



⊠ NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION ⊠

---

Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

15 June 2021

Ashley Snyder  
Commission Counsel  
Rules Review Commission  
1711 New Hope Church Road  
Raleigh, NC 27609

Ashley,

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) offers the following responses to the comments on temporary rule 15A NCAC 10D .0103, received by Ashley Snyder, Commission Counsel, on 10 June 2021 from Mr. Travis Narron.

1. **COMMENT:** They put out the public notice on 5-12-21 for the hearing on 5-13-21 that I was on and I pointed this out and on the morning on 5-18-21 the notice was gone from the site.

**NCWRC RESPONSE:** Notice of the 13 May 2021 NCWRC hearing for proposed temporary rule 15A NCAC 10D .0103 was sent to the interested persons email list (approximately 2,550 emails) and OAH on 23 April 2021 (Exhibit A). Mr. Narron is on the interested person email list (Exhibit B). The NCWRC verified that the notice of the hearing was sent to Mr. Narron's e-mail address (Exhibit C). The NCWRC was also able to verify that the notice sent to Mr. Narron's email address was opened on 23 April 2021 (Exhibit D).

Notice of the date and time of the hearing, along with detailed information regarding the proposed temporary rule, was posted to the NCWRC website on 23 April 2021 and remained on the website until the end of the public comment period, 21 May 2021 (Exhibit E).

Additionally, a press release (Exhibit F) was sent out on 4 May 2021 with detailed information, including the date and time of the hearing.

2. **COMMENT:** It states that the department has to notify all interested parties and of the 29 people I know that submitted letters for Legislative review have not been notified.

**NCWRC RESPONSE:** The NCWRC sent notice to its interested persons list on 23 April 2021. Mr. Narron is on the interested persons list and received the notice via email on 23 April 2021. The NCWRC typically notifies the head/lead of special interest groups as notice to interested parties. In this case, Mr. Narron appeared to be the organizer of the interested party that sent the objection letters. Additionally, Nathaniel Honaker, the attorney for the N.C. Sporting Dog Association, also received the notice from NCWRC on 23 April 2021.

As previously mentioned, a press release was also sent out about the proposed temporary rule and hearing.

Furthermore, the 13 May 2021 hearing was virtual, generally making attendance easier for constituents and the public. For this meeting, the NCWRC offered both a web option and a call-in option.

3. **COMMENT:** Then on 6-4-21 Wildlife put out a notice for a Special Special Meeting on Chronic Wasting Disease and never said they would vote on the Temporary Rule.

**NCWRC RESPONSE:** Notice of the 9 June 2021 NCWRC commission meeting was provided.

4. **COMMENT:** On the first online comment the vote was 224 Against and 109 For the rule. They didn't put out the number for the comments for 5-13-21 meeting but there was 6 comments against and none for.

**NCWRC RESPONSE:** The NCWRC is not aware of a requirement to provide the number of comments submitted broken down by "for" or "against" a rule. All public comments received for 15A NCAC 10D .0103 were provided to the Commission, presented in an exhibit, and considered by the NCWRC.

5. **COMMENT:** On the meeting agenda page 14 at the bottom it said One public hearing was held May 19 2021 where 24 people in attendance that is not correct it was on 5-13-21.

**NCWRC RESPONSE:** The agenda for the 9 June 2021 NCWRC commission meeting stated that the public hearing for 15A NCAC 10D .0103 was held on 19 May 2021. This date was a typo and it should have reflected a hearing date of 13 May 2021. The typo on this exhibit did not affect any rulemaking requirement. The correct hearing date was submitted to OAH when the rule was filed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Carrie A Ruhlman*

Carrie Ruhlman  
Rulemaking Coordinator  
(919) 707-0011

## EXHIBIT A - NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

**Ruhlman, Carrie A**

---

**From:** North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission <WildlifeNews@ncwildlife.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 9:00 AM  
**To:** Ruhlman, Carrie A  
**Subject:** [External] Wildlife Commission Initiates Temporary Rulemaking for Hunting Game Lands

**CAUTION:** External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify. Send all suspicious email as an attachment to [Report Spam](#).

NORTH CAROLINA



Please be advised that the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has initiated temporary rulemaking for:

[15A NCAC 10D .0103 – Hunting on Game Lands](#)

Public comments will be accepted through **May 19, 2021** and a virtual public hearing ([pre-registration required](#)) will be held on **May 13, 2021**.

Additional information can be found at: [ncwildlife.org/Proposed-Regulations](https://ncwildlife.org/Proposed-Regulations). Please email questions to: [regulations@ncwildlife.org](mailto:regulations@ncwildlife.org).

