake Waccamaw, trotlines, jug hooks, or set hooks may ~~only~~ be set ~~only~~ from October 1 through
17 ~~April 30.~~ April 30; and
18 (4) in the Roanoke River, trotlines, jug hooks, or set hooks may only be set from July 1 through March
19 31.

20 (c) ~~Each~~ **A** trotline, set hook, and jug hook shall bear legible and indelible identification of the user's name and address
21 or the user's Wildlife Resources Commission customer number.

22 (d) ~~Each trotline~~ **Trotlines** and set ~~hook~~ **hooks** shall be conspicuously marked at each end with a flag, float, or other
23 prominent object so that its location is readily discernible by boat operators and swimmers.

24 (e) Trotlines shall be set parallel to the nearest shore in ~~all~~ inland fishing waters unless otherwise prohibited.

25 (f) The number of jug hooks that may be fished is limited to 70 per boat.

26 (g) ~~All trotlines,~~ **Trotlines,** set hooks, and jug hooks shall be fished ~~at least~~ once daily with all fish removed.

27 (h) Trotlines, set hooks, and jug hooks without bait or not labeled as described in this Paragraph may be removed
28 from the water by wildlife enforcement officers.

29 (i) It is unlawful to use metal cans or glass jugs as floats.

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31 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272; 113-292;*

32 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

33 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1993; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989; January 1, 1982;*

34 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*

35 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; May 1, 2008; June 1, 2005; August*
36 *1, 2002;*

37 *Readopted Eff. October 1, 2022;*

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Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.

1 15A NCAC 10C .0302 is amended with changes as published in 37:11 NCR 807 as follows:

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15A NCAC 10C .0302 MANNER OF TAKING INLAND GAME FISHES

- (a) Inland game fishes may only be taken with hook and line unless otherwise provided.
- (b) Landing nets may be used to land fishes caught on hook and line.
- (c) Game fishes taken incidental to the use of special devices for taking nongame fishes from inland fishing waters as authorized in 15A NCAC 10C .0402 or as authorized by 15A NCAC 10C .0407 by anglers licensed under pursuant to G.S. 113-272.2(c) shall be immediately returned to the water unharmed except:
 - (1) that a daily creel limit of American and hickory shad may be taken with dip nets and bow nets from March 1 through April 30 in those waters where such those gear gears may be lawfully used; and
 - (2) white perch may be taken when captured in a cast net being used to collect nongame fishes in all impounded waters west of Interstate 95 and in the Tar River Reservoir (Nash County), in Nash County.
- (d) Inland game fishes taken from Inland Fishing Waters shall not be sold.
- (e) In the inland waters of the Roanoke River upstream of U.S. 258 bridge, only a single barbless circle hook may be used when fishing with live or natural bait from April 1 to June 30. With ~~all~~ other tackle, only a single barbless hook or a lure with a single barbless hook may be used. used from 1 April to 30 June. "Circle hook" as used in this Rule means a hook with the point turned perpendicularly back to the shank. "Barbless" as used in this Rule requires that the hook does not have a barb or the barb is bent down.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272.3; 113-292;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1996; October 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; May 1, 1992; January 1, 1982;
Temporary Amendment Eff. November 1, 1998;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2014; August 1, 2002; April 1, 1999;
Readopted Eff. October 1, 2021;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2023; March 15, 2023.

1 15A NCAC 10C .0306 is amended with changes as published in 37.11 NCAC 807 as follows:

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15A NCAC 10C .0306 CRAPPIE

(a) There is no daily creel limit for Crappie, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (d) through (h) of this Rule.

(b) There is no minimum size limit except in waters identified in Paragraphs (f) through (h) of this Rule.

(c) There is no closed season.

(d) In Buckhorn Reservoir in Wilson and Nash counties, the daily creel limit is 20 fish.

(e) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit is 30 fish.

(f) In the following waters, the daily creel limit is 20 fish and the minimum size limit is 10 inches:

~~(1) B. Everett Jordan Reservoir;~~

~~(2)~~(1) Roanoke River and its tributaries downstream of Roanoke Rapids dam;

~~(3)~~(2) Cashie River and its tributaries;

~~(4)~~(3) Middle River and its tributaries;

~~(5)~~(4) Eastmost River and its tributaries; and

~~(6)~~(5) Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County.

(g) In the following waters, the daily creel limit is 20 fish and the minimum size limit is eight inches:

(1) Lake Norman;

(2) Lake Hyco;

(3) Lake Ramseur;

(4) Cane Creek Lake ~~(Union County);~~ in Union County;

(5) Lake Hampton ~~(Yadkin County);~~ in Yadkin County;

(6) Tar River downstream of Tar River Reservoir Dam and all including tributaries;

(7) Neuse River downstream of Falls Lake Dam and all including tributaries;

(8) Haw River downstream of B. Everett Jordan Reservoir Jordan Lake Dam and all including tributaries;

(9) Deep River downstream of Lockville Dam and all including tributaries;

(10) Cape Fear River and all including tributaries;

(11) Waccamaw River downstream of Lake Waccamaw Dam and all including tributaries;

(12) Lumber River including Drowning Creek and all including tributaries;

(13) all other public fishing waters east of Interstate 95, except Tar River Reservoir in Nash County, Sutton Lake in New Hanover County, and waters listed in Paragraph (f) of this Rule; ~~and~~

(14) all public waters west of Interstate 77, except Lake ~~Chatuge.~~ Chatuge; and

(15) B. Everett Jordan Reservoir.

(h) In John H. Kerr Reservoir, the daily creel limit is 25 fish and the minimum size limit is nine inches.

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

Eff. November 1, 2013;

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Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015;
Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2023; March 15, 2023; August 1, 2020.

1 15A NCAC 10C .0314 is amended with changes as published in 37:11 NCAC 808 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0314 STRIPED BASS**

4 (a) The daily creel limit for striped bass and its hybrids is four fish in the aggregate, except in waters identified in
5 Paragraphs (d) and (g) through ~~(h)~~ (m) of this Rule.

6 (b) The minimum size limit for these fish is 20 inches, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (d) through ~~(h)~~ (m)
7 of this Rule.

8 (c) There is no closed season, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (i) through (m) of this Rule.

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

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

15 (f) In Hycy Lake, Moss Lake, Mountain Island Reservoir, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Thom-A-Lex, Lake Townsend,
16 and Salem Lake the minimum size limit for striped bass and its hybrids is 16 inches.

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

19 (h) In Lake Mattamuskeet, and in the Pee Dee River and its tributaries downstream from the Blewett Falls Dam to
20 the South Carolina state line, the daily creel limit for striped bass and its hybrids is three fish in the aggregate, and the
21 minimum size limit is 18 inches.

22 (i) In the inland fishing waters of Neuse, Pungo, and Tar Pamlico rivers and their tributaries extending upstream to
23 the first impoundment of the main course on the river or its tributaries, and in all the other inland fishing waters east
24 of Interstate 95 not specified in Paragraphs (h) and (j) through (l) of this Rule, the daily creel limit for striped bass and
25 its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate. The minimum size limit is 26 inches. In these waters, the season for taking and
26 possessing striped bass is closed from May 1 through September 30.

27 (j) In the inland fishing waters of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries downstream of Buckhorn Dam and in [The]
28 the ponds associated with Martin Marietta Park in Craven County, the season for taking and possessing striped bass
29 is closed year-round.

30 [(k) In the inland fishing waters of the Cape Fear River from Lock and Dam 1 upstream to Buckhorn Dam and its
31 tributaries, the daily creel limit for striped bass and its hybrids is two fish. The minimum size limit is 18 inches. In
32 these waters, the season for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed from May 1 through the last day in February.]

33 (k)[~~(h)~~] In the inland and joint fishing waters of the Roanoke River Striped Bass Management Area, as established in
34 15A NCAC 03R .0201 and identified in 15A NCAC 10C .011, 15A NCAC 10C .0110 which includes the Roanoke,
35 Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost rivers and their tributaries, the open season for taking and possessing striped bass and
36 its hybrids is March 1 through April 30 from the joint-coastal fishing waters boundary at Albemarle Sound upstream
37 to Roanoke Rapids Lake ~~dam.~~ Dam. During the open season, the daily creel limit for striped bass and its hybrids is

1 one fish in the aggregate, and the minimum size limit is 18 inches. No fish ~~between over~~ over 22 inches ~~and 27 inches~~ in
2 length shall be possessed in the daily creel limit.

3 ~~(b)~~~~(m)~~~~(l)~~ In designated inland and joint fishing waters of Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Chowan
4 River, Currituck Sound, Alligator River, Scuppernong River, and their ~~tributaries (excluding tributaries, excluding~~
5 Roanoke River and Cashie River and their ~~tributaries), tributaries,~~ tributaries, the striped bass fishing season, size limits, and creel
6 limits are the same as those established by rules or proclamations of the Marine Fisheries Commission in adjacent
7 coastal fishing waters.

8 ~~(m)~~~~(a)~~~~(m)~~ In accordance with G.S. 113-292, the Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend or extend the
9 hook-and-line season for striped bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful
10 to violate the provisions of ~~any a~~ any a proclamation issued ~~under~~ pursuant to this authority.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;*
13 *Eff. November 1, 2013;*
14 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2018; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*
15 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019;*
16 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2021; August 1, 2020;*
17 *Temporary Amendment Eff. November 30, 2021;*
18 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2022;*
19 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2022;*
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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0401 MANNER OF TAKING NONGAME FISHES**

4 (a) Except as permitted by the rules in this Section, no person shall take nongame fishes from the inland fishing waters
5 of North Carolina in any a manner other than with hook and line, grabbling, or special device with a special device
6 fishing license, or inland fishing license.

7 (b) Nongame fishes may be taken from inland fishing waters at any time without restriction as to size limits or creel
8 limits, except as specified in this Section.

9 (c) Special devices used with a special device fishing license shall only be used in those counties and waters with
10 open season designated in 15A NCAC 10C .0407.

11 (d) Archery equipment used with either a hunting license or inland fishing license may be used to take nongame fishes
12 year-round in all inland fishing waters, except:

- 13 (1) in the Pee Dee River and its tributaries, downstream of Blewett Falls Dam to the South Carolina
14 state line and in all tributaries, line, where only catfish can shall be taken;
15 (2) in impounded waters located on the Sandhills Game Land; and
16 (3) in public mountain trout waters.

17 (e) Set hooks, jug hooks, and trotlines may be used to take nongame fishes as designated in 15A NCAC 10C .0206.

18 (f) The season for taking nongame fishes by hook and line in designated public mountain trout waters is the same as
19 the trout fishing season. Trout seasons are designated in 15A NCAC 10C .0316.

20 (g) Nongame fishes taken by hook and line, grabbling, or by special device with a special device fishing license may
21 be sold unless otherwise specified in this Section.

22 (h) In the inland waters of the Roanoke River upstream of U.S. 258 bridge, only a single barbless circle hook may be
23 used when fishing with live or natural bait from April 1 to June 30. With all other tackle, only a single barbless hook
24 may be used. "Circle hook" as used in this Rule means a hook with the point turned perpendicularly back to the shank.
25 "Barbless" as used in this Rule requires that a hook does not have a barb or the barb is bent down.

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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 a 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 the
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 archery equipment and falconry only. falconry. On these areas, During the open deer
16 seasons for these areas, antlered and antlerless deer of either sex may be taken. taken on all open
17 days of any applicable deer season.
- 18 (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No person
19 shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety zone on
20 any a game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
- 21 (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the use
22 of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- 23 (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the
24 general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose on these areas is prohibited without first
25 having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife
26 Resources Commission. Entry shall be authorized only The Commission may authorize entry when
27 such entry will not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Restricted Zone shall not
28 be compromised and the person or persons requesting entry are able to demonstrate a valid need
29 need, or such person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business of the
30 Commission is being conducted by a contractor or agent of the Commission. business. "Valid need"
31 Valid needs may include includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations,
32 surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.
- 33 (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are
34 closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited
35 without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the
36 Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary Restricted
37 Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public.

- 1 (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the discharge
2 of firearms or bow and arrow is prohibited.
- 3 (7) Restricted Deer Hunting Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Deer Hunting
4 Zones" the use of dogs for taking deer is prohibited, except as allowed by permit as provided in G.S.
5 113-264(d).
- 6 (8) Day Use Only Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Day Use Only Zones" the use by the
7 ~~general~~ public shall be prohibited from sunset to sunrise.
- 8 (9) Sensitive Habitat Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Sensitive Habitat Zones" are closed to ~~all~~
9 use by the ~~general~~ public during the dates specified on the sign, and entry ~~upon such an area for any~~
10 ~~purpose~~ is prohibited without ~~first obtaining~~ written approval ~~of such entry or use~~ from ~~an authorized~~
11 ~~agent of~~ the Wildlife Resources Commission by calling 919-707-0150 and requesting a permit.

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

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

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

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

26 No person shall hunt with or have in possession ~~any a~~ shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on
27 ~~any a~~ posted waterfowl impoundment on ~~any a~~ game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be
28 used while deer hunting. ~~Every individual~~ ~~Individuals~~ carrying a concealed handgun shall adhere to the requirements
29 set forth in G.S. 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Butner-
30 Falls of Neuse, Jordan, Kerr Scott, and Vance game lands, no person shall possess loaded firearms, ammunition, bows
31 and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons except as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III,
32 Part 327.13, which is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. This document may
33 be accessed at www.ecfr.gov at no cost. On Buckhorn, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Lee, Mayo, and Sutton Lake game
34 lands; Pee Dee River Game Land north of U.S. 74; and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey- Caswell Game Land that is
35 located north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or
36 closed hunting days for game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

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

6 (e) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

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

25 (f) Field Trials and Training Dogs. ~~Any An~~ individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field

26 Trial area shall file ~~with the Commission~~ an application ~~with the Commission~~ to use the area ~~and facility accompanied~~

27 ~~by with~~ the facility use fee computed at the rate of ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~ three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for

28 each scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00 noon of the day preceding

29 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

30 use fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which ~~for any reason~~ trials are not run but the building or facilities

31 are used or occupied. A fee of ~~seventy five dollars (\$75.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day shall be charged

32 to sporting, educational, or scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of

33 persons or ~~any~~ other entity shall enter or use ~~in any manner any of~~ the physical facilities located on the Sandhills Field

34 Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility without ~~first having obtained~~ written approval ~~of such entry or use~~ from

35 an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no ~~such~~ entry or use of ~~any such~~ a facility shall exceed

36 the scope of or continue beyond the approved use. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used only for field trials

37 scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than ~~46~~ 20 days of field trials may be

1 scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during ~~any a~~ calendar month, and no more than ~~four five~~ days may
2 be scheduled during ~~any a~~ calendar ~~week; provided, that a~~ week. A field trial requiring more than ~~four five~~ days may
3 be scheduled during one week ~~upon~~ ~~with~~ reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other
4 week so that the monthly maximum of ~~46~~ 20 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina
5 Field Trial Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between ~~the Wednesday on or~~
6 ~~nearest October 18~~ October 22 and ~~November 18~~ the second Friday before Thanksgiving and between ~~December 3~~
7 the first Monday following Thanksgiving and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of ~~such~~ use to the Wildlife
8 Resources Commission for ~~its~~ consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities ~~at any time~~
9 by individuals for training dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills Game Lands dogs may be trained only on
10 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run
11 unleashed from April 1 through August 15 on ~~any~~ game ~~land lands~~ located west of I-95, except when participating in
12 field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed
13 from March 15 through June 15 on ~~any~~ game ~~land lands~~ located east of I-95, except when participating in field trials
14 sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Additionally, on game lands located west of I-95 where special
15 hunts are scheduled for sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program, dogs may not be trained or
16 allowed to run unleashed during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special hunts. A field trial shall be
17 authorized when ~~such the~~ field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the ~~Game Land~~ game land or
18 field trial facilities, and the applying organization ~~can demonstrate~~ demonstrates their experience and expertise in
19 conducting genuine field trial activities. Entry to physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit,
20 shall be granted when they do not conflict with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and
21 they do not conflict with the mission of the agency.

22 (g) Trapping. Subject to the restrictions contained in ~~15A NCAC Section .0300 of Subchapter 10B, 10B-.0110, .0302,~~
23 ~~and .0303, [and .0306]~~ trapping of furbearing animals, armadillos, coyotes, and groundhogs is permitted on game
24 lands during the ~~applicable~~ open trapping seasons for those areas, established by rule. Foxes ~~can may~~ be trapped on
25 game lands from ~~November 1~~ October 1 through the end of February in ~~any a~~ county with an open fox trapping season
26 that falls between ~~November 1~~ October 1 and the end of February. Foxes may not be taken by trapping on game lands
27 in counties with a closed fox trapping season or during ~~any a~~ fox trapping season that occurs outside the dates of
28 ~~November 1~~ October 1 through the end of February. Additionally, fox trapping is allowed on game lands in Clay,
29 Graham, Henderson, Macon, and Tyrrell counties with a daily bag limit of two and a season bag limit of 10 from the
30 first to the fourth Saturday in January. Trapping is prohibited:

- 31 (1) on the J Robert Gordon Field Trial Area of Sandhills Game Land;
- 32 (2) in posted "safety zones" located on ~~any a~~ game land;
- 33 (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south,
34 US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the ~~west; and west;~~
- 35 (4) on the DuPont State Forest Game Lands; and
- 36 (5) from April 1 through ~~October~~ September 31.

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

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

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

12 (i) Camping.

- 13 (1) No person shall camp on ~~any a~~ game land except on an area ~~designated~~ posted by the landowner for
14 camping.
- 15 (2) On game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, where the North Carolina Wildlife Resources
16 Commission is the primary custodian, the maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at
17 ~~any a~~ designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period, ~~period from May 1 through~~
18 ~~August 31~~, unless otherwise specified in rules of this Subchapter. After 14 consecutive days of
19 camping, ~~all~~ personal belongings shall be removed from the game land.
- 20 (3) A hunting, fishing, trapping or Game Lands License is required for individuals age 16 or older to
21 camp on game lands in areas posted for camping except when camping within 100 yards of the
22 Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land, within 100
23 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the game land west of NC-43, and in posted areas along
24 the Mountains-to-Sea Trail on Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land.

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

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

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

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

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

4 (2) on any Commission maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular
5 travel.

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

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

17 (k) Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway
18 use on Game Lands game lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in
19 Paragraph (l) of this Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from the
20 previous sentence from this restriction but shall comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons,
21 as defined under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 126) may use wheelchairs or other all-terrain
22 wheelchairs wheel chairs mobility devices designed for indoor pedestrian use on any area areas where foot travel is
23 allowed. Off road vehicles including ATVs, UTVs, and ebikes are not permitted.

24 (l) Disabled Access Program. Permits issued under this program shall be based upon medical evidence submitted
25 by the person verifying that a handicap exists that limits physical mobility to the extent that normal utilization of the
26 game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance. Persons Disabled individuals who meet meeting this
27 requirement the requirements of G.S. 113-296 may obtain a Disabled Access Permit and Disabled Sportsman Hunt
28 Certification online at ncwildlife.org. The Disabled Access Permit allows individuals to operate electric wheel chairs,
29 all-terrain all-terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular
30 travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic
31 on game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose owners have agreed to such
32 that use. Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated online, at
33 www.ncwildlife.org. This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails
34 planted for wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each qualified
35 disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is at all times
36 constantly in visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in all lawful activities
37 while assisting a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. Any A vehicle used by a qualified disabled

1 person for access to game lands under this provision shall ~~display the vehicular access permit~~ have the Disabled Access
2 Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission in the passenger area of the vehicle where it can easily be seen
3 by Commission staff outside the vehicle, available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers upon request.
4 Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and their companions may access special hunting blinds
5 for people with disabilities during regularly scheduled, non-permit hunting days on a first come basis, except for those
6 blinds located on the Restricted Area of Caswell Game Land. It is unlawful for anyone other than disabled persons as
7 defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule and those holding a Disabled Access Permit to hunt, Permit, during waterfowl
8 season, to hunt within 100 yards of a waterfowl blind designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a Disabled
9 Sportsman's hunting blind. The Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification allows individuals to apply for available
10 Disabled sportsman permit hunting opportunities as prescribed in G.S. 113-296.

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

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

1 posted at the entrance to each shooting range. No person, when using ~~any a~~ shooting range, shall do ~~any an~~ act that is
2 prohibited or neglect to do ~~any an~~ act that is required by signs or markings placed on ~~such the~~ area under authority of
3 this Rule for ~~the purpose of~~ regulating the use of the area.

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

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

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

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0103 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING 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.~~

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 (a) The following shall be prohibited on game lands:

13 (1) hunting on [any] a designated game land while under the influence of alcohol or [any] a narcotic
14 drug;

15 (2) failing to comply with restrictions enacted by the National Park Service regarding the use of the
16 Blue Ridge Parkway where it adjoins game lands;

17 (3) parking a vehicle on game lands in [such] a manner as to block traffic or gates, or otherwise prevent
18 vehicles from using [any] a roadway; and

19 (4) erecting or occupying [any] a tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts, or to a tree on
20 [any] a game land [while for the purpose of hunting,] to hunt. This prohibition does not apply to lag-
21 screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal remaining in or attached to
22 the tree.

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

28 (1) — On managed waterfowl impoundments, persons shall:

29 (A) — not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting
30 dates;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (D) — ~~hunting migratory game birds.~~

4 (c) Individual game lands or parts thereof of game lands may be closed to hunting or limited to specific dates by this
5 Subchapter.

6 (d) Persons shall hunt only with weapons lawful for the open game animal or game bird seasons.

7 (e) On managed waterfowl impoundments, persons shall:

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

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

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

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

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

13 (f) On Sundays, the following shall be prohibited:

14 (1) hunting with a firearm between 9:30 AM a.m. and 12:30 PM; p.m.;

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

16 (3) hunting with a firearm within 500 yards of a place of religious worship, as defined by G.S. 14-
17 54.1(b), or any an accessory structure thereof, and

18 (4) hunting migratory game birds.

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

27 (g) On designated Youth Waterfowl Days the following shall apply:

28 (1) hunting on managed waterfowl impoundments shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset;

29 (2) subparagraphs Subparagraphs (e)(1), (e)(3), and (e)(5) of this Rule; and

30 (3) youth may hunt on any a game land and on any an impoundment without a special hunt permit,
31 including permit-only areas, except where prohibited in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

32 (h) On designated Veterans and Military Waterfowl Days veterans, as defined in 38 USC 101, and members of the
33 Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty other than for
34 training, with valid credentials may hunt on game lands and impoundments not designated as permit-only areas from
35 one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Subparagraphs (e)(1), (e)(3), and (e)(5) of this Rule shall apply; and apply.

1 (i) On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season and
2 waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the portion of the
3 impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone."

4 ~~(e)~~(j) Definitions:

- 5 (1) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be
6 taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day,
7 Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- 8 (2) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which ~~any~~
9 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,
10 Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, and New
11 Year's Days, except for game lands in this Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays,
12 Thursday, and Fridays. Hunting is not allowed on Christmas Day, Veterans Day, and New Year's
13 Day when these holidays fall on Sunday. Falconry may also be practiced on Sundays. These "open
14 days" also apply to ~~either sex~~ antlerless deer hunting seasons listed ~~under~~ for each game land.
15 Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until 7:00 a.m. on
16 Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.
- 17 (3) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which ~~any~~
18 game may be taken on the open days of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and
19 Saturday during the open seasons. Falconry may [also] be practiced on Sundays.
- 20 (4) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Seven Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which
21 game may be taken during the open season on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,
22 Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- 23 (5) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Four Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which ~~any~~
24 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays,
25 Saturdays, ~~and Sundays.~~ Sundays, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and
26 Martin Luther King Day. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on
27 Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. on Fridays, and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.
- 28 (6) For purposes of this Subchapter, "Permit" "Permit Only" means ~~areas on which a written~~
29 authorization from the Commission required for take or ~~other~~ activities listed on the permit during
30 open seasons, if applicable, in listed shall be during the a specified area and applicable season(s) by
31 permit only subject to annual limitations imposed by the Commission to meet wildlife, hunter, or
32 land management objectives, unless otherwise specified. Individuals may apply for available
33 opportunity permits online at ncwildlife.org, by phone, or in person at a wildlife service agent
34 location. The Commission shall issue permits to applicants selected at random by computer in
35 accordance with G.S. 113-264. Permits shall be non-transferrable. All applicable The laws and rules
36 regarding the species or activity shall apply.
- 37 (7) For the purposes of this Subchapter, "Either-Sex" means antlered or antlerless.

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

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

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

- 10 (1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;
- 11 (2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;
- 12 (3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;
- 13 (4) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);
- 14 (5) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and
- 15 (6) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

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

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

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

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

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

36 ~~(n)(q)~~ As used in the rules of this Subchapter, horseback riding includes all equine species.

1 ~~(e)~~(r) When waterfowl hunting is authorized on Christmas and New Years' Day and those days fall on Sundays, the
2 open waterfowl hunting day shall be the following day.

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4 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
5 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
6 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 3, 1991;*
7 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; September*
8 *1, 1994; July 1, 1994;*
9 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1999; July 1, 1999;*
10 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
11 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*
12 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*
13 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
14 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);*
15 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*
16 *January 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May*
17 *1, 2007; October 1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May 1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; October*
18 *1, 2004;*
19 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2018;*
20 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2020; August 1, 2019;*
21 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 25, 2020;*
22 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2021;*
23 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023; November 1, 2022; October 1, 2022; August 23, 2022.*

1 15A NCAC 10D .0104 is readopted with changes as published in 37:11 NCR 816 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0104 FISHING ON GAME LANDS**

4 [~~(a) When fishing on game lands, all rules in Subchapter 10C shall apply.~~]

5 ~~(a) (b) Generally. Except as otherwise indicated herein, fishing on game lands that are open to fishing shall be in~~
6 ~~accordance with the North Carolina rules. All game Game lands are open to public fishing except except: restocked~~
7 ~~ponds when posted against fishing, Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge, Grogan Creek, in Transylvania County,~~
8 ~~and in the case of private ponds where fishing may be prohibited by the owners thereof. No trotline or set hook or any~~
9 ~~net, trap, gig, archery equipment, or other special fishing device of a type mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C~~
10 ~~.0404(b),(c),(d), and (f) may be used in any impounded waters located entirely on game lands. Archery equipment~~
11 ~~may be used to take nongame fishes in impounded waters located entirely on game lands with the exception of those~~
12 ~~waters mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(a). Blue crabs taken by hook and line (other than set hooks) in designated~~
13 ~~waterfowl impoundments located on game lands shall have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point)~~
14 ~~and the daily possession limit is 50 per person and 100 per vessel.~~

15 (1) restocked ponds when posted against fishing;

16 (2) Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge;

17 (3) Cedar Rock Creek, Grogan Creek, and John Rock Branch, [and Cedar Rock Creek tributaries to the
18 Davidson River at Bobby N. Setzer State Fish Hatchery] in Transylvania County; and

19 (4) private ponds where fishing is prohibited by the owners.

20 (b) No trotline, set-hook, net, trap, gig, or other special fishing device mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(b),(c),(d),
21 and (f) may be used in [any] impounded waters located entirely on game lands.

22 (c) Archery equipment may be used to take nongame fishes in impounded waters located entirely on game lands except
23 for those waters mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(a).

24 (b)(d) Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters [All waters] Waters located on the game lands listed in this
25 Subparagraph are designated public mountain trout waters except as [noted;] noted.

26 (1) Location. All waters located on the game lands listed in this Subparagraph are designated public
27 mountain trout waters except as noted:

28 (A) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County;

29 (B) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties, except Little
30 River from 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls downstream to the DuPont State Forest
31 boundary, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense, Lake Alfred, Lake Julia, and Fawn Lake;

32 (C) Green River Game Land in Henderson and Polk counties, except Green River downstream
33 of the natural gas pipeline crossing;

34 (D) Headwaters Game Land in Transylvania County;

35 (E) Nantahala National Forest Game Lands in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon,
36 Swain, and Transylvania counties, except Cheoah River downstream of Santeetlah
37 Reservoir and Cherokee Lake;

(F) — Pisgah National Forest Game Lands in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties, except Grogan Creek, North Fork Catawba River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong Creek, Big Laurel Creek downstream from the US 25-70 bridge to the French Broad River, Mill Ridge Pond, Nolichucky River, Pigeon River downstream of Waterville Reservoir to the Tennessee state line, and Spring Creek below US Forest Service road 223;

(G) — Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County;

(H) — Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County;

(I) — South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford counties;

(J) — Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County;

(K) — Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Wilkes County;

(L) — Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania County; and

(M) — William H. Silvers Game Land in Haywood County.

(1) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood [County;] County.

(2) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties, [except] except:

(A) Little River from 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls downstream to the DuPont State Forest [boundary;] boundary:

(B) Lake [Imaging;] Imaging:

(C) Lake [Dense;] Dense:

(D) Lake [Alfred;] Alfred:

(E) Lake [Julia;] Julia; and

(F) Fawn [Lake;] Lake.

(3) Green River Game Land in Henderson and Polk counties, except Green River downstream of the natural gas pipeline [crossing;] crossing.

(4) Headwaters Game Land in Transylvania [County;] County.

(5) Nantahala National Forest Game Lands in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties, except Cheoah River downstream of Santeetlah Reservoir and Cherokee [Lake;] Lake.

(6) Pisgah National Forest Game Lands in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties, [except] except:

(A) Cedar Rock Creek, Grogan Creek, [Creek, Cedar] and John Rock [Creek] Branch: [tributary to the Davidson River at Bobby N. Setzer State Fish Hatchery, John Rock Branch,]

(B) North Fork Catawba River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong [Creek;] Creek:

(C) Big Laurel Creek downstream from the US 25-70 bridge to the French Broad [River;] River:

(D) Mill Ridge [Pond;] Pond:

(E) Nolichucky [River;] River:

1 (F) Pigeon River downstream of Waterville Reservoir to the Tennessee state ~~line,~~ line; and

2 (G) Spring Creek below US Forest Service road ~~223;~~ 223.

3 (7) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe ~~County;~~ County.

4 (8) Little Fork State Forest Game Land in Wilkes ~~County;~~ County.

5 (9) South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford ~~counties;~~ counties.

6 (10) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe ~~County;~~ County.

7 (11) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Wilkes ~~County;~~ County.

8 (12) Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania ~~County; and~~ County.

9 (13) William H. Silvers Game Land in Haywood County.

10 (2) ~~All designated public mountain trout waters located on the game lands listed in Subparagraph (b)(1)~~
11 ~~of this Rule are Wild Trout Waters unless classified otherwise. [See 15A NCAC 10C .0205(d)]~~

12 (e) ~~[All] The~~ designated public mountain trout waters located on the game lands listed in ~~[paragraph (e)]~~ Paragraph
13 (d) of this Rule are Wild Trout Waters unless classified otherwise in 15A NCAC 10C .0205(d).

14 (e) Ponds. In all game lands ponds, it is unlawful to take channel, white, or blue catfish (forked tail catfish) by means
15 other than hook and line and the ~~The~~ daily creel limit for forked tail catfish is six fish in aggregate.

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17 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-272; 113-292; 113-305;*

18 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

19 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;*
20 *July 1, 1992;*

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

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

23 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*

24 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2010;*
25 *May 1, 2009; August 1, 2004;*

26 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2023.*

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1 15A NCAC 10D .0105 is readopted with changes as published in 37:11 NCR 817 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0105 POSSESSION AND REMOVAL OF ANIMALS, PLANTS AND MATERIALS**

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

- 5 (1) "Other materials" ~~includes: all~~ means metals, minerals, rocks, soil, organic debris, buildings, fences,
6 ~~historic artifacts, archeological resources as defined in G.S. 70-12, and water.~~
- 7 (2) "Commission lands" ~~includes all~~ means State-owned game lands, hatcheries, depots, refuges,
8 boating access areas and public fishing access areas, or parts thereof, allocated to the Wildlife
9 Resources Commission.
- 10 (3) "Written permission" ~~includes~~ means permits, sales agreements, agricultural agreements, and letters
11 written by authorized Commission personnel. Written permissions shall specify the type of activity
12 allowed, the Commission land(s) where the activity may ~~occur~~ occur, and the persons ~~authorized.~~
13 authorized to partake in the activity. Written permission [must] shall be carried on their person [at
14 all times.] during the activity. This requirement extends to ~~[any]~~ an individual operating in
15 conjunction with another's written permission.

16 (b) On Commission lands:

- 17 (1) No wildlife resources, fungi, invertebrates, eggs, nests, animal parts, plants, plant materials, or other
18 materials shall be possessed on or removed from Commission lands except:
- 19 (A) as allowed in this Rule;
- 20 (B) bullfrogs, as specified in 15A NCAC 10B .0226; or
- 21 (C) if written permission has been granted by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- 22 This restriction applies to both dead and living wildlife resources, fungi, invertebrates, eggs, animal
23 parts, ~~plants~~ plants, and plant materials.
- 24 (2) ~~All game, Game,~~ All game, Game, fur-bearing animals, wildlife resources, fisheries resources, and nongame animals
25 or birds, ~~for which the Commission has established an open season,~~ legally taken under pursuant to
26 a valid hunting, trapping, fishing, falconry, or other collection license that entitles the licensee to
27 access and use Wildlife Resources Commission Property may be possessed on and removed from
28 Commission lands.
- 29 (3) Berries, fruit, nuts, mushrooms, ramps and other plants or plant ~~products~~ materials suitable for
30 human consumption may be possessed on and removed from Commission lands without written
31 permission for personal consumption only, except any fungi, plant or part thereof on a State or
32 federal protected list shall not be possessed on or removed from Commission lands without written
33 permission. ~~All other~~ Other fungi, plants and plant ~~products~~ materials which are not suitable for
34 human consumption may not be possessed on or removed from Commission lands except with
35 written permission. Crops or products thereof planted for the benefit of wildlife may shall not be
36 removed without written permission.

1 (4) Insects, worms, or other invertebrates collected as fish bait may be possessed on and removed from
2 Commission lands without written permission for personal use only, except any species on a State
3 or federal protected list may not be collected and may not be removed from Commission lands. Sale
4 of these resources is prohibited.

5 (5) Minimal amounts of animal parts, plant parts not removed from live plants, and other materials may
6 be collected by hand and removed from Commission lands without written permission, except in
7 violation of rules, general ~~statutes~~ statutes, or federal law. Collection of animal parts, and plant parts
8 not removed from live plants ~~plants, and other materials~~ for commercial use or sale is prohibited.
9 For purposes of this Subparagraph, "minimal amounts," are quantities that fit within a cubic foot of
10 space, except for firewood to be used at ~~designated posted game land campgrounds~~ camping areas.
11 Minimal amounts Collection of firewood are quantities sufficient to build and maintain a fire for the
12 duration of during the game land user's stay at the ~~campground~~ campground is permitted.

13 (6) Litter and road kill animals may be removed without written permission, except in violation of 15A
14 NCAC 10B .0106.

15 (7) A collection license as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0119 does not qualify as written permission
16 to collect or remove any wildlife resources from Commission lands. Written permission ~~must~~ shall
17 be specific to the Commission land.

18 (c) On all the other lands enrolled in the game land ~~program~~ program:

19 (1) All game, Game, fur-bearing animals, fisheries resources, and nongame animals or birds ~~for which~~
20 ~~the Commission has established an open season~~, legally taken under pursuant to a valid hunting,
21 trapping, fishing, ~~or falconry~~ falconry, or collection license may be possessed on and removed from
22 game lands.

23 (2) Possession and removal of all other wildlife resources, fungi, invertebrates, eggs, nests, animals
24 parts, plants, and plant materials ~~materials, or other materials~~ is subject to the rules of the
25 Commission and is at the discretion of the landowner, except where the landowner has ceded
26 authority to the Commission. When the landowner has ceded authority to the Commission, the
27 permissions and restrictions in Paragraph (b) of this Rule apply.

28 (d) ~~Any individual who has written permission, or a hunting, trapping, fishing or falconry license required in order to~~
29 ~~possess or remove wildlife resources, fungi, invertebrates, eggs, nests, animals parts, plants, plant materials, or other~~
30 ~~materials from Commission lands and all other lands enrolled in the game land program shall have that written~~
31 ~~permission or license on his person. This requirement extends to any individual operating in conjunction with another's~~
32 ~~written permission.~~

33 (e) Except as referenced in Subparagraph (b)(5) of this Rule, other materials may be possessed or removed from
34 Commission lands and [all] other lands enrolled in the game land program with written permission from the
35 Commission, except for archeological resources. To possess or remove archeological resources from Commission
36 land or other lands enrolled in the game land program, an individual shall obtain and have on his or her person, written

1 permission from the Commission and a permit issued by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources as
2 specified in G.S 70-12.

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4 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291; 113-291.2; 113-305; 113-333;*

5 *Eff. August 1, 2012;*

6 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2020.*

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1 15A NCAC 10D .0211 is amended with changes as published in 37:11 NCR 818 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0211 BUTNER-FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND IN DURHAM, GRANVILLE, AND**
4 **WAKE COUNTIES**

5 Butner-Falls of Neuse game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 6 (1) Antlered or antlerless deer ~~Deer of either sex~~ may be taken the first open day of the applicable All
7 Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 8 (2) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
9 ~~(A)(a)~~ the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
10 ~~(B)(b)~~ Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
11 ~~(C)(c)~~ Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
12 On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl
13 hunting after November 1.
- 14 (3) Horseback riding is prohibited.
15 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
16 (5) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
17 (6) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.
18 (7) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to
19 hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds
20 and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May 15
21 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14.
- 22 (8) ~~Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter-Camping Areas are limited is~~
23 restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 24 (9) Camping is allowed at any time year-round in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area
25 and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this
26 camping area.

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
29 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*
30 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0215 is amended with changes as published in 37:11 NCAC 819 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0215 R. WAYNE BAILEY-CASWELL GAME LAND IN CASWELL COUNTY**

4 R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 5 (1) Antlered or antlerless deer ~~Deer of either sex~~ may be taken from the first open day of the applicable
6 All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday
7 thereafter.
- 8 (2) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through
9 August 31, and on Sundays only, September 1 through May 15. Horseback riding is allowed only
10 on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian
11 use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license
12 as required by G.S. 270.3(b)(3).
- 13 (3) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting and
14 all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1746, west on SR
15 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the intersection of SR 1783, east on SR
16 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736
17 SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.
- 18 (4) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after November 1.
- 19 (5) ~~Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited is~~
20 restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 21 (6) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
24 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*
25 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0235 is amended as published in 37:14 NCR 1009 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0232 GULL ROCK GAME LAND IN HYDE COUNTY**

4 Gull Rock is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

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

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

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

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

10 (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.

11 (3) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May
12 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.

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

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

17 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*

18 *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 2022.*

19 *Amendment Eff. June 1, 2023.*

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1 15A NCAC 10D .0239 is amended with changes as published in 37:11 NCR 819 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0239 JOHNS RIVER GAME LAND IN BURKE COUNTY**

4 Johns River game land is hunting by permit only. The following shall apply:

- 5 (1) During permitted deer hunts, antlered or antlerless **deer** ~~of either sex~~ may be taken by permit holders.
- 6 (2) The construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- 7 (3) ~~Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas is limited is~~
8 restricted to August 31 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 9 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.

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

12 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*

13 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*

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1 15A NCAC 10D .0240 is amended with changes as published in 37:11 NCAC 819 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0240 JORDAN GAME LAND IN CHATHAM, DURHAM, ORANGE, AND WAKE**
4 **COUNTIES**

5 Jordan game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 6 (1) ~~Deer of either sex~~ Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken on ~~all~~ open days of the ~~applicable~~ **All**
7 **Lawful Weapons Season for** Deer With Visible ~~Antlers Season.~~ **Antlers.**
- 8 (2) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
9 (a) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
10 (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
11 (c) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 12 (3) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed only on those areas posted as American
13 Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding
14 is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On
15 ~~all~~ other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May
16 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or
17 older shall obtain a game land license prior to engaging in horseback riding on ~~any~~ **an** area other
18 than the American Tobacco Trail.
- 19 (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 20 (5) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- 21 (6) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to
22 hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds
23 and game animals.
- 24 (7) ~~Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated and posted Hunter Camping Areas~~
25 ~~are limited~~ is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May
26 14.

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
29 *Temporary Adoption Eff. October 1, 2022;*
30 *Eff. March 15, 2023;*
31 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0258 is amended with changes as published in 37:11 NCR 820 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0258 PEE DEE RIVER GAME LAND IN ANSON, MONTGOMERY, RICHMOND, AND**
4 **STANLY COUNTIES**

5 Pee Dee River game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

6 (1) Antlered or antlerless deer ~~Deer of either sex~~ may be taken the first open day of the applicable All
7 Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

8 ~~(2) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North of US-~~
9 ~~74.~~

10 ~~(3) (2)~~ Target shooting is prohibited.

11 ~~(4) (3)~~ Horseback riding is allowed seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays
12 only September 1 through May 15 only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and gated roads and
13 trails posted for equestrian use.

14 ~~(5) (4)~~ Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting shall be prohibited
15 on that portion south of US-74.

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

18 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*

19 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*

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1 15A NCAC 10D .0269 is amended as published in 37:11 NCR 820 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0269 ROCKY RUN GAME LAND IN ONSLOW COUNTY**

4 (a) Rocky Run game land is hunting by permit only.

5 (b) Target shooting is prohibited.

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

8 *Effective October 1, 2022;*

9 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*

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1 15A NCAC 10D .0271 is amended with changes as published in 37:11 NCAC 820 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0271 SANDHILLS GAME LAND IN HOKE, MOORE, RICHMOND, AND SCOTLAND**
4 **COUNTIES**

5 Sandhills game land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- 6 (1) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from ~~October 22~~ the Wednesday
7 on or nearest October 18 through March 31 except as follows:
- 8 (a) Antlered or antlerless deer ~~Deer of either sex~~ may be taken with archery equipment on all
9 the open days of the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day;
10 with blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the blackpowder
11 firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day; and only deer with
12 visible antlers may be taken with all legal lawful weapons from the second Saturday before
13 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
 - 14 (b) dove may be taken all on open days from the opening day of the dove season through the
15 third Saturday thereafter;
 - 16 (c) gray and fox squirrel may be taken all the on open days from the second Saturday before
17 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
 - 18 (d) rabbit may be taken all on open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving
19 Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
 - 20 (e) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
 - 21 (f) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit
22 Hunt; and
 - 23 (g) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest
24 October 15 through the last day of February.
- 25 (2) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday before
26 Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the J. Robert
27 Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
- 28 (3) The archery season is all on open days from the Saturday on or nearest to ~~Sept.~~ September 10 to the
29 fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds,
30 the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer ~~Deer of~~
31 ~~either sex~~ may be taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the archery season,
32 by permit during the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated
33 in this Subparagraph. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after
34 Thanksgiving Day through January 1.
- 35 (4) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving
36 Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon
37 Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or

1 ~~antlerless deer~~ Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on ~~all~~ open hunting days
2 during the blackpowder firearms ~~season and by permit during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.~~
3 ~~season~~. Only deer with visible antlers may be taken from the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day
4 through January 1.

- 5 (5) ~~Either sex deer~~ Antlered and antlerless deer hunting during ~~the All Lawful Weapons Season for~~
6 Deer With Visible Antlers ~~Season~~ is by permit only.
- 7 (6) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of
8 the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 9 (7) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 10 (8) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from ~~October 22~~ the Wednesday on or nearest October 18
11 through March 31 is prohibited unless participating in authorized field trials. Horseback riding is
12 allowed on the remainder of the Sandhills Game Land seven days per week on roads that are open
13 to vehicular traffic and gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- 14 (9) ~~Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited is~~
15 ~~restricted~~ to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 16 (10) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- 17 (11) Swimming is prohibited in the lakes.

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19 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
20 *Eff. October 1, 2022;*
21 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*
22

1 15A NCAC 10F .0308 is amended with changes as published in 37:14 NCAC 1010 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0308 15A NCAC 10F .0308 CLAY COUNTY**

4 (a) Regulated Areas. This Rule shall apply to the following waters in Chatuge Lake:

- 5 (1) ~~within 50 yards~~ the waters shore to shore within 150 yards of the boat ramp at Ho Hum ~~Campground;~~
6 Campground at 47 Ho Hum Loop, Hayesville;
- 7 (2) the waters of Shooting Creek, from a line shore to shore 50 yards west of the High Bridge on NC
8 Highway 175, to a line at the southeast end of Shooting Creek shore to shore, from a point at
9 35.01960 N, 83.72752 W; to a point at 35.01979 N, 83.72638 W;
- 10 (3) the waters of Gibson Cove, south of a line from a point on the east shore at 35.01005 N, 83.79750
11 W to a point on the west shore at 35.01099 N, 83.79929 W, southwest to the end of Gibson
12 ~~Cove;~~Cove at 3279 Myers Chapel Road in Hayesville;
- 13 (4) within 50 yards of the Chatuge Cove ~~Marina;~~ Marina at 2397 Highway 175 in Hayesville;
- 14 (5) the portion of the cove shore to shore, west of Cottage Court off of NC Highway 175, northeast of
15 a line from a point on the east shore at 35.02576 N, 83.73784 W; to a point on the northwest shore
16 at 35.02609 N, 83.73945 W;
- 17 (6) within 50 yards of the Chatuge Dam Spillway access ~~area;~~ area in the vicinity of 1407 Chatuge Dam
18 Road in Hayesville; and
- 19 ~~(7) the waters of McCracken Cove; and~~
- 20 ~~(8) (7)~~ (7) within 50 yards of the peninsula at Clay County Recreational Park, from a point on the north shore
21 at 35.00850 N, 83.79254 W, 35.00850 N, 83.79254 W, east to a point in the water at 35.00874
22 N, 83.79187 W, 35.00874 N, 83.79187 W, south to a point in the water at 35.00782 N, 83.79119 W,
23 southwest to a point in the water at 35.00672 N, 83.79211 W, west to a point on the shore at
24 35.00696 N, 83.79259 W.

25 (b) Speed Limit. It shall be unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within any of the regulated
26 areas identified in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

27 ~~(c) Swimming Areas. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter a marked~~
28 ~~public swimming area.~~ Swimming Area. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall allow
29 it to enter the waters of the Clay County Recreational Park Swimming Area at Clay County Recreational Park, 47
30 Clay Recreation Park Road, Hayesville.

31 ~~(d) Restricted Area. It shall be unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within the no-wake zone at~~
32 ~~the Jack Rabbit Mountain Swim Area on Jack Rabbit Road in Hayesville. No person operating or responsible for the~~
33 ~~operation of a vessel shall allow it to enter the roped swim beach within the no-wake zone at Jack Rabbit Mountain~~
34 ~~Swim Area.~~

35 ~~(d)~~ (e) Placement of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Clay County shall be the designated agency for
36 placement of the markers implementing this Rule, subject to the approval of the Tennessee Valley Authority and the
37 United States Army Corps of Engineers.

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*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. June 1, 2005; July 1, 1998; February 1, 1990; July 1, 1986; March 25, 1978;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December
6, 2016;
Amended Eff. June 1, 2023; February 1, 2021; October 1, 2018; June 1, 2017.*

1 15A NCAC 10F .0316 is amended as published in 37:14 NCR 1011 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0316 FORSYTH, ROCKINGHAM AND STOKES COUNTIES**

4 (a) Regulated ~~Area. Areas.~~ This Rule shall apply to the following waters in Belews Lake in Forsyth, Rockingham
5 Rockingham, and Stokes Counties. counties:

6 (1) Belews Lake within 50 yards of [any] a public boat launching ramp on the lake, and within 50 yards
7 of [any] a bridge crossing on the lake;

8 (2) Belews Lake at Humphrey's Ridge Marina and Grill at 473-499 Humphrey Ridge Drive in
9 Stokesdale, east of a line from a point on the north shore at 36.27962 N, 80.03507 W to a point on
10 the south shore at 36.27804 N, 80.03565 W; and

11 (b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within ~~50 yards of any public boat~~
12 ~~launching ramp on the waters of Belews Lake in any of the counties listed in (a) of this Rule, or within 50 yards of~~
13 ~~any bridge crossing any portion of Belews Lake in Forsyth County. [any of]~~ the regulated areas identified in Paragraph
14 (a) of this Rule.

15 (c) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Boards of Commissioners of Forsyth County, Rockingham County
16 and Stokes County, or their designees shall be the designated agencies for placement and maintenance of markers
17 implementing this Rule. ~~All markers~~ Markers warning of a no-wake speed zone ~~must shall~~ be buoys or floating signs.

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;*

20 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

21 *Amended Eff. May 1, 1976;*

22 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December*
23 *6, 2016;*

24 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2023; October 1, 2018.*

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1 15A NCAC 10F .0333 is amended with changes as published in 37:14 NCR 1011 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0333 MECKLENBURG AND GASTON COUNTIES**

4 (a) Regulated Areas. This Rule shall apply to the following waters of Lake Wylie in Mecklenburg and Gaston
5 Counties:

- 6 (1) McDowell Park. The waters of the coves adjoining McDowell Park and the Southwest Nature
7 Preserve in Mecklenburg County shore to shore, east of the mouth of the cove at a line from a point
8 on the south shore at 35.10272 N, 81.03026 W to a point on the north shore at 35.10556 N, 80.02964
9 W;
- 10 (2) Gaston County Wildlife Club Cove. The waters of the cove west of the Gaston County Wildlife
11 Club on South Point Road in Belmont, north of a line at the mouth of the cove from a point on the
12 east shore at 35.15628 N, 81.01427 W to a point on the west shore at 35.15628 N, 81.01615 W;
- 13 (3) Buster Boyd Bridge. The waters from a point 250 feet east of the Buster Boyd Bridge on N.C.
14 Highway 49 in Mecklenburg County at 35.10293 N, 81.03932 W, to a point 150 feet west of the
15 Buster Boyd Bridge at 35.10242 N, 81.04089 W;
- 16 (4) N.C. Highway 27 bridge. The waters shore to shore, from a point 50 yards north of the N.C. Highway
17 27 bridge in Mecklenburg and Gaston counties at 35.29849 N, 81.00346 W to a point 190 yards
18 south of the N.C. Highway 27 bridge at 35.29635 N, 81.00424 W;
- 19 (5) Brown's Cove. The area beginning at the mouth of Brown's Cove in Mecklenburg County shore to
20 shore, at a point at 35.16453 N, 81.00474 W, west to a point at 35.16480 N, 81.00309 W;
- 21 (6) Paradise Point Cove. The waters of Paradise Point Cove in Gaston County between Paradise Circle
22 and Lake Front Drive, west of a line from a point on the south shore at 35.18853 N, 81.04036 W to
23 a point on the north shore at 35.18991 N, 81.04136 W;
- 24 (7) ~~Withers Cove. The waters from a point 50 feet southeast of the Withers Bridge on SR 1116,~~
25 ~~otherwise known as Shopton Road W. in Mecklenburg County at 35.14576 N, 81.00187 W, to a~~
26 ~~point 50 feet northwest of the bridge at 35.14599 N, 81.00222 W; The waters of Withers Cove in~~
27 Mecklenburg County, shore to shore, beginning at a line north of the Mecklenburg Charlotte Fire
28 Department and Police Department Boathouse from a point on the west shore at 35.14632 N,
29 81.00383 W to a point on the east shore at 35.14713 N, 81.00173 W, and ending at a point 50 feet
30 southeast of the Withers Bridge on SR 1116, otherwise known as Shopton Road, at 35.14576 N,
31 81.00187 W;
- 32 (8) Sadler Island. The waters shore to shore beginning at a line from a point on the west shore of Lake
33 Wylie in Gaston County at 35.27481 N, 81.0138 W east to a point on the east shore of the Lake in
34 Mecklenburg County at 35.27423 N, 81.01111 W, extending south on the Lake west of Sadler Island
35 to a line from a point on the west shore of the Lake in Gaston County at 35.27079 N, 81.01525 W,
36 east to a point on the west side of Sadler Island in Mecklenburg County at 35.27051 N, 81.01396
37 W, and the waters shore to shore east of Sadler Island in Mecklenburg County from a point at

