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For questions, you may contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 984-236-1850 or email oah.postmaster@oah.nc.gov.

TITLE 15A – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1(a3) that the Wildlife Resources Commission intends to amend the rule cited as 15A NCAC 10D .0252.

Codifier of Rules received for publication the following notice and proposed temporary rule(s) on: June 7, 2024.

Public Hearing:

Date: June 20, 2024

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual public hearing via Zoom.

Pre-registration is required: https://ncwildlife-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_pYborWeISa6KcQkWesZTMQ;

Join by phone toll free: (833) 568-8864,

Webinar ID: 160 207 3537

Reason for Proposed Temporary Action: G.S. 150B-21.1(a)(7) b. and d. Because of the changes to the 2024 deer season, this amendment is needed to remove the one day of introductory antlerless deer harvest during the gun season on the Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain County, and will align Needmore Game Land to the same antlerless deer season structure as the adjacent Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties.

Comment Procedures: Comments from the public shall be directed to: Rulemaking Coordinator, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; email regulations@ncwildlife.org. The comment period begins June 10, 2024 and ends July 5, 2024.

CHAPTER 10 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND WATER SAFETY

SUBCHAPTER 10D - GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

SECTION .0200 - USE OF GAME LANDS

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

Needmore game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (2) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
- (3) No antlerless deer may be taken during the first open Saturday of the Deer With Visible Antlers season on Needmore Game Land.

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