FOLLOW US



[Manage Your Subscription](#)

This message was sent to **carrie.ruhlman@ncwildlife.org** from **WildlifeNews@ncwildlife.org**

NCWRC | 1701 Mail Service Center | Raleigh, NC 27699-1701

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

To be sure you receive the Wildlife Update in your Inbox, please add [WildlifeNews@ncwildlife.org](mailto:WildlifeNews@ncwildlife.org) to your e-mail address book or safe senders list.

For more information, go to <http://www.ncwildlife.org>.

---

Email correspondence to and from this sender is subject to the N.C. Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties.

# EXHIBIT B - INTERESTED PERSONS LIST

[email]	[fname]	[lname]
[REDACTED]	Andy	Munn
[REDACTED]	ROBERTO	MUNOZ
[REDACTED]	Talene	Munson
[REDACTED]	COLISH	MURPHY
[REDACTED]	Robert	Murphy
[REDACTED]	stephanie	murphy
[REDACTED]	MATTHEW	MURPHY
[REDACTED]	Wanda	Murphy
[REDACTED]	DEVIN	MURPHY
[REDACTED]	DAVID	MURPHY FORLER
[REDACTED]	TRAVIS	MURRAY
[REDACTED]	RYAN	MURRAY
[REDACTED]	HUGH	MURRILL
[REDACTED]	WILLARD	MYATT
[REDACTED]	RYAN	MYERS
[REDACTED]	STEVEN	MYERS
[REDACTED]	JEFFREY	NANCE
[REDACTED]	ROBERT	NANTZ
[REDACTED]	ROBERT	NAPIER
[REDACTED]	Travis	Narron
[REDACTED]	Paul	Nashawaty
[REDACTED]	alex	Nassar
[REDACTED]	David	Naylor
[REDACTED]	David	Neal
[REDACTED]	Joshua	Neal
[REDACTED]	JOHN	NEELEY
[REDACTED]	TIM	NEIDERT
[REDACTED]	NOEL	NELSON
[REDACTED]	DAVID R	NELSON
[REDACTED]	JEFFREY	NEUFFER
[REDACTED]	JoEtta	Newman-Holder
[REDACTED]	NATALIE	NEWSOME
[REDACTED]	Micheal	Newton
[REDACTED]	Whit	Newton
[REDACTED]	THOMAS	NICHOLS
[REDACTED]	Jeremy	Nichols
[REDACTED]	KATIE	NIXON
[REDACTED]	Roy	Noble
[REDACTED]	Tommie	Nobles
[REDACTED]	John	Noe
[REDACTED]	JOHN	NOONAN
[REDACTED]	Jeffrey	Norris
[REDACTED]	ANTHONY	NORTHCOTT
[REDACTED]	ANTHONY	NORTHCOTT
[REDACTED]	Kelly	Norton
[REDACTED]	JEREMY	NORTON

## EXHIBIT C – BOUNCED EMAILS FROM INTERESTED PERSONS LIST

bouncesJay Duncan ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:00 AM1

bouncesCODY HOLLOMAN ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:00 AM1

bouncesJOHN EICHORN ([REDACTED]) Apr 24, 2021 09:02 PM1

bouncesCECIL ASHE ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:00 AM1

bouncesAUSTIN WYATT ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:25 AM1

bouncesHUBERT LIPSCOMB ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:05 AM1

bouncesJOHN KIM ([REDACTED]) Apr 24, 2021 09:00 PM1

bouncesDyson Lyles ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:06 AM1

bouncesWill Derosier ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:00 AM1

bouncesCurtis Deaton ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:00 AM1

bouncesJefferson Weaver ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:00 AM1

bouncesChris Ruff ([REDACTED]) Apr 24, 2021 09:01 PM1

bouncesMICHAEL SWINK ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:03 AM1

bouncesAnne Hildreth ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 11:53 AM1

bouncesJOSEPH HUGH WEST WEST ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:00 AM1

bouncesCassie Gurganus ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:00 AM1

bouncesRobert Bell ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:00 AM1

bouncesMONROE AUMAN ([REDACTED]) Apr 23, 2021 09:00 AM1

## EXHIBIT D – EMAIL ACTIVITY REPORT

Email: [REDACTED] had the below activity on the 4/34 email:

Travis Narron ([REDACTED])	Apr 23, 2021 12:39 PM	14 opens
Travis Narron ([REDACTED])	Apr 23, 2021 12:39 PM	7 clicks

## 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands – Temporary Rule

Module Expired - 5/21/2021 11:59:00 PM

Temporary amendments to this rule are necessary to establish hunting seasons and manage game lands. This rule was adopted by the Agency in February 2021 and was objected to. At this point, permanent rulemaking is contrary to public interest, as changes need to be in place before August 1, 2021 when the public is notified of upcoming 2021-2022 hunting seasons. To avoid confusing the regulated public, the agency is adopting this rule under temporary procedures.