1 35.27441 N, 81.01185 W, south-southwest to a line from a point on the south shore of Sadler Island
2 at 35.26635 N, 81.01432 W, south to a point on the Lake shore at 35.26494 N, 81.01368 W;

3 (9) Other bridges. The areas within 50 feet of **any a** bridge in North Carolina that crosses the waters of
4 Lake Wylie that is not otherwise specifically mentioned in this Paragraph; and

5 (10) Yachtsman on Lake Wylie Community. The waters within 50 yards of the community piers near the
6 terminus of Waterside Drive in Mecklenburg County, and northward to include the waters east of
7 the island that is west of Point Lookout Road, ending at a line from a point on the northern end of
8 the island at 35.12226 N, 81.03306 W, east to a point on the shore at 35.12253 N, 81.03190 W; and

9 (11) Brown's Cove. The waters of Brown's Cove beginning at a line from a point on the east shore at
10 35.16892 N, 80.99702 W to a point on the west shore at 35.16948 N, 80.99783 W, northeast to a
11 line from a point on the south shore at 35.16913 N, 80.99556 W to a point on the north shore at
12 35.17043 N, 80.99684 W.

13 (b) Speed Limit Near Ramps. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within 50 yards of **any**
14 **a** public boat-launching ramp, dock, pier, marina, boat storage structure, or boat service area.

15 (c) Speed Limit Near Marked Swimming or Mooring Areas. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake
16 speed within 50 yards of **any a** marked mooring area or marked swimming area.

17 (d) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Lake Wylie Marine Commission shall be the designated agency for
18 placement and maintenance of markers implementing this Rule.

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20 *History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;*
21 *Eff. July 1, 1980;*
22 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; June 1, 1985; June 1, 1984; March 1, 1983;*
23 *Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 1998;*
24 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998;*
25 *Temporary Amendment Eff. February 4, 2000;*
26 *Amended Eff. April 1, 2009; June 1, 2004; July 1, 2000;*
27 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 2015;*
28 *Amended Eff. October 1, 2015;*
29 *Readopted Eff. October 1, 2018;*
30 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2023; June 1, 2022; May 1, 2019.*
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1 15A NCAC 10F .0355 is amended as published in 37:14 NCR 1012 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0355 PERQUIMANS COUNTY**

4 (a) Regulated Areas. This Rule shall apply to the following waters:

5 (1) Perquimans River:

6 (A) the canals of Holiday Island subdivision at Albemarle Sound; and

7 (B) ~~Town of Hertford: the part of the Perquimans River beginning 75 yards northeast of the~~
8 ~~Perquimans River Bridge, otherwise known as the Hertford S shaped Bridge, parallel to~~
9 ~~the bridge, shore to shore, and ending approximately 550 yards southwest, at a line from a~~
10 ~~point on the north shore 36.19305 N, 76.46957 W to a point on the south shore at 36.19150~~
11 ~~N, 76.47099 W. 550 yards southwest of the Perquimans River Bridge on U.S. Highway 17~~
12 ~~Business, otherwise known as the Hertford S - Bridge, at a line from a point on the north~~
13 ~~shore at 36.19305 N, 76.46957 W to a point on the south shore at 36.19150 N, 76.47099~~
14 ~~W, and 190 yards northeast of the bridge at a line from a point in the Perquimans River at~~
15 ~~36.19530 N, 76.46518 W, eastward to Day Marker #11, then southeast to a point on the~~
16 ~~shore at 36.19337 N, 76.46367 W.~~

17 (2) Yeopim River:

18 (A) the canal between Navaho Trail and Cherokee Trail beginning at a point at 36.07893 N,
19 76.42278 W;

20 (B) the canal between Cherokee Trail and Ashe Street beginning at a point at 36.07865 N,
21 76.42603 W;

22 (C) within 50 yards of the boat ramp at Ashe and Pine Street;

23 (D) the canal between Pine Street and Linden Street beginning at a point at 36.07951 N,
24 76.43402 W;

25 (E) the canal between Willow Street and Evergreen Drive beginning at a point at 36.08005 N,
26 76.43735 W;

27 (F) the canal between Sago Street and Alder Street beginning at a point at 36.07986 N,
28 76.44063 W; and

29 (G) Bethel Creek north of a line from a point on the west shore at 36.09566 N, 76.47928 W to
30 a point on the east shore at 36.09534 N, 76.47738 W to a line from a point on the west
31 shore at 36.10532 N, 76.48080 W to a point on the east shore at 36.10516 N, 76.48047 W.

32 (3) Yeopim Creek:

33 (A) the canal between Mohave Trail and Iowa Trail beginning at a point at 36.08521 N,
34 76.41802 W;

35 (B) the canal between Iowa Trail and Shawnee Trail beginning at a point at 36.08511 N,
36 76.41763 W;

37 (C) the area within 75 yards of the Albemarle Plantation Marina Piers;

- 1 (D) the area of the cove known as Beaver Cove, shore to shore beginning at a point at 36.08767
2 N, 76.42151 W; and
- 3 (E) the waters of Yeopim Creek adjacent to Heritage Shores North, shore to shore, east of a
4 line from a point on the north shore at 36.11356 N, 76.43138 W to a point on the south
5 shore at 36.11288 N, 76.43173 W, to a line northwest from a point on the east shore at
6 36.11219 N, 76.42445 W to a point on the west shore at 36.11178 N, 76.42596 W.
- 7 (4) Little River: the entrance to the cove known as Muddy Gut Canal that extends from the waters
8 known as Deep Creek, shore to shore beginning at a line from a point on the east shore at 36.17729
9 N, 76.28011 W to a point on the west shore at 36.17667 N, 76.28331 W.
- 10 (b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within the regulated area described
11 in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.
- 12 (c) Swimming Area. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter the
13 swimming area at the Snug Harbor Park and Beach on the Yeopim River.
- 14 (d) Placement of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Perquimans County ~~shall be~~ is the designated agency for
15 placement of markers implementing this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United
16 States Army Corps of Engineers.

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18 *History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;*
19 *Eff. November 1, 1988;*
20 *Amended Eff. October 1, 1992;*
21 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1997;*
22 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998;*
23 *Temporary Amendment Eff. February 4, 2000;*
24 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2015; September 1, 2013; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; July 1, 2000;*
25 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December*
26 *6, 2016;*
27 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2023; October 1, 2018; June 1, 2017.*
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1 15A NCAC 10F .0379 is adopted as published in 37:14 NCR 1013 as follows:

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5 (a) Regulated Area. This rule applies to the waters of Lake Roxboro, located near Frogsboro in Person and Caswell
6 counties, in the channel between a line shore to shore from 36.32069 N, 79.15373 W, and a line shore to shore at
7 36.31651 N, 79.15165 W.

8 (b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within the regulated area described
9 in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

10 (c) Placement of Markers. The City of Roxboro is the designated agency for placement and maintenance of the
11 markers implementing this Rule.

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13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;*

14 *Eff. June 1, 2023.*

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