The following changes are proposed to establish hunting seasons and manage game lands:

- Correct the name of Alcoa game land to Yadkin River game land.
- Clarify December segment of the bear season for Alligator River, Buckridge, Chowan Swamp, Gull Rock, and Van Swamp game lands.
- Correct the primitive weapons seasons for deer on Nicholson Creek Game Land.
- Change Perkins Game Land from an Introductory Either-Sex Gun Season to a Conservative Either-Sex Gun Season.
- Add definitions of "Seven Days per Week Game Land" and "Four Days per Week Game Land"
- Change six game lands to "Four Days per Week Game Lands" and 45 game lands to "Seven Days per Week Game Lands".
- Prohibit the harvest of bear on Sunday on 25 game lands in the Coastal Bear Management Unit
- Remove Brunswick County Game Land from the program.
- Clarify when and where horseback riding is allowed on R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell, Chatham, Jordan, Pee Dee River, and Sandhills game lands.
- Prohibit the pursuing or chasing of deer and bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting on the Beaufort County portion of Goose Creek Game Land that is north of NC 33 except for that portion east of Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.
- Remove references to impoundments on Stones Creek Game Land.
- Clarify restrictions on Wildlife Conservation Areas.

**Rule Text:** [15A NCAC 10D .0103](#)

**Public Hearing Information:**

Date: May 13, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Online Webinar

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

- Register online by clicking this [link](#)
- Join by phone toll free (833-568-8864 or +1 669 254 5252) using Webinar ID: 161 831 7949

**Submit a Comment:**

- Online via the Commission's [comment portal](#)
- Email [regulations@ncwildlife.org](mailto:regulations@ncwildlife.org)
- Mail written comments to Rule-making Coordinator, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1701

**Public Comment Period Closing Date:** May 21, 2021



## EXHIBIT F - TEMPORARY RULE PRESS RELEASE

**Ruhlman, Carrie A**

---

**From:** Wharton, Mindy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 8:39 AM  
**To:** WRC\_Grp - Everyone  
**Subject:** NCWRC NEWS: Wildlife Commission Notices Temporary Rule for Game Lands



**Media contact:** [Mindy Wharton](#)  
919-410-2111 (mobile)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Wildlife Commission Notices Temporary Rule for Game Lands**

**RALEIGH, N.C. (May 4, 2021)** – During its business meeting on April 22, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission voted to notice a temporary rule for the 2021-22 hunting season. The rule, outlined below, was adopted by the Wildlife Commission in February but received objections.

By law, this rule is subject to legislative review, which will not be completed before the 2021-22 hunting season regulations are published on Aug. 1. Enacting a temporary rule will help avoid public confusion when the season starts.

Proposed temporary amendments to Rule [15A NCAC 10D .0103](#) include all previously adopted changes, with the exception of the prohibition of horseback riding on William H. Silvers Game Land and the name change of Alcoa Game Land To Yadkin River Game Land.

An online public hearing will be held on May 13 at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The public can register online at [www.ncwildlife.org/proposed-regulations](http://www.ncwildlife.org/proposed-regulations).

The Commission will accept comments:

- Submitted online via the Commission's [comment portal](#).
- Emailed to [regulations@ncwildlife.org](mailto:regulations@ncwildlife.org).
- Written and mailed to Rule-making Coordinator, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1701.

The public comment period closes May 21.

***About the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission***

Due to COVID-19, we encourage the public to visit [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org) to [purchase fishing, trapping and hunting licenses](#) and to [renew a vessel registration](#).

Since 1947, the [N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission](#) has been dedicated to the conservation and sustainability of the state's fish and wildlife resources through research, scientific management, wise use and public input. The Commission is the state regulatory agency responsible for the enforcement of fishing, hunting, trapping and boating laws and provides programs and opportunities for wildlife-related educational, recreational and sporting activities.

Get [N.C. Wildlife Update](#) — news including season dates, bag limits, legislative updates and more — delivered free to your Inbox from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.



---

Email correspondence to and from this sender is subject to the N.C. Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties.