

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10A .1001

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, April 5, 2019**

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

*Since there is no longer a (b), please delete "(a)"*

*Also, just out of curiosity because we review rules without the titles, is the title still accurate given that you have deleted the majority of this Rule?*

*In (1), what is meant by "similar charge"?*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: Friday, March 22, 2019

15A NCAC 10A .1001 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1110 as follows:

**15A NCAC 10A .1001 PARTICULAR OFFENSES**

(a) Warning Tickets Prohibited. Wildlife Enforcement Officers shall not issue warning tickets for the following offenses, ~~classes of offenses or offenses committed in a particular manner;~~ offenses and classes of offenses:

- (1) second offense of a similar charge;
- (2) ~~hunting, fishing, or trapping without a license, except as listed in this Rule;~~
- (3)(2) exceeding bag or creel limits;
- (4)(3) unlawful taking of fish or wildlife by use of drugs, poison, explosives, or electricity;
- (5)(4) hunting, fishing, or trapping in closed season;
- (6) ~~hunting on Game Lands during closed days;~~
- (7) ~~firelighting deer;~~
- (8)(5) unlawful taking ~~or possession~~ of ~~antlerless deer or fox;~~
- (9)(6) unlawful taking or possession of bear or wild turkey;
- (10)(7) unlawful purchase or sale of ~~wildlife;~~ wildlife, except when possession of a Trophy Wildlife Sale Permit would otherwise make purchase or sale lawful; and
- (11)(8) ~~unlawful taking of fox; or~~
- (12)(9)(8) taking wildlife with the aid of or from a motor vehicle or boat under power or while in motion.

~~(b) Warning Tickets Permitted. In accordance with the conditions provided in G.S. 113-140(c) and where there is a contemporaneous occurrence of more than three violations of the motorboat statutes or administrative rules, Wildlife Enforcement Officers may issue a citation on the two most serious violations and a warning ticket on the lesser violation(s). In addition, Wildlife Enforcement Officers may issue warning tickets for the following offenses:~~

- (1) ~~Boating Violations:~~
  - (A) ~~number missing, lack of contrast, not properly spaced or less than three inches in height;~~
  - (B) ~~no validation decal affixed or incorrect placement;~~
  - (C) ~~fire extinguisher not charged or non-approved;~~
  - (D) ~~no fire extinguisher on boats with false bottoms not completely sealed to hull or filled with flotation material;~~
  - (E) ~~failure to notify North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission of change of address of boat owner;~~
  - (F) ~~personal flotation device not Coast Guard approved;~~
  - (G) ~~failure to display navigation lights when there is evidence that lights malfunctioned while underway;~~
  - (H) ~~no sound device;~~
  - (I) ~~muffler not adequate;~~
  - (J) ~~loaded firearm on access area;~~

- 1                   (K) ~~parking on access area in other than designated parking area, provided traffic to ramp not~~
- 2                                 ~~impeded;~~
- 3                   (L) ~~motorboat registration expired 10 days or less;~~
- 4                   (M) ~~no Type IV throwable personal flotation device on board, but other personal flotation~~
- 5                                 ~~device requirements met;~~
- 6                   (N) ~~violation of no wake speed zone when mitigating circumstances present;~~
- 7                   (O) ~~running lights on motorboat are obstructed, not visible or improperly configured;~~
- 8                   (P) ~~personal flotation device is not readily accessible on board motorboat;~~
- 9                   (Q) ~~failure to wear a kill switch lanyard on personal watercraft;~~
- 10                  (R) ~~exceeding capacity of personal watercraft while towing a skier;~~
- 11                  (S) ~~allowing youth under the age of 12 to operate a personal watercraft while accompanied by~~
- 12                                 ~~an adult;~~
- 13                  (T) ~~wearing an inflatable personal flotation device while operating a personal watercraft; or~~
- 14                  (U) ~~No light available on board a manually propelled vessel.~~
- 15       (2)       ~~License Violations:~~
- 16                  (A) ~~persons under 16 hunting, trapping, or trout fishing without meeting statutory~~
- 17                                 ~~requirements;~~
- 18                  (B) ~~senior citizens hunting or fishing without valid license(s) (Senior citizens are those persons~~
- 19                                 ~~65 years old or older);~~
- 20                  (C) ~~when it appears evident that the wrong license was purchased or issued by mistake;~~
- 21                  (D) ~~failure to carry required license or identification on person, if positive identification can be~~
- 22                                 ~~established;~~
- 23                  (E) ~~non resident hunting, fishing, or trapping with resident license, if domicile is established,~~
- 24                                 ~~but not 60 days;~~
- 25                  (F) ~~hunting, fishing, or trapping on Game Lands or fishing in Designated Trout Waters that are~~
- 26                                 ~~not properly posted or have been posted for no more than 30 days;~~
- 27                  (G) ~~persons who are 18 years or older or who do not reside with their parents, when such~~
- 28                                 ~~persons are taking wildlife upon their parent's land without a license as required by G.S.~~
- 29                                 ~~113-270.2, 113-270.3(b) except for subdivision (5), 113-270.5, 113-271, or 113-272;~~
- 30                  (H) ~~failure to comply with a statutorily enacted license requirement that has been in effect for~~
- 31                                 ~~less than a year; or~~
- 32                  (I) ~~license expiration of 10 days or less.~~
- 33       (3)       ~~Game Lands Violations:~~
- 34                  (A) ~~camping on Game Lands in other than designated area; or~~
- 35                  (B) ~~possession of weapons readily available for use while on game land thoroughfare, during~~
- 36                                 ~~closed season.~~
- 37       (4)       ~~Trapping Violations:~~

- (A) — ~~improper chain length at dry land sets;~~
- (B) — ~~trap tag not legible;~~
- (C) — ~~trap tag missing, but with a group of properly tagged traps;~~
- (D) — ~~trap tag missing, but evidence that animal destroyed;~~
- (E) — ~~improper jawsize;~~
- (F) — ~~failure to comply with "offset" jaw requirement for traps with jaw spread of more than 5 ½ inches;~~
- (G) — ~~failure to attend traps daily, during severe weather (ice, high water, heavy snow); or~~
- (H) — ~~no written permission, but on right of way of public road.~~
- (5) — ~~Miscellaneous Violations:~~
  - (A) — ~~allowing dogs, not under the control of the owner to chase deer during closed season;~~
  - (B) — ~~attempting to take deer with dogs, or allowing dogs to chase deer in restricted areas;~~
  - (C) — ~~using dogs to track wounded deer during primitive weapon season;~~
  - (D) — ~~failure to report big game kill to nearest cooperator agent, when game is tagged and subject is enroute to another agent;~~
  - (E) — ~~training dogs or permitting them to run unleashed on Game Lands west of I 95 during the period of April 1 through August 15;~~
  - (F) — ~~violation of newly adopted rules, when not readily available to the public;~~
  - (G) — ~~violation of local laws, when information not available to the public;~~
  - (H) — ~~all permits (except for fox depredation permit);~~
  - (I) — ~~closed season, if misprinted in digest or suddenly changed;~~
  - (J) — ~~minor record violation (taxidermist);~~
  - (K) — ~~failure to put name and address on marker (trotline); or~~
  - (L) — ~~failure to put name and address on nets.~~
- (c) ~~Special Consideration. Special consideration may be given in local areas where the offender is hunting or fishing out of his normal locality and is unfamiliar with the local law. Consideration may also be given for violations on newly opened or established Game Lands and on reclassified or newly Designated Mountain Trout Waters. Special consideration may be given to offenders under 18 years of age.~~

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-140;*  
*Eff. April 1, 1991;*  
*Amended Eff. August 1, 2019; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2004; November 2, 1992; November 1, 1991.*

1 15A NCAC 10A .1501 is adopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1111 as follows:

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3 **Section .1500 Evidence**  
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5 **15A NCAC 10A .1501 SUMMARY DISPOSITION**

6 The Executive Director or his or her designee may determine the summary disposition of fish or wildlife seized by  
7 the Commission. Summary disposition shall be determined in accordance with G.S. 113-137(d), on a case-by-case  
8 basis, taking into consideration factors that may include public health and safety, conservation objectives of the  
9 Commission, and the health or genetic integrity of native wildlife resources. Summary disposition may include  
10 release, relocation, or euthanasia.  
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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-137;*

13 *Eff. August 1, 2019.*  
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REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

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RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10B .0116

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

*In (a), would it be helpful to add something like "for purposes of these Rules" before your definition of "archery equipment"?*

*In (b) and (d), by "shall", do you mean "may" as you have in (c) and (e)?*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: Friday, March 22, 2019

1 15A NCAC 10B .0116 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1111 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0116 PERMITTED ARCHERY EQUIPMENT**

4 (a) “Archery equipment” means any device that has a solid, stationary handle, two limbs, and a string, that uses non-  
5 pneumatic means to propel a single arrow or bolt and may be used to take game and nongame species.

6 (b) ~~Only longbows~~ Longbows and recurved bows having a minimum pull of 40 pounds, compound bows having a  
7 minimum pull of 35 pounds, and crossbows having a minimum pull of 100 pounds shall be used for taking ~~game.~~  
8 bear, deer, elk, wild turkey, alligator, and feral swine.

9 (c) Archery equipment utilizing an elastic string and having a minimum pull of 40 pounds may be used to take wild  
10 turkey, small game animals, nongame animals, and nongame fish.

11 (d) Only arrows and bolts with a fixed minimum broadhead width of seven-eighths of an inch or a mechanically  
12 opening broadhead with a width of at least seven-eighths of an inch in the open position shall be used for taking bear,  
13 deer, ~~elk, or wild turkey,~~ turkey, alligator, and feral swine.

14 (e) Blunt-type arrow heads may be used in taking small animals and birds including rabbits, squirrels, quail, grouse,  
15 and pheasants.

16 (f) Poisonous, drugged, barbed, or explosive arrowheads shall not be used for taking any game wildlife.

17 ~~(e) Crossbows shall have a minimum pull rated at least 100 pounds. Heads on bolts used with crossbows shall conform~~  
18 ~~to those described for arrows in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.~~

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20 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1(a);*

21 *Eff. September 1, 1980;*

22 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; July 10, 2010; May 1, 2007; August 1, 2002; July 1,*  
23 *2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; August 1, 1990-1990;*

24 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*  
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## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

*In (a), line 5, and (b), line 16*

*please change "part(s)" to either "parts" or "part or parts"*

*In (a)(4), please change "jawbone(s)" to "jawbones"*

*What is meant by (a)(4)? Is this saying that it's okay to have either 1) a cleaned lower jawbone with teeth attached; or 2) cleaned teeth that are no longer attached to a jawbone? I just want to be sure that I understand.*

*In (b)(1), who is this individual? Is this the individual in possession of the part? Given that you have stricken "hunter", I assume that this is not always the hunter, but (b)(3) makes it look like it is the hunter since you've said "the individual's hunting license number." Please review and revise if necessary.*

*In (c), from whom specifically in SC will this confirmation need to come? Their Wildlife Resources Commission (which looks like it may be the Department of Natural Resources?)*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: Friday, March 22, 2019

1 15A NCAC 10B .0124 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1112 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0124 IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL PARTS**

4 (a) ~~Unless otherwise provided in this Rule, it shall be unlawful to import, transport, or possess a~~ No cervid carcass or  
5 carcass ~~part part(s) originating from any state or province where Chronic Wasting Disease occurs as identified by the~~  
6 ~~Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance on the Internet at <http://www.cwd-info.org/index.php/fuseaction/about.map> shall~~  
7 ~~be imported, transported, or possessed in outside of North Carolina except as provided herein: except:~~

8 (1) ~~meat that is cut and wrapped;~~

9 (2) ~~quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;~~

10 (3)(1) ~~meat that has been boned out; out such that no pieces or fragments of bone remain;~~

11 (4)(2) ~~caped hides; hides with no part of the skull or spinal column attached;~~

12 (5)(3) ~~antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates; plates, or skulls free from meat or brain tissue;~~

13 (6) ~~antlers;~~

14 (7)(4) ~~cleaned lower jawbone(s) with teeth or cleaned teeth; or~~

15 (8)(5) ~~finished taxidermy products, products and tanned hides.~~

16 (b) ~~Pursuant to G.S. 113-291.2, any~~ Any cervid carcass, carcass ~~part, part(s), or container of cervid meat or carcass~~  
17 ~~parts processed and packaged cervid meat imported as in (a) listed in Subparagraph (a)(1) through (4) of this Rule~~  
18 ~~above from a state or province where Chronic Wasting Disease is known to occur as identified by the Chronic Wasting~~  
19 ~~Disease Alliance on the Internet at <http://www.cwd-info.org/index.php/fuseaction/about.map> shall be tagged~~  
20 ~~identifying; labeled or identified with the following information:~~

21 (1) ~~Hunter's~~ the individual's name and address;

22 (2) ~~State or province~~ the state, Canadian province, or foreign country of origin of any cervid carcass,  
23 ~~carcass part, or container of processed and packaged cervid meat; origin; and~~

24 (3) ~~Date~~ the date the cervid was killed and the ~~hunter's~~ individual's hunting license ~~number~~ number,  
25 permit number, or equivalent identification from the ~~state or province~~ state, Canadian province, or  
26 foreign country of origin of any cervid carcass, carcass part, or container of processed and packaged  
27 cervid meat; and origin.

28 (4) ~~Destination of the cervid carcass, carcass part or container of processed and packaged cervid meat~~  
29 ~~within North Carolina.~~

30 (c) It shall be lawful to import, transport, or possess a caped hide with only the head attached from a white-tailed deer  
31 lawfully taken in South Carolina, if delivered to a licensed North Carolina taxidermist within 24 hours of entering the  
32 State. The hide and head shall be double plastic bagged and labeled or identified with the information required in  
33 Paragraph (b) of this Rule and the name of the county in South Carolina where the white-tailed deer was killed. This  
34 Paragraph shall expire on August 1, 2020 or upon confirmation of Chronic Wasting Disease in a cervid from South  
35 Carolina, whichever occurs first. Upon expiration, all restrictions and requirements of Paragraph (a) shall apply.

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37 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-291.2;*

1                   *Eff. May 1, 2006;*  
2                   *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2018;*  
3                   *Amended Eff. August 1, 2019.*  
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## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10B .0202

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

*In your History Note, the August 1, 2018 date was a temporary amendment. As such, please revise your History note as follows:*

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;  
Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;  
Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;  
Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. May 31, 2016;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2018;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2019.*

*Please note that the temporary amendments made effective August 1, 2018 will expire on May 12, 2019.*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: Friday, March 22, 2019

1 15A NCAC 10B .0202 is amended as published in 33:11 NCR 1112 as follows:

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

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

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

29 (b) Restrictions

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

- (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph, including any extracts of those substances; or
- (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.
- (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving in the counties in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
- (4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this Rule.
- (5) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
- (6) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other counties and parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.
- (c) ~~No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear sanctuaries. It shall be unlawful to take bear on posted bear sanctuaries except when authorized by permit issued by the Commission. See 15A NCAC 10D .0106 for posted bear sanctuaries.~~
- ~~Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties—Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only~~
- ~~Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties—Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Brunswick County—Green Swamp bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties—Pisgah bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties—Croatan bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Clay County—Fires Creek bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Columbus County—Columbus County bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Currituck County—North River bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Dare County—Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only~~
- ~~Haywood County—Harmon Den bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Haywood County—Sherwood bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Hyde County—Gull Rock bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Hyde County—Pungo River bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Jackson County—Panthertown Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Macon County—Standing Indian bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Macon County—Wayah bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Madison County—Rich Mountain bear sanctuary~~
- ~~McDowell and Yancey counties—Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only~~
- ~~Mitchell and Yancey counties—Flat Top bear sanctuary~~
- ~~Wilkes County—Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary~~

(d) The daily bag limit for bear is one, the possession limit is one, and the season limit is one.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;*  
*Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
*Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
*Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*  
*Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;*  
*Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;*  
*Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May*  
*1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. May 31, 2016;*  
*Amended Eff. August 1, 2019; August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016.*

1 15A NCAC 10B .0206 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCAC 1113 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0206 SQUIRRELS**

4 (a) Squirrel Open Seasons:

5 (1) Gray and red squirrels may be taken by hunting on the Monday on or closest to October 15 to the  
6 last day of February.

7 (2) Fox squirrels may be taken by hunting on the Monday on or nearest October 15 to ~~December 31 in~~  
8 ~~the counties of Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Bladen, Brunswick, Cumberland, Duplin, Edgecombe,~~  
9 ~~Greene, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Pitt,~~  
10 ~~Richmond, Sampson, Scotland, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wayne and Wilkes. January 31.~~

11 (b) Squirrel Bag Limits:

12 (1) The daily bag limit for gray and red squirrels is eight and there are no season and no possession  
13 limits.

14 (2) ~~In those counties listed in Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule, the~~ The daily bag limit for fox squirrels  
15 is one; the possession limit is ~~two, two;~~ and the season limit is 10.

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17 *History Note Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2;*

18 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

19 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2006; July 1,*  
20 *1995; July 1, 1987; July 1, 1986; ~~July 1, 1985.~~ July 1, 1985;*

21 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10B .0207 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1113 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0207 RABBITS**

4 (a) Rabbit Open Season: The open season for taking rabbits shall be from the ~~Saturday before Thanksgiving Day~~  
5 Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.

6 (b) Rabbit Bag Limits: The daily bag limit for rabbits is five and there are no season and no possession limits.

7 (c) Rabbit Box-traps: During the hunting season specified in Paragraph (a) of this Rule and subject to the bag limits  
8 set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, rabbits may be taken with box-traps. A valid hunting license shall serve as a  
9 transportation permit for live rabbits taken pursuant to this Rule.

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11 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;*

12 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

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14 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 1998;*

15 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; May 1, 2008; ~~April 1, 1999.~~ April 1, 1999;*

16 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*  
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## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10B .0303

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, April 5, 2019**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.*

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

*In (a), coyotes, armadillos, and groundhogs are not included in the definition of "fur-bearing animals" in 113-129(7a). Here, do you mean "in addition to fur-bearing animals as set forth in 113-129(7a), coyotes, armadillos, and groundhogs..." Is the intent here to say the open season is the same for these animals or are you intending to say that coyotes, armadillos, and groundhogs are fur-bearing animals? Are coyotes, armadillos, and groundhogs cognates of those animals in 113-129(7a)?*

*What is the intent of (a)(1)? Is this to say that coyotes can be trapped in the same manner as foxes for counties who have fox trapping seasons? If so, that's not entirely clear as written.*

*In (b)(2), please delete or define "easily"*

*Please add 113-291.12 to your History Note.*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: Friday, March 22, 2019

1 15A NCAC 10B .0303 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1114 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0303 OPEN SEASONS**

4 (a) General. ~~Following are the seasons for~~ The open season for the taking by trapping of fur-bearing animals as those  
5 animals are defined in G.S. 113-129(7a), including coyotes, armadillos, and groundhogs, ~~all dates being inclusive;~~  
6 shall be November 1 through the last day of February, subject to the following restrictions:

7 ~~(1) November 1 through the last day of February except for that part of the state described in~~  
8 ~~Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph.~~

9 ~~(2) December 1 through the last day of February in and east of Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Pitt, Greene,~~  
10 ~~Lenoir, Duplin, Pender and New Hanover counties.~~

11 ~~(3)(1) Trapping~~ trapping coyotes is allowed during times and with methods described by local laws in  
12 counties where local laws have established fox trapping seasons even when those seasons fall  
13 outside the regular trapping seasons described ~~above in Paragraph (a); and~~

14 ~~(4)(2) Nutria~~ nutria may be trapped east of I-77 at any time.

15 (b) Feral Swine. There is no closed season for trapping feral ~~swine~~ swine, subject to the following restrictions:

16 (1) ~~In~~ in addition to a hunting or trapping license, a permit issued by the Wildlife Resources  
17 Commission is required to trap feral swine. Individuals exempted from license requirements under  
18 the provisions specified in G.S. 113-276 may trap feral swine without a hunting or trapping license,  
19 but must acquire the ~~permit~~ permit;

20 (2) ~~Feral~~ feral swine may be live-trapped using only corral or box traps. Corral and box traps must be  
21 constructed in a manner such that a non-target animal can be easily released or can escape without  
22 harm. The permit number must be displayed on all ~~traps~~ traps; and

23 (3) ~~Feral~~ feral swine must be euthanized while in the trap and may not be removed alive from any trap.

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25 Note: See 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f) for other trapping restrictions on game lands.

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27 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;*

28 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

29 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1996; July 1, 1984; July 1, 1983; August 1, 1982; August 1, 1981;*

30 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*

31 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

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

33 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; November 1, 2008; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1,*  
34 *2006; June 1, 2005; August 1, 2004;*

35 *Recodified from Rule 10B .0302 Eff. January 1, 2011;*

36 *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 29, 2011;*

37 *Amended Eff. ~~November 1, 2012;~~ November 1, 2012;*

38 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0205 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1114 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 living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared  
6 substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell.  
7 (2) "Artificial lure" means a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance that  
8 attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.  
9 (3) "Youth anglers" are individuals under 18 years of age.

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

- 11 (1) "Public Mountain Trout Waters" are all waters included in this Rule and so designated in 15A NCAC  
12 10D .0104.  
13 (2) "Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where  
14 only artificial flies having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed or harvested  
15 while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.  
16 (3) "Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where  
17 only artificial lures having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed or harvested  
18 while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.  
19 (4) "Delayed Harvest Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where between October 1 and  
20 one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday of the following ~~June~~ June, it is  
21 unlawful to possess natural bait, use more than one single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or  
22 possess trout while fishing. From 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June until noon that same ~~day~~  
23 day, only youth anglers may fish and these waters have no bait or lure restrictions. From noon on  
24 the first Saturday in June until ~~October 1~~ October 1, anglers of all ages may fish and these waters  
25 have no bait or lure restrictions. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless  
26 otherwise noted.  
27 (5) "Hatchery Supported Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters that have no bait or lure  
28 restrictions. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.  
29 (6) "Special Regulation Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where watercourse-specific  
30 regulations apply. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.  
31 (7) "Wild Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters which are identified as such in this Rule or  
32 15A NCAC 10D .0104. Only artificial lures having only one single hook may be used. No person  
33 shall possess natural bait while fishing these waters. Waters designated as such do not include  
34 tributaries unless otherwise noted.  
35 (8) "Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where all artificial lures and  
36 natural baits, except live fish, may be used provided they are fished using only one single hook.  
37 Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.

(9) "Undesignated Waters" are all other waters in the State. These waters have no bait or lure restrictions. Trout may not be possessed while fishing these waters from March 1 until 7:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in April.

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

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

(1) Alleghany

(A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Little River (S.R. 1133 bridge to 275 yards downstream of the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129 [marked by a sign on each bank])

(B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Big Pine Creek

Bledsoe Creek

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

Cranberry Creek

(Big) Glade Creek

Little River (275 yards downstream from the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129 [marked by a sign on each bank] to McCann Dam)

Meadow Fork

Pine Swamp Creek

Piney Fork

Prathers Creek

(C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

All waters located on Stone Mountain State Park

(2) Ashe County

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

Big Horse Creek (Virginia state line to Mud Creek at S.R. 1363, excluding tributaries)

(B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Big Horse Creek (S.R. 1324 bridge to North Fork New River)

Helton Creek (~~Virginia State line~~ (SR 1372 bridge to North Fork New River)

South Fork New River (upstream end of Todd Island to the SR 1351 bridge)

Trout Lake

(C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Beaver Creek (N.C. 221 to confluence of Beaver Creek and South Beaver Creek)

1 Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at S.R. 1363 to S.R. 1324 bridge)  
 2 Big Laurel Creek (S.R. 1315 bridge to confluence with North Fork New River)  
 3 Buffalo Creek (S.R. 1133 bridge to N.C. 194-88 bridge)  
 4 Cranberry Creek (Alleghany Co. line to South Fork New River)  
 5 Nathans Creek  
 6 North Fork New River (Watauga Co. line to Sharp Dam)  
 7 Old Fields Creek (N.C. 221 to South Fork New River)  
 8 Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)  
 9 Roan Creek  
 10 Three Top Creek  
 11 (3) Avery County  
 12 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
 13 Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond)  
 14 Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)  
 15 (B) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
 16 Wilson Creek (game land portion)  
 17 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
 18 Boyde Coffey Lake  
 19 Elk River (S.R. 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the Tennessee state  
 20 line)  
 21 Linville River (Land Harbor line [below dam] to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line,  
 22 except where posted against trespassing)  
 23 Milltimber Creek  
 24 North Toe River — upper (Watauga St. to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and Family  
 25 Recreational Park, except where posted against trespassing)  
 26 North Toe River — lower (S.R. 1164 to Mitchell Co. line, except where posted against  
 27 trespassing)  
 28 Squirrel Creek  
 29 Wildcat Lake  
 30 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
 31 Birchfield Creek  
 32 Cow Camp Creek  
 33 Cranberry Creek (headwaters to U.S. 19E/N.C. 194 bridge)  
 34 Gragg Prong  
 35 Horse Creek  
 36 Kentucky Creek  
 37 North Harper Creek

- 1 Plumtree Creek  
2 Roaring Creek  
3 Rockhouse Creek  
4 Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)  
5 South Harper Creek  
6 Webb Prong
- (4) Buncombe County
- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
Carter Creek (game land portion)
- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)  
Cane Creek (headwaters to S.R. 3138 bridge)  
Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)  
Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)  
Ivy Creek (Ivy River) (Dillingham Creek to U.S. 19-23 bridge)  
Lake Powhatan  
Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to U.S. 19-23 bridge, except where posted against trespassing)  
Rich Branch (downstream from the confluence with Rocky Branch)  
Stony Creek  
Swannanoa (S.R. 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue bridge [intersection of N.C. 81 and U.S. 74A in Asheville], except where posted against trespassing)
- (5) Burke County
- (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)
- (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)
- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
Carroll Creek (game land portion above S.R. 1405)  
Henry Fork (lower South Mountain State Park line downstream to S.R. 1919 at Ivy Creek)  
Linville River portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness area and portion below Lake James powerhouse from upstream bridge on S.R. 1223 to Muddy Creek)
- (D) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:  
Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam)
- (E) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
All waters located on South Mountains State Park, except those waters identified in ~~parts~~  
Parts A and B of this Subparagraph

- 1 (6) Caldwell County
- 2 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 3 Wilson Creek (game land portion below Lost Cove Creek to Philips Branch)
- 4 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 5 Boone Fork Pond
- 6 Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)
- 7 Joes Creek (first falls upstream of S.R. 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)
- 8 Wilson Creek (Phillips Branch to Brown Mountain Beach Dam, except where posted
- 9 against trespassing)
- 10 Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to S.R. 1515)
- 11 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 12 Buffalo Creek (Watauga Co. line to Long Ridge Branch including game land tributaries)
- 13 Joes Creek (Watauga Co. line to first falls upstream of the end of S.R. 1574)
- 14 Rockhouse Creek
- 15 (7) Cherokee County
- 16 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 17 Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)
- 18 Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)
- 19 Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)
- 20 Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Hwy [S.R. 1325] bridge to Tennessee state line)
- 21 Valley River (S.R. 1359 to U.S. 19 Business bridge in Murphy)
- 22 (B) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:
- 23 Apalachia Reservoir
- 24 ~~(B)~~(C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 25 Bald Creek (game land portion)
- 26 Dockery Creek (game land portion)
- 27 North Shoal Creek (game land portion)
- 28 (8) Clay County
- 29 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 30 Fires Creek (USFS Rd. 340A to the foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area)
- 31 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 32 Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of U.S. 64 bridge)
- 33 Fires Creek (foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area to S.R. 1300)
- 34 Tusquitee Creek (Compass Creek to lower S.R. 1300 bridge)
- 35 (9) Graham County
- 36 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 37 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS footbridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Rd. 2579)

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

1 (Rocky) Broad River (end of S.R. 1611 to Rutherford County line)  
2 Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream of S.R. 1551 bridge to U.S. 25 bridge)  
3 Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to S.R. 1582)  
4 Green River (Lake Summit powerhouse to game land boundary)  
5 (Big) Hungry River (S.R. 1885 to Green River)  
6 (12) Jackson County  
7 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
8 Flat Creek  
9 Tuckasegee River (upstream from the Clark property)  
10 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
11 Tuckasegee River (downstream N.C. 107 bridge to the falls located 275 yards upstream  
12 of the U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank])  
13 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
14 Balsam Lake  
15 Bear Creek Lake  
16 Cedar Cliff Lake  
17 Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)  
18 Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)  
19 Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1370 to Savannah Creek)  
20 Savannah Creek (Shell Branch to Cagle Branch)  
21 Scott Creek (Dark Ridge Creek to Tuckasegee River, except where posted against  
22 trespassing)  
23 Tanasee Creek Lake  
24 Tuckasegee River — upper (John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107 bridge)  
25 Tuckasegee River — lower (falls located 275 yards upstream of U.S. 23-441 bridge  
26 [marked by a sign on each bank] to S.R. 1534 bridge at Wilmot)  
27 Wolf Creek Lake  
28 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
29 Gage Creek  
30 North Fork Scott Creek  
31 Tanasee Creek  
32 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)  
33 Wolf Creek (except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)  
34 (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
35 Buff Creek  
36 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to the South Carolina state line)  
37 Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)

- 1 Scotsman Creek (game land portion)
- 2 (13) Macon County
- 3 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 4 Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)
- 5 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 6 Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)
- 7 Cartoogechaye Creek (downstream U.S. 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)
- 8 Cliffside Lake
- 9 Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to U.S. 64 bridge near junction of S.R. 1672)
- 10 Nantahala River — upper (Dicks Creek to Whiteoak Creek)
- 11 Nantahala River — lower (Nantahala hydropower discharge canal to Swain Co. line)
- 12 Queens Creek Lake
- 13 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 14 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
- 15 Jarrett Creek (game land portion)
- 16 Kimsey Creek
- 17 Overflow Creek (game land portion)
- 18 Park Creek
- 19 Tellico Creek (game land portion)
- 20 Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)
- 21 (14) Madison County
- 22 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 23 Big Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge to the U.S. 25-70 bridge)
- 24 Shelton Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)
- 25 Spring Creek (N.C. 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews
- 26 Ave.)
- 27 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 28 Big Laurel Creek (~~Mars Hill watershed boundary~~ Puncheon Fork to the S.R. 1318 [Big
- 29 Laurel Rd.] bridge downstream of Bearpen Branch)
- 30 Big Pine Creek (S.R. 1151 bridge to French Broad River)
- 31 Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence
- 32 with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)
- 33 Max Patch Pond
- 34 Meadow Fork Creek (~~S.R. 1165~~ Meadow Fork Campground to Spring Creek)
- 35 Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)
- 36 Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)

- 1 Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to N.C. 208 bridge at  
2 Belva)  
3 Shut-in Creek  
4 Spillcorn Creek  
5 Spring Creek (junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to USFS Rd. 223)  
6 West Fork Shut-in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East Fork Shut-  
7 in Creek)  
8 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
9 Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary)  
10 (15) McDowell County  
11 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
12 Newberry Creek (game land portion)  
13 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
14 Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)  
15 Curtis Creek (game land portion downstream of the USFS boundary at Deep Branch)  
16 Mill Creek (U.S. 70 bridge to I-40 bridge)  
17 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
18 Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)  
19 Catawba River (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)  
20 Little Buck Creek (game land portion)  
21 Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to U.S. 70 bridge, except where posted against  
22 trespassing)  
23 North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to North Cove School at S.R. 1569 bridge)  
24 (16) Mitchell County  
25 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
26 Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to S.R. 1189 bridge)  
27 North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 bridge)  
28 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
29 Big Rock Creek (headwaters to N.C. 226 bridge at S.R. 1307 intersection)  
30 Cane Creek (S.R. 1219 to N.C. 226 bridge)  
31 East Fork Grassy Creek  
32 Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)  
33 Little Rock Creek (Green Creek bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where posted against  
34 trespassing)  
35 North Toe River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1121 bridge)  
36 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

- 1 Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek bridge, except where posted against  
2 trespassing)  
3 Little Rock Creek (above Green Creek bridge, including all tributaries, except where  
4 posted against trespassing)  
5 Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
- 6 (17) Polk County  
7 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
8 Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the confluence with Cove Creek)  
9 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
10 Green River (Mouth of Cove Creek to the natural gas pipeline crossing)  
11 North Pacolet River (Joels Creek to N.C. 108 bridge)
- 12 (18) Rutherford County  
13 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
14 (Rocky) Broad River (Henderson Co. line to U.S. 64/74 bridge, except where posted  
15 against trespassing)
- 16 (19) Stokes County  
17 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
18 Dan River (Virginia state line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of S.R.  
19 1421)
- 20 (20) Surry County  
21 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
22 Ararat River (portion adjacent to the Ararat River Greenway)  
23 Mitchell River (.6 mile upstream of the end of S.R. 1333 to the S.R. 1330 bridge below  
24 Kapps Mill Dam)  
25 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
26 Ararat River (S.R. 1727 bridge downstream to the N.C. 103 bridge)  
27 Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of N.C. 268 bridge to a point 265 yards  
28 downstream of N.C. 268 [marked by a sign on each bank])  
29 Fisher River (Cooper Creek) (Virginia state line to I-77 bridge)  
30 Little Fisher River (Virginia state line to N.C. 89 bridge)  
31 Lovills Creek (U.S. 52 Business bridge to Ararat River)  
32 Pauls Creek (Virginia state line to .3 miles below S.R. 1625 bridge)
- 33 (21) Swain County  
34 (A) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:  
35 Tuckasegee River (U.S. 19 bridge to Slope Street bridge)  
36 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
37 Alarka Creek (game land boundary to Fontana Reservoir)

- 1 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)  
2 Cheoah Reservoir  
3 Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)  
4 Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park Boundary line to Tuckasegee River)  
5 Nantahala River (Macon Co. line to existing Fontana Lake water level)
- 6 (22) Transylvania County
- 7 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
8 Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass  
9 Creek and Grogan Creek)
- 10 (B) Delayed Harvest ~~Waters~~ Trout Waters are as follows:  
11 East Fork French Broad River (East Fork Baptist Church to ~~French Broad River~~) the  
12 downstream S.R. 1107 bridge  
13 Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)
- 14 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
15 Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower USFS boundary)  
16 French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork) French  
17 Broad River to the Island Ford Rd. [S.R. 1110] Access Area  
18 Middle Fork French Broad River (upstream U.S. 178 bridge to French Broad River)  
19 West Fork French Broad River (Camp Cove Branch to confluence with North Fork French  
20 Broad River)
- 21 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
22 All waters located on Gorges State Park  
23 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
- 24 (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
25 North Fork French Broad River (game land portion downstream of S.R. 1326)  
26 Thompson River (S.R. 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against  
27 trespassing)
- 28 (23) Watauga County
- 29 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
30 Laurel Creek (confluence of North and South Fork Laurel creeks to Elk Creek, excluding  
31 tributaries)  
32 Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Rd. bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to  
33 Coffee Lake)
- 34 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
35 Lake Coffey

Watauga River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1557 and S.R. 1558 to N.C. 105 bridge and S.R. 1114 bridge to N.C. 194 bridge at the Valle Crucis) Crucis Community Park lower boundary)

(C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

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

Beech Creek

Buckeye Creek (Buckeye Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap Creek)

Buckeye Creek Reservoir

Cove Creek (S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to S.R. 1214 bridge at Sherwood)

Dutch Creek (second bridge on S.R. 1134 to mouth)

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

Laurel Creek (S.R. 1123 bridge at S.R. 1157 intersection to Watauga River)

Meat Camp Creek (S.R. 1340 bridge at S.R. 1384 intersection to N.C. 194)

Middle Fork New River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1539 and U.S. 321 to South Fork New River)

Norris Fork Creek

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

Stony Fork (S.R. 1500 bridge at S.R. 1505 intersection to Wilkes Co. line)

(D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1134)

Howard Creek

Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)

North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe Co. line)

Watauga River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1580 bridge)

Winkler Creek (lower bridge on S.R. 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)

(24) Wilkes County

(A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

East Prong Roaring River (Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary)

Elk Creek — upper (Watauga Co. line to lower boundary of the Blue Ridge Mountain Club)

Elk Creek — lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)

- 1 Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with the  
2 Yadkin River)  
3 Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Alleghany Co. line to confluence with East Prong  
4 Roaring River and Bullhead Creek)  
5 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
6 Basin Creek (S.R. 1730 bridge to confluence with Lovelace Creek)  
7 Bell Branch Pond  
8 Cub Creek (.5 mile upstream of S.R. 2460 bridge to S.R. 1001 bridge)  
9 Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River) (downstream ford on S.R. 1569 to confluence  
10 with North Fork Reddies River)  
11 East Prong Roaring River (Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary to S.R. 1002 bridge)  
12 Fall Creek (S.R. 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork, except where  
13 posted against trespassing)  
14 Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong) (headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1580)  
15 Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1736)  
16 North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek) (headwaters to Union School bridge on S.R.  
17 1559)  
18 Pike Creek  
19 Pike Creek Pond  
20 South Fork Reddies River (S.R. 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies  
21 River)  
22 South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to S.R. 1155 bridge)  
23 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
24 All waters located on Stone Mountain State Park, except East Prong Roaring River from  
25 Bullhead Creek downstream to the Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary where  
26 Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply, and Stone Mountain Creek from falls at  
27 Alleghany County line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek  
28 in Stone Mountain State Park where Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply  
29 (25) Yancey County  
30 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
31 South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek)  
32 Upper Creek  
33 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
34 Cane River (Blackberry Ridge Rd. to downstream boundary of Cane River County Park)  
35 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
36 Bald Mountain Creek (except where posted against trespassing)  
37 Cane River (Bee Branch [S.R. 1110] to Bowlens Creek)

1 Price Creek (junction of S.R. 1120 and S.R. 1121 to Indian Creek)  
2 South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey Co. Recreation Park,  
3 except where posted against trespassing)  
4 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
5 Cattail Creek (bridge at Mountain Farm Community Rd. to N.C. 197 bridge)  
6 Lickskillet Creek  
7 Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)  
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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-272; 113-292;*  
10 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
11 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;*  
12 *October 1, 1992;*  
13 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
14 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
15 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*  
16 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*  
17 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 6/21/01 and 04/18/02);*  
18 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
19 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*  
20 *2003);*  
21 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*  
22 *August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May*  
23 *1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, ~~2005-2005~~;*  
24 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*  
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## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10C .0211

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, April 5, 2019**

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

*In (a), please add a comma after "sell"*

*In (b), please remove the comma after "carp" and change "which" to "that" so that it reads "... carp that..."*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: Friday, March 22, 2019

1 15A NCAC 10C .0211 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1122 as follows:

3 **15A NCAC 10C .0211 POSSESSION OF CERTAIN FISHES**

4 (a) It ~~is~~ shall be unlawful to transport, purchase, possess, sell or stock in the public or private waters of North Carolina  
5 any live individuals of:

- 6 (1) ~~piranha, piranha;~~
- 7 (2) "walking catfish" (Clarias ~~batrachus~~), batrachus);
- 8 (3) snakehead fish (from the Family Channidae, formerly ~~Ophiocephalidae~~), Ophiocephalidae);
- 9 (4) black carp (Mylopharyngodon ~~piceus~~), piceus);
- 10 (5) bighead carp (Hypophthalmichthys ~~nobilis~~), nobilis);
- 11 (6) silver carp (Hypophthalmichthys ~~molitrix~~), molitrix);
- 12 (7) rudd (Scardinius ~~erythrothalamus~~), erythrothalamus);
- 13 (8) round goby (Neogobius ~~melanostomus~~), melanostomus);
- 14 (9) tubenose goby (Proterorhinus ~~marmoratus~~), marmoratus);
- 15 (10) ruffe (Gymnocephalus ~~cernuus~~), cernuus);
- 16 (11) Japanese mysterysnail (Cipangopaludina ~~japonica~~), japonica);
- 17 (12) Chinese mysterysnail (Cipangopaludina chinensis ~~malleata~~), malleata);
- 18 (13) red-rim melania (Melanoides ~~tuberculatus~~), tuberculatus);
- 19 (14) virile crayfish (Orconectes (Gremicambarus) ~~virilis~~), virilis);
- 20 (15) rusty crayfish (Orconectes (Procericambarus) ~~rusticus~~), rusticus);
- 21 (16) Australian red claw crayfish or "red claw" (Cherax quadricarinatus, or other species of "giant"  
22 crayfish species in the genus ~~Cherax~~), Cherax);
- 23 (17) white amur or "grass carp" (Ctenopharyngodon ~~idella~~), idella);
- 24 (18) swamp or "rice" eel (Monopterus ~~albus~~), albus);
- 25 (19) red shiner (Cyprinella ~~lutrensis~~), lutrensis);
- 26 (20) zebra mussel (Dreissena ~~polymorpha~~) polymorpha); or
- 27 (21) quagga mussel (Dreissena rostriformis bugensis) or any mussel in the family Dreissenidae.

28 (b) A person may buy, ~~possess~~ possess, or stock ~~triploid grass carp~~ triploid grass carp, which have been certified to be triploid or  
29 sterile, only for the purpose of controlling aquatic vegetation under a permit issued by the Executive Director or his  
30 or her designee ~~when the director determines that conditions of such possession or stocking provide minimal~~  
31 probability of escape based on an evaluation of the potential for escapement and threat to sensitive aquatic ~~habitat and~~  
32 that the carp is certified to be sterile by genetic testing at a federal, state, or university laboratory habitats.

33 (c) It shall be unlawful to transport, possess, or release live river herring, also known as alewife or blueback herring,  
34 in the waters of the Little Tennessee River in and upstream of Lake Santeetlah and Cedar Cliff Lake, including all the  
35 tributaries and impoundments thereof, and on adjacent shorelines, docks, access ramps, and bridge crossings.

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37 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274(c)(1c); 113-292;*

1                   *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
2                   *Amended Eff. September 1, 1984;*  
3                   *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*  
4                   *Amended Eff. July 18, 2002;*  
5                   *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2002;*  
6                   *Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; August 1, 2011; June 1, 2009, June 1, 2005; August 1, ~~2004~~, 2004;*  
7                   *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10C .0305 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1122 as follows:

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

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

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

11 (c) In Lake Santeetlah in Graham County, there is no daily creel limit for Black Bass less than 14 inches. The daily  
12 creel limit for Black Bass greater than 14 inches is five fish.

13 (d) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit for Black Bass is 10 fish, the minimum size limit for  
14 Largemouth Bass is 12 inches, and there is no minimum size limit for Smallmouth Bass and Spotted Bass.

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

16 (1) Lake Raleigh in Wake County;

17 (2) Lake Sutton in New Hanover County;

18 ~~(2)(3)~~ Pungo Lake in Washington and Hyde counties;

19 ~~(3)(4)~~ New Lake in Hyde County; and

20 ~~(4)(5)~~ Currituck, Roanoke, Croatan, Albemarle sounds, and all their tributaries including Roanoke River  
21 downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam, Chowan River, Meherrin River, Yeopim River, Pasquotank  
22 River, Perquimans River, Little River, Big Flatty Creek, North River, Northwest River,  
23 Scuppernong River, and Alligator River (including the Alligator/Pungo Canal east of the NC Hwy  
24 264/45 ~~bridge~~ bridge, and all other associated tributaries and canals in these river systems.

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

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

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

31 (i) In Randleman Reservoir, there is no minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass, but only two Largemouth Bass less  
32 than 14 inches and only one Largemouth Bass greater than 20 inches may be possessed.

33 (j) In Lake Thom-A-Lex in Davidson County, the minimum size limit for Black Bass is 18 inches.

34 (k) In the Alleghany County portion of New River downstream of Fields Dam (Grayson County, Virginia) there is  
35 no minimum size limit for Black Bass, but no fish between 14 and 22 inches in length may be possessed and only one  
36 Black Bass greater than 22 inches may be possessed.

1 ~~(l) In Sutton Lake, the minimum size limit for Black Bass is 14 inches and no Black Bass may be possessed from~~  
2 ~~December 1 through March 31.~~

3 ~~(m)(l)~~ In Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County, the minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is  
4 16 inches and only one Largemouth Bass greater than 20 inches may be possessed.

5 ~~(n)(m)~~ In Jean Guite Creek and associated canals within the Town of Southern Shores, Dare County, no Black Bass  
6 may be possessed.

7 ~~(o)(n)~~ For purposes of this Rule, creel limits apply to Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass in aggregate unless  
8 otherwise specified.

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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; ~~113-304; 113-305;~~*  
11 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
12 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 10, 1990, for a period of 180 days to expire on November 1, 1990;*  
13 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 22, 1990, for a period of 168 days to expire on November 1, 1990;*  
14 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 1991, for a period of 180 days to expire on November 1, 1991;*  
15 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; October 1, 1992;*  
16 *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1994 for a period of 180 days or until the permanent rule*  
17 *becomes effective, whichever is sooner;*  
18 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995;*  
19 *Temporary Amendment Eff. November 1, 1998;*  
20 *Amended Eff. April 1, 1999;*  
21 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
22 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
23 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*  
24 *Temporary Amendment Eff. March 8, 2002 [This rule replaces the rule proposed for permanent*  
25 *amendment effective July 1, 2002 and approved by RRC in May 2001];*  
26 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC in April 2002);*  
27 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
28 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*  
29 *2003);*  
30 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; November 1, 2013; August 1, 2012;*  
31 *March 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; July 1, 2008; May 1, 2008; May 1,*  
32 *2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, ~~2005-2005.~~*  
33 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10C .0306 is readopted with changes as published in 33:11 NCR 1123 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0306 CRAPPIE**

4 (a) There is no daily creel limit for Crappie, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), ~~and (e)~~(e), and (f)  
5 of this Rule. There is no minimum size limit for these fish, except for waters identified in Paragraphs ~~(d) and (e)~~(d),  
6 ~~(e), and (f)~~. There is no closed season.

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

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

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

10 (1) B. Everett Jordan Reservoir;

11 (2)~~(4)~~ Roanoke River and its tributaries downstream of Roanoke Rapids dam;

12 (3)~~(2)~~ Cashie River and its tributaries;

13 (4) ~~(3)~~ Middle River and its tributaries;

14 (5)~~(4)~~ Eastmost River and its tributaries; and

15 (6)~~(5)~~ Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County.

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

17 (1) Pee Dee River from Blewett Falls Dam to the South Carolina state line;

18 (2) Badin Lake;

19 (3) Falls Lake (Stanly and Montgomery counties);

20 (4) Lake Tillery;

21 (5) Blewett Falls Lake;

22 (6) Lake Norman;

23 (7) Lake Hyco;

24 (8) Lake Ramseur;

25 (9) Cane Creek Lake;

26 (10) Lake Hampton (Yadkin County);

27 ~~(11) — B. Everett Jordan Reservoir;~~

28 (11) ~~(42)~~ Tar River downstream of Tar River Reservoir ~~Dam;~~ Dam and all tributaries;

29 (12) ~~(43)~~ Neuse River downstream of Falls Lake ~~Dam;~~ Dam and all tributaries;

30 (13) ~~(44)~~ Haw River downstream of Jordan Lake ~~Dam;~~ Dam and all tributaries;

31 (14) ~~(45)~~ Deep River downstream of Lockville ~~Dam;~~ Dam and all tributaries;

32 (15) ~~(46)~~ Cape Fear ~~River;~~ River and all tributaries;

33 (16) ~~(47)~~ Waccamaw River downstream of Lake Waccamaw ~~Dam;~~ Dam and all tributaries;

34 (17) ~~(48)~~ Lumber River including Drowning ~~Creek;~~ Creek and all tributaries;

35 (18) ~~(49)~~ all other public fishing waters east of Interstate 95, except Tar River Reservoir in Nash County,

36 Sutton Lake in New Hanover County, and waters listed in Paragraph (d) of this Rule; and

37 (19) ~~(20)~~ all public waters west of Interstate 77, except Lake Chatuge.

1 ~~For waters in Subparagraphs (11) through (19), the restrictions apply to all tributaries.~~

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

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

5 *Eff. November 1, 2013;*

6 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, ~~2015~~-2015;*

7 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0313 is readopted as published in 33:1 NCR 1124 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0313 SHAD (AMERICAN AND HICKORY)**

4 (a) The daily creel limit for American and Hickory Shad in the aggregate is 10 fish, only one of which may be an  
5 American Shad, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this Rule. There is no minimum size  
6 limit for these fish. There is no closed season, except for waters identified in Paragraph (e) of this Rule.

7 (b) In the inland waters of ~~Roanoke River, Neuse River, the Tar-Pamlico River, Pungo River, Pee Dee River,~~ and their  
8 tributaries, the daily creel limit for American and Hickory Shad is 10 in the ~~aggregate, only one of which may be an~~  
9 ~~American Shad~~. aggregate.

10 (c) In the inland waters of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries, the daily creel limit for American and Hickory Shad  
11 is 10 in the aggregate, only five of which may be American Shad.

12 (d) In Roanoke Rapids Reservoir, Lake Gaston and John H. Kerr Reservoir, no American Shad may be possessed.

13 (e) The season for taking American and Hickory Shad with bow nets is March 1 through April 30.

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15 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; ~~113-304; 113-305;~~*  
16 *Eff. November 1, ~~2013-2013;~~*  
17 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*  
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REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10C .0314

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, April 5, 2019**

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

*In (i), is the cross-reference to 15A NCAC 10C .0110 correct for both the establishment and identification? Please either change one of the cross-references or change this to say "established and identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0110"*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: Friday, March 22, 2019

1 15A NCAC 10C .0314 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1124 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 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. The minimum size limit for these fish is 20 inches, except in  
6 waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. There is no closed season, except  
7 for waters identified in Paragraphs (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) of this Rule.

8 (b) In the Dan River upstream from its confluence with Bannister River to the dam at Union Street in Danville, VA  
9 and in John H. Kerr Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is two in the aggregate and the  
10 minimum size limit is ~~24~~ 20 inches from October 1 through May 31. From June 1 through September 30, the daily  
11 creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate with no minimum size limit.

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

15 (d) In Lake Norman, Arrowhead Lake (Anson Co.), High Rock Pond (Caswell Co.), Moss Lake, Mountain Island  
16 Reservoir, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Thom-A-Lex, Lake Townsend, and Salem Lake the minimum size limit for Striped  
17 Bass and its hybrids is 16 inches.

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

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

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

28 (h) In the inland fishing waters of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries downstream of Buckhorn Dam, the season  
29 for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed year-round.

30 (i) In the inland and joint fishing waters ~~[as identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0107(1)(c)]~~ of the Roanoke River Striped  
31 Bass Management Area, as established in 15A NCAC 10C .0110 and identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0110, which  
32 includes the Roanoke, Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost rivers and their tributaries, the open season for taking and  
33 possessing Striped Bass and its hybrids is March 1 through April 30 from the joint-coastal fishing waters boundary at  
34 Albemarle Sound upstream to Roanoke Rapids Lake dam. During the open season, the daily creel limit for Striped  
35 Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate, and the minimum size limit is 18 inches. No fish between 22 inches  
36 and 27 inches in length shall be possessed in the daily creel limit. Only one fish larger than 27 inches may be possessed  
37 in the daily creel limit.

1 (j) In designated inland fishing waters of Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Chowan River, Currituck  
2 Sound, Alligator River, Scuppernong River, and their tributaries (excluding the Roanoke River and Cashie River and  
3 their tributaries), the Striped Bass fishing season, size ~~limits~~ limits, and creel limits are the same as those established  
4 by rules or proclamations of the Marine Fisheries Commission in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.

5 (k) In accordance with G.S. 113-292, the Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend, or extend the hook-and-  
6 line season for Striped Bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful to violate  
7 the provisions of any proclamation issued under this authority.

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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;*

10 *Eff. November 1, 2013;*

11 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2018; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, ~~2014~~. 2014;*

12 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0316 is readopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1124 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0316 TROUT**

4 (a) The daily creel limit for trout in Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit  
5 for these fish. The open season is from 7 a.m. on the first Saturday in April until March 1, except for waters designated  
6 in ~~Paragraphs (d) and (g)~~ Paragraph (g) of this Rule.

7 (b) The daily creel limit for trout in Wild Trout Waters and Wild Trout/Natural Bait Trout Waters is four fish. The  
8 minimum size limit for these fish is seven inches. There is no closed season.

9 (c) No trout may be harvested from Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters or Catch and  
10 Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters. Trout may not be possessed while fishing these waters.

11 (d) The daily creel limit for trout in Delayed Harvest Trout Waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit for  
12 these fish. The Youth-only Delayed Harvest Trout Water Season is from 6 a.m. on the first Saturday in June until 12  
13 p.m. that same day. During this season only individuals under the age of 18 may fish. From 12 p.m. on the first  
14 Saturday in June until September 30, the Delayed Harvest Trout Waters Season is open for all anglers. From October  
15 1 to one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday in June, trout may not be harvested or possessed  
16 while fishing these waters. Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are closed to all fishing from one-half hour after sunset on  
17 the Friday before the first Saturday in June to 6 a.m. on the first Saturday in June.

18 (e) The daily creel limits, size limits, and seasons for trout in Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows: ~~in the~~

19 (1) Apalachia Reservoir (Cherokee County) the daily creel limit is three trout. There is no minimum size  
20 limit, but only one may be greater than 14 inches. There is no closed season.

21 (2) Catawba River (Burke County) from Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam the daily  
22 creel limit is two fish. The minimum size limit is 14 inches. There is no closed season.

23 (f) The daily creel limit for trout in undesignated trout waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit for these  
24 fish.

25 (g) There is no closed season on taking trout from Linville River within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area and the  
26 impounded waters of power reservoirs and municipally-owned water supply reservoirs open to the public for fishing.

27 (h) In designated Public Mountain Trout Waters the season for taking all species of fish is the same as the trout fishing  
28 season.

29 (i) All trout water designations and manners of take are set forth in 15A NCAC 10C .0205.

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

32 *Eff. November 1, 2013;*

33 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, ~~2015~~-2015;*

34 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0402 is amended as published in 33:11 NCR 1126 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0402 TAKING NONGAME FISHES FOR BAIT OR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION**

4 (a) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in the inland waters of North Carolina using  
5 equipment other than:

- 6 (1) a net of dip net design not greater than six feet across;
- 7 (2) a seine of not greater than 12 feet in length (except in Lake Waccamaw in Columbus County where  
8 there is no length limitation) and with a bar mesh measure of not more than one-fourth inch;
- 9 (3) a cast net;
- 10 (4) a bow net for the seasons and waters in which the use of bow nets is authorized in 15A NCAC 10C  
11 .0407;
- 12 (5) a dip net when used in conjunction with a licensed hand-crank electrofisher;
- 13 (6) a gig (except in Public Mountain Trout Waters);
- 14 (7) up to three traps for the seasons and waters in which the use of traps is authorized in 15A NCAC  
15 10C .0407;
- 16 (8) up to two eel pots;
- 17 (9) a spear gun for the seasons and waters in which the use of a spear gun is authorized in 15A NCAC  
18 10C .0407;
- 19 (10) minnow traps not exceeding 12 inches in diameter and 24 inches in length, with funnel openings not  
20 exceeding one inch in diameter, from which all fish and animals are removed daily, and that are  
21 labeled with the user's Wildlife Resources Commission customer number or name and address;
- 22 (11) a hand-held line with a single bait attached;
- 23 (12) a single, multiple-bait line for taking crabs not to exceed 100 feet in length, marked on each end  
24 with a solid float no less than five inches in diameter, bearing legible and indelible identification of  
25 the user's name and address, and under the immediate control and attendance of the person using  
26 the device, with a limit of one line per person and no more than one line per vessel; or
- 27 (13) a collapsible crab trap with the largest open dimension not greater than 18 inches and that by design  
28 is collapsed at all times when in the water, except when it is being retrieved or lowered to the bottom,  
29 with a limit of one trap per person.

30 (b) The use of equipment under this Rule requires a valid license that provides basic inland fishing privileges.

31 (c) It is unlawful to sell nongame fishes or aquatic animals taken under this Rule.

32 (d) Game fishes taken ~~while netting for bait~~ shall be returned unharmed to the water, except white perch may be taken  
33 when captured in a cast net being used to collect nongame fishes for bait or personal consumption in all impounded  
34 waters west of I-95 and in the Tar River Reservoir (Nash County).

35 (e) No person shall take or possess during one day more than 200 nongame fish in aggregate for bait or personal  
36 consumption subject to the ~~following restrictions:~~ size and creel limits identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0401.

- (1) ~~No more than 25 eels, none of which may be less than 9 inches in length, shall be taken from or possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing in inland fishing waters;~~
- (2) ~~While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no river herring (alewife and blueback) that are greater than six inches in total length shall be taken, and no such river herring shall be possessed regardless of origin:~~
- (A) ~~Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam;~~
- (B) ~~Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam;~~
- (C) ~~Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam;~~
- (D) ~~Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam;~~
- (E) ~~Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam;~~
- (F) ~~Lumber River including Drowning Creek;~~
- (G) ~~the tributaries to the rivers listed above; and~~
- (H) ~~all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95.~~
- (3) ~~No more than 50 crabs per person per day or 100 per vessel per day with a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) shall be taken.~~
- (f) Any fishes taken for bait purposes are included within the daily possession limit for that species.
- (g) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait ~~or any other fish bait~~ from the following waters:
- (1) Public Mountain Trout Waters (except in impounded waters of power reservoirs and municipally-owned water supply reservoirs);
- (2) Bear Creek in Chatham County;
- (3) Deep River in Chatham, Lee, and Moore counties and downstream of Coleridge Dam in Randolph County;
- (4) Fork Creek in Randolph County; and
- (5) Rocky River in Chatham County.
- ~~(h) In the waters of the Little Tennessee River, including all the tributaries and impoundments thereof, and on adjacent shorelines, docks, access ramps, and bridge crossings, it is unlawful to transport, possess, or release live river herring (alewife and blueback).~~
- (i) No person while fishing shall remove the head or tail or otherwise change the appearance of any nongame fish having a size limit identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0401 so as to render it ~~impracticable~~ impractical to measure its total original length. No person while fishing shall change the appearance of any nongame fish having a daily creel limit identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0401 so as to obscure its identification or render it ~~impracticable~~ impractical to count the number of fish in possession.
- History Note:* Authority ~~G.S. 113-134; 113-135; 113-135.1; 113-272; 113-272.3; 113-292;~~  
~~Eff. February 1, 1976;~~  
~~Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989;~~  
~~Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;~~

1           *Amended Eff. July 18, 2002;*

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

3           *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*  
4           *2003);*

5           *Amended Eff. August 1, 2019; August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015;*  
6           *August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006.*

## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10C .0407

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, April 5, 2019**

**PLEASE NOTE: This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.**

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

*In (33), "Moore's" listed twice in the exact same way, but the second is underlined. Did you intend on adding a comma here?*

*In Item (34), "traps" is listed twice in the exact same way, but the second is underlined. Did you intend on adding a comma here?*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: Friday, March 22, 2019

1 15A NCAC 10C .0407 is amended as published in 33:11 NCR 1127 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0407 PERMITTED SPECIAL DEVICES AND OPEN SEASONS**

4 Except in designated public mountain trout waters, and in impounded waters located on the Sandhills Game Land,  
5 there is a year-round open season for the licensed taking of nongame fishes by bow and arrow. The use of special  
6 fishing devices, including crab pots in impoundments located entirely on game ~~lands~~ lands, ~~is~~ shall be prohibited.

7 Seasons and waters in which the use of other special devices is authorized are indicated by counties below:

8 (1) Alamance:

9 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Alamance Creek below NC 49 bridge and Haw River;

10 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;

11 (2) Alexander: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters; and with spear guns in Lake  
12 Hickory and Lookout Shoals Reservoir;

13 (3) Alleghany: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in New River, except designated public mountain trout  
14 waters;

15 (4) Anson:

16 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;

17 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Pee Dee River below Blewett Falls Dam;

18 (c) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River from  
19 Blewett Falls downstream to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad trestle;

20 (5) Ashe: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in New River (both forks), except designated public mountain  
21 trout waters;

22 (6) Beaufort:

23 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Pungo River, and in the Tar and Pamlico Rivers above  
24 Norfolk and Southern Railroad bridge; and with gigs in all inland public waters;

25 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters;

26 (7) Bertie:

27 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Broad Creek (tributary of Roanoke);

28 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except public  
29 lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;

30 (8) Bladen:

31 (a) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Black River;

32 (b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Cape Fear River between  
33 Lock and Dam 1 and 3 and in Black River, except that hand-crank electrofishing is  
34 prohibited within 400 yards of Lock and Dam 1, 2, and 3 on Cape Fear River;

35 (9) Brunswick: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Alligator Creek, Hoods Creek, Indian Creek,  
36 Orton Creek below Orton Pond, Rices Creek, Sturgeon Creek and Town Creek;

- 1 (10) Buncombe: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout  
2 waters;
- 3 (11) Burke:
- 4 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Johns River and  
5 designated public mountain trout waters;
- 6 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated  
7 public mountain trout waters and Lake James;
- 8 (12) Cabarrus:
- 9 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
- 10 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- 11 (13) Caldwell: July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated  
12 public mountain trout waters;
- 13 (14) Camden:
- 14 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland public waters;
- 15 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding except~~ public  
16 lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 17 (15) Carteret: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters except South River and the  
18 tributaries of the White Oak River;
- 19 (16) Caswell:
- 20 (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- 21 (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Moons Creek;
- 22 (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Hyco Reservoir;
- 23 (17) Catawba:
- 24 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Catawba River below  
25 Lookout Dam;
- 26 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, spear guns, and gigs in all public waters;
- 27 (18) Chatham:
- 28 (a) December 1 to April 15 with dip and gill nets in the Cape Fear River, Deep River, Haw  
29 River and Rocky River (local law);
- 30 (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Cape Fear River, and Haw River;
- 31 (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Deep River; and with gigs in all public waters;
- 32 (19) Cherokee: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout  
33 waters;
- 34 (20) Chowan:
- 35 (a) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding except~~ public  
36 lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;

- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- (21) Clay: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (22) Cleveland:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs, traps and spear guns in all public waters;
- (23) Columbus:
- (a) December 1 to March 1 with gigs in all inland public waters, except Lake Waccamaw and its tributaries;
- (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Livingston Creek;
- (c) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Waccamaw and Lumber rivers;
- (24) Craven:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the main run of the Trent and Neuse Rivers;
- (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Pitch Kettle, Grindle, Slocum (downstream of the US 70 bridge), ~~Spring Spring~~, and Hancock Creeks and their tributaries; and with seines in the Neuse River;
- (25) Currituck:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Tulls Creek and Northwest River;
- (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- (26) Dare:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Mashoes Creek, Milltail Creek, East ~~Lake Lake~~, and South Lake;
- (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- (27) Davidson:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, and with traps in all public waters except Leonard's Creek, Abbott's Creek below Lake Thom-A-Lex dam, and the Abbott's Creek arm of High Rock Lake upstream from the NC 8 bridge;
- (28) Davie:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- (b) July 1 to August 31 for taking only carp and suckers with seines in Dutchmans Creek from US 601 to Yadkin River and in Hunting Creek from SR 1338 to South Yadkin River;
- (29) Duplin:

- (a) December 1 to June 5 with seines in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River downstream from a point one mile above Serecta Bridge;
- (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River downstream from a point one mile above Serecta Bridge;
- (30) Durham:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Neuse River;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- (31) Edgecombe: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all public waters;
- (32) Forsyth: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except traps may not be used in Belews Creek Reservoir;
- (33) Franklin:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Tar River;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Parrish, Laurel Mill, Jackson, Clifton, ~~Moore's~~ Moore's and Perry's Ponds, and in the Franklinton City ponds;
- (34) Gaston:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs, ~~traps~~ traps and spear guns in all public waters;
- (35) Gates: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- (36) Graham: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (37) Granville:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Kerr Reservoir;
- (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Tar River below US 158 bridge;
- (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- (38) Greene: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets and reels in Contentnea Creek;
- (39) Guilford:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Haw River, Deep River below Jamestown Dam, and Reedy Fork Creek below US 29 bridge;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- (40) Halifax: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Beech Swamp, Clarks Canal, Conoconnara Swamp, Fishing Creek below the Fishing Creek Mill Dam, Kehukee Swamp, Looking Glass Gut, Quankey Creek, and White's Mill Pond Run;
- (41) Harnett:
- (a) January 1 to May 31 with gigs in Cape Fear River and tributaries;
- (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Cape Fear River;

- 1 (42) Haywood: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Lake Junaluska and designated  
2 public mountain trout waters;
- 3 (43) Henderson: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout  
4 waters;
- 5 (44) Hertford:
- 6 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Wiccacon Creek;
- 7 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except public  
8 lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 9 (45) Hyde:
- 10 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;
- 11 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except public  
12 lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 13 (46) Iredell: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters; and with spear guns in Lookout  
14 Shoals Reservoir and Lake Norman;
- 15 (47) Jackson: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout  
16 waters;
- 17 (48) Johnston: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Black Creek, Little River, Middle Creek, Mill Creek,  
18 Neuse River and Swift Creek;
- 19 (49) Jones:
- 20 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Trent River below US 17 bridge and White Oak River  
21 below US 17 bridge;
- 22 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except the tributaries to the  
23 White Oak River;
- 24 (50) Lee:
- 25 (a) December 1 to April 15 with dip and gill nets (local law) in Cape Fear River and Deep  
26 River;
- 27 (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Cape Fear River;
- 28 (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Deep River, and with gigs in all public waters;
- 29 (51) Lenoir:
- 30 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Neuse River below US 70 bridge at Kinston;
- 31 (b) March 1 to April ~~30~~ with 30 with bow nets in Neuse River and Contentnea Creek upstream  
32 from NC 118 bridge at Grifton; and with seines in Neuse River;
- 33 (52) Lincoln:
- 34 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- 35 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, ~~gigs~~ gigs, and spear guns in all public waters;
- 36 (53) McDowell:

- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters and Lake James;
- (54) Macon: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (55) Madison: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (56) Martin: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- (57) Mecklenburg:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, ~~gigs~~ gigs, and spear guns in all public waters except Freedom Park Pond and Hornet's Nest Ponds;
- (58) Montgomery:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except that part of the Pee Dee River between the Lake Tillery dam at Hydro and the mouth of Rocky River;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- (59) Moore:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters except in Deep River;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land; and with traps in Deep River and its tributaries;
- (60) Nash:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Tar River;
- (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Tar River below Harris' Landing and Fishing Creek below the Fishing Creek Mill Dam;
- (61) New Hanover: March 1 to April 30 ~~with~~ with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Sutton (Catfish) Lake;
- (62) Northampton:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoirs and the Roanoke River above the US 301 bridge;
- (b) March 1 to April 30 ~~with~~ with bow nets in Oconeechee Creek, Old River Landing ~~Cut~~ Gut, and Vaughans Creek below Watsons Mill;
- (63) Onslow:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in White Oak River below US 17 bridge;
- (b) August 1 to March 31 with eel pots in the main run of New River between US 17 bridge and the mouth of Hawkins Creek;

- 1 (c) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the main run of New River and in the main run of the
- 2 White Oak River;
- 3 (d) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Grant's Creek;
- 4 (64) Orange:
- 5 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Haw River,
- 6 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- 7 (65) Pamlico: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Dawson Creek;
- 8 (66) Pasquotank:
- 9 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;
- 10 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except public
- 11 lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 12 (67) Pender:
- 13 (a) December 1 to June 5 with seines in the main run of Northeast Cape Fear River;
- 14 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Northeast Cape Fear River, Long Creek, Moore's
- 15 Creek approximately one mile upstream to New Moon Fishing Camp, and Black River;
- 16 (c) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Black River;
- 17 (68) Perquimans:
- 18 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;
- 19 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except public
- 20 lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 21 (69) Person:
- 22 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Hyco Creek and Mayo Creek;
- 23 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters.
- 24 (70) Pitt:
- 25 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Neuse River and in Tar River below the mouth of Hardee
- 26 Creek east of Greenville;
- 27 (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Grindle Creek, and
- 28 Contentnea Creek between NC 118 bridge at Grifton and the Neuse River;
- 29 (c) December 1 to June 5 with seines in Tar River;
- 30 (71) Polk: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
- 31 waters;
- 32 (72) Randolph:
- 33 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Deep River above the Coleridge Dam and Uwharrie
- 34 River;
- 35 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- 36 (73) Richmond:

- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River from Blewett Falls downstream to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad trestle;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land;
- (c) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Pee Dee River below Blewett Falls Dam;
- (74) Robeson: December 1 to March 1 with gigs in all inland public waters.
- (75) Rockingham:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Dan River and Haw River;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Dan River; and with gigs in all public waters;
- (76) Rowan:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- (77) Rutherford:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (78) Sampson:
- (a) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Big Coharie Creek, Black River and Six Runs Creek;
- (b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Black River downstream of NC 1105 bridge;
- (79) Stanly:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except that part of the Pee Dee River between the Lake Tillery dam at Hydro and the mouth of Rocky River;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- (80) Stokes: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters, and traps may not be used in Belews Creek Reservoir;
- (81) Surry: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters; and with traps in the main stem of Yadkin River;
- (82) Swain: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (83) Transylvania: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (84) Tyrrell:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Scuppernon River and Alligator Creek;

- (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except Lake Phelps, the drainage canals that connect Lake Phelps and Scuppernong River, public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters;
- (85) Union:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- (86) Vance:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Tar River;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Rolands, Faulkners, Southerlands, and Weldon Ponds, City Lake, and Kerr Reservoir;
- (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- (87) Wake:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Sunset, Benson, Wheeler, Raleigh, and Johnson Lakes;
- (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Neuse River below ~~Milburnie Falls Lake Dam~~, and Swift Creek below Lake Benson Dam;
- (88) Warren:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Fishing Creek, Shocco Creek, and Walker Creek; ~~excluding~~ except Duck and Hammes Mill Ponds;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Duck and Hammes Mill Ponds, Kerr Reservoir, and Gaston Reservoir;
- (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- (89) Washington: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, ~~excluding~~ except Lake Phelps, the drainage canals that connect Lake Phelps and Scuppernong River, public lakes, ~~ponds~~ ponds, and other impoundments.
- (90) Wayne: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Little River, Mill Creek and Neuse River.
- (91) Wilkes: July 1 to June 30 with traps in Yadkin River below W. Kerr Scott Reservoir; and with gigs and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (92) Wilson:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in Contentnea Creek (except Buckhorn Reservoir), including unnamed tributaries between Flowers Mill and SR 1163 (Deans) bridge;
- (b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Contentnea Creek below US 301 bridge and in Toisnot Swamp downstream from the Lake Toisnot Dam; and
- (93) Yadkin: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, and with traps in the main stem of Yadkin River.

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2           *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 29, 1988;*  
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REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10D .0103

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, April 5, 2019**

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

*In (78), please format the change in accordance with 26 NCAC 02C .0108(7).*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: Friday, March 22, 2019

1 15A NCAC 10D .0103 is amended as published in 33:11 NCR 1132 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

- 16 (1) not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates;  
17 (2) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates;  
18 (3) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;  
19 (4) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and  
20 (5) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

21 On designated youth waterfowl days occurring after the end of the regular waterfowl seasons only, youths may hunt  
22 on managed waterfowl impoundments from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Restrictions (1), (3), and (5) in this  
23 Paragraph shall apply. On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the  
24 trapping season and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the  
25 portion of the impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone." No person shall attempt to obscure the sex  
26 or age of any bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that  
27 has been so mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods  
28 without prior written authorization of the Commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization shall be  
29 made based on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or attempt to  
30 take any game birds or game animals attracted to such foods.

31 (e) Definitions:

- 32 (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be  
33 taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day,  
34 Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.  
35 (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any  
36 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,  
37 Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this

Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed under each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.

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

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

~~(g) Bear Sanctuaries. On Three Days per Week Areas and Six Days per Week Areas, bears shall not be taken on lands designated and posted as bear sanctuaries except when authorized by permit only pursuant to this Chapter. Feral Swine shall not be taken with the use of dogs on bear sanctuaries. Dogs shall not be trained or allowed to run unleashed between March 1 and the Monday on or nearest October 15 on bear sanctuaries in and west of the counties and parts of counties described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.~~

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

- (1) Alcoa Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties
  - (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter in that portion in Montgomery county, and deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.
  - (C) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.
- (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County
  - (A) Six Day per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties
  - (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin, and Washington counties
  - (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- 1 (5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County  
2 (A) Six Days per Week Area  
3 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible  
4 Antlers Season.  
5 (C) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 6 (6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County  
7 (A) Three Days per Week Area  
8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible  
9 Antlers Season.  
10 (C) Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.  
11 (D) On the Singletary Lake Tract, the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.  
12 (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.  
13 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March  
14 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.  
15 (G) The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes is prohibited March 15 through July 15.
- 16 (7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County  
17 (A) Six Days per Week Area  
18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
19 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.  
20 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.  
21 (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- 22 (8) Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County  
23 (A) Hunting is by permit only.  
24 (B) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 25 (9) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County  
26 (A) Hunting is by permit only.  
27 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 28 (10) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.  
29 (A) Three Days per Week Area  
30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible  
31 Antlers Season.  
32 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and  
33 the first three hunting days of the second week of the December Bear Season. If any of  
34 these days falls on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those days.  
35 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 36 (11) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties  
37 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. ~~and during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~ Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (12) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (13) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (iii) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November 1.
- (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.
- (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of

- bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14.
- (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping area.
- (14) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken ~~all the first open day days~~ of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (15) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road, and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (16) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (17) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of

- 1 SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the  
2 intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to  
3 the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR  
4 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.
- 5 (E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after  
6 November 1.
- 7 (F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are  
8 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 9 (G) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.
- 10 (18) Chatham Game Land in Chatham County
- 11 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 12 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
13 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 14 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 15 (D) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August; and on Sundays during  
16 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
- 17 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 18 (19) Chowan Game Land in Chowan County
- 19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers  
21 Season.
- 22 (20) Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates, and Hertford counties.
- 23 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible  
25 Antlers Season.
- 26 (C) Bear hunting is restricted to the first three hunting days during the November bear season  
27 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December bear season except  
28 that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway  
29 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the  
30 Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County  
31 bear season.
- 32 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31  
33 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 34 (E) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays  
35 only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on  
36 those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.

- (F) Target shooting is ~~prohibited prohibited, on the Sand Banks tract in Gates County, the area west of Sand Banks Road, east of the Chowan River and north of US 13/158 to the NC-VA state line.~~
- (21) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open ~~day~~ Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (22) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (23) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of the waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
- (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- (24) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by permit only from November 1 through the end of the waterfowl season.
- (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do not use a firearm.
- (D) The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- (E) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of their hunt.
- (F) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.

- (G) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- (25) Dan River Game Land in Rockingham County
- (A) ~~Hunting and trapping is by permit only. Three Days per Week Area~~
- (B) ~~Deer hunting is by permit only.~~
- (C) ~~Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.~~
- ~~(B)~~(D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.
- ~~(C)~~(E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (26) Dare Game Land in Dare ~~and Hyde counties~~ County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (C) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
- (D) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- (27) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- (28) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- (B) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders during scheduled permit hunts.
- (29) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (30) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (31) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek, and Hobucken.
- (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1 through March 15.
- (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.
- (32) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (33) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) On that portion north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road, hunting and trapping ~~for bear, deer, and turkey~~ is by permit only.
  - (D) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on that portion of the game land that is north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road.
- (34) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- (C) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
- (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- (E) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season, except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- (35) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- (i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
  - (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
- (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (36) Headwaters State Forest Game Land in Transylvania County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season
- (37) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- (38) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.

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

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
- (i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
  - (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. People age 16 or older who ride horseback on trails occurring entirely within the game land boundaries shall possess a Game Lands license.
- (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (43) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (44) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
  - (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
  - (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
  - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.
  - (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
  - (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- (45) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
- (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- (46) Lee Game Land in Lee County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (47) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers Season.
- (48) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (49) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (F) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (50) Mayo Game Land in Person County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
- (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (51) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (52) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- (53) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
- (54) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Camping is allowed any time within 100 yards of the Neuse River on that portion of the game land that lies west of NC-43.
- (55) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (56) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday thereafter.
- (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
- (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:

- (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and  
(ii) Swimming.
- (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (57) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
- (58) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- (59) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North of US-74.
- (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (E) Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and only during the following times:
- (i) during June, July, and August; and
- (ii) on Sundays during the other months or parts of months when deer and turkey seasons are closed.
- (60) Perkins Game Land in Davie County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (61) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- (62) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August 31 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through May 15.
- (63) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (64) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- (C) Bear hunting is prohibited.
- (65) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- (66) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties
- (A) Hunting is by Permit only.
- (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business or by permit holders.
- (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however, that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the game land.
- (D) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (67) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
- (68) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- 1 (69) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- 2 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 3 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the
- 4 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- 5 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
- 6 the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week
- 7 thereafter.
- 8 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
- 9 Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
- 10 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 11 Antlers Season.
- 12 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 13 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 14 (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
- 15 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 16 (70) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.
- 17 (71) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
- 18 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 19 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 20 Antlers Season.
- 21 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 22 (72) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties
- 23 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 24 (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22
- 25 through March 31 except as follows:
- 26 (i) deer of either-sex may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of
- 27 the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with
- 28 blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the
- 29 blackpowder firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving
- 30 Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be taken with all legal weapons from
- 31 the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following
- 32 Thanksgiving Day;
- 33 (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through
- 34 the third Saturday thereafter;
- 35 (iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from second Monday before
- 36 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;

- (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
- (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit Hunt; and
- (vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
- (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
- (D) The archery season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer may be taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the archery season, the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph.
- (E) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season and the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
- (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (I) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited unless participating in authorized field trials.
- (J) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (K) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- (73) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (E) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (74) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.

- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f).
- (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove season.
- (75) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.
- (76) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (E) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (77) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. ~~and during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.~~ Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (78) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County
- (A) Six\_Days per Week Area

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- (D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- (E) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- (79) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
- (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
- (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
  - (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- (80) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (81) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County —~~hunting is by permit only.~~
- (A) Hunting is by permit only
- (B) Target Shooting is prohibited
- (82) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting is by permit only.
- (83) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (84) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.
- (85) Tillery game Land in Halifax County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (F) Target Shooting is prohibited.
- (86) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (87) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (iii) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.

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

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

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

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

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(m)~~ Permit Hunt Opportunities for Disabled Sportsmen. The Commission may designate special hunts for participants of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during

1 the closed season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on each permit. If the hunt has a limited  
2 weapon choice, the allowed weapons shall be stated on each permit.

3 ~~(e)(n)~~ As used in this Rule, horseback riding includes all equine species.

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

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8 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

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18 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2019; August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; August*  
19 *1, 2014; January 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1,*  
20 *2008; May 1, 2007; October 1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May 1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1,*  
21 *2005; October 1, 2004.*

1 15A NCAC 10D .0106 is adopted as published in 33:11 NCR 1146 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0106 BEAR SANCTUARIES**

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

6 (b) The following shall be posted bear sanctuaries:

7 Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary – Bertie and Washington counties  
8 Columbus County bear sanctuary – Brunswick and Columbus counties  
9 Croatan bear sanctuary – Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties  
10 Daniel Boone bear sanctuary – Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties  
11 Dare bear sanctuary – Dare and Hyde counties,  
12 Fires Creek bear sanctuary – Clay County  
13 Flat Top bear sanctuary – Mitchell and Yancey counties  
14 Green Swamp bear sanctuary – Brunswick County  
15 Gull Rock bear sanctuary – Hyde County  
16 Harmon Den bear sanctuary – Haywood County  
17 Juniper Creek bear sanctuary – Brunswick and Columbus counties  
18 Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary – McDowell and Yancey counties  
19 North River bear sanctuary – Camden and Currituck counties  
20 Panther town – Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary – Jackson County  
21 Pisgah Bear Sanctuary – Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania  
22 Pungo River bear sanctuary – Hyde County  
23 Rich Mountain bear sanctuary – Madison County  
24 Sherwood bear sanctuary – Haywood County  
25 Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary – Bladen and Cumberland counties  
26 Standing Indian bear sanctuary – Macon County  
27 Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary – Allegheny and Wilkes counties  
28 Wayah bear sanctuary – Macon County

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

30 Daniel Boone bear sanctuary – Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties  
31 Dare bear sanctuary – Dare and Hyde counties  
32 Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary – McDowell and Yancey counties

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

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

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

## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10E .0104

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, April 5, 2019**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.*

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

*In (a), please consider deleting "will" and add s to "prevent or impede" so that it reads "... position or condition that prevents or impedes the use by other persons..."*

*Would it make sense to group all of the vehicle related provisions together? For example, lines 28-29 is grouped with firearms, and lines 33-36 are included with trash.*

*If not, are lines 28-29 intended to be a separate paragraph?*

*Please consider breaking (c) into separate Paragraphs. This seems to be addressing three different things (1) trash; 2) do what you're supposed to do according to the signs; and 3) parking in random places.*

*In (c), lines 31 and 32, please change "which" to "that" in "which is prohibited..." and "which is required..."*

*In (e), lines page 2, lines 5-6 please change the dashes to commas.*

*In (e), page 2, line 7, please add commas before and after "including fish weigh-ins" and delete "that" and "and" It would read "... except that those activities, including fish weigh-ins, for which a permit has been issued..."*

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: Friday, March 22, 2019

1 15A NCAC 10E .0104 is amended as published in 33:11 NCR 1146 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10E .0104 USE OF AREAS REGULATED**

4 (a) No person shall leave any vehicle, boat trailer or other obstruction on any public fishing or boating access area in  
5 such a location, position or condition that it will prevent or impede the use by other persons of any ramp or other  
6 facility constructed for the purpose of launching or landing boats or fishing. No person shall leave parked any vehicle,  
7 boat, boat trailer or other object at any place on any public fishing or boating access area other than on such place or  
8 zone as is designated as an authorized parking zone and posted or marked as such.

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

13 (1) Bladen Lakes State Forest

14 (2) Buckhorn

15 (3) Butner-Falls of Neuse

16 (4) Chatham

17 (5) DuPont State Forest

18 (6) Harris

19 (7) Hyco

20 (8) Jordan

21 (9) Kerr Scott

22 (10) Lee

23 (11) Mayo

24 (12) Pee Dee River north of U.S 74

25 (13) Sutton Lake

26 (14) Vance

27 (15) the portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell that is located north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119

28 No person shall operate a vehicle on any public fishing or boating access area in a manner so as to endanger life or  
29 property.

30 (c) No person, when using any public fishing or boating access area, shall deposit any debris or refuse anywhere on  
31 the grounds of the area. No person, when using any public fishing or boating access area, shall do any act which is  
32 prohibited or neglect to do any act which is required by signs or markings placed on such area under authority of this  
33 Rule for the purpose of regulating the use of the area. At any time when all designated parking zones on any public  
34 fishing or boating access area are full, any person may enter and use such facilities, provided such person makes other  
35 arrangements for parking and violates none of the provisions of this Rule or the signs or markings made or posted  
36 pursuant hereto.

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

4 (e) Except where facilities are provided, it is unlawful to use any boating access area for purposes other than the  
5 launching of boats and parking vehicles and boat trailers. All other uses—including swimming, skiing, camping,  
6 building fires, operating concessions or other activities not directly involved with launching of boats—are prohibited,  
7 except that those activities including fish weigh-ins and for which a permit has been issued may be conducted,  
8 provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife enforcement officers at the  
9 time the activity is taking place.

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

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

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

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24 *History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-14; 113-134; 113-264;*

25 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

26 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2019; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; July 1, 1995; February*  
27 *1, 1994; September 1, 1992; July 1, 1991.*

1 15A NCAC 10F .0303 is amended as published in 33:09 NCR 930 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0303 BEAUFORT COUNTY**

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

- 5 (1) the portion of Broad Creek south of a line from a point on the east shore at 35.49472 N, 76.95693  
6 W to a point on the west shore at 35.49476 N, 76.96028 W and north of a line from a point on the  
7 east shore at 35.48485 N, 76.95178 W to a point on the west shore at 35.48495 N, 76.95619 W;  
8 (2) the portion of Blounts Creek south of a line 100 yards north of the Blounts Creek Boating Access  
9 Area, from a point on the east shore at 35.40846 N, 76.96091 W to a point on the west shore at  
10 35.40834 N, 76.96355 W, and north of a line 100 yards south of Cotton Patch Landing, from a point  
11 on the east shore at 35.40211 N, 76.96573 W to a point on the west shore at 35.40231 N, 76.96702  
12 W;  
13 (3) the waters of Battalina Creek, within the territorial limits of the Town of Belhaven;  
14 (4) the navigable portion of Nevil Creek extending upstream from its mouth at the Pamlico River;  
15 (5) the portion of Blounts Creek north of a line 35 yards south-southeast of the Mouth of the Creek  
16 Bridge from a point on the east shore at 35.43333 N, 76.96985 W to a point on the west shore at  
17 35.43267 N, 76.97196 W and south of a line 350 yards north-northeast of the Mouth of the Creek  
18 Bridge from a point on the east shore at 35.43553 N, 76.96962 W to a point on the west shore at  
19 35.43679 N, 76.97011 W;  
20 (6) the portion of Tranters Creek east of a line from a point on the north shore at 35.56961 N, 77.09159  
21 W to a point on the south shore at 35.56888 N, 77.09118 W and north of a line from a point on the  
22 east shore at 35.56714 N, 77.08941 W to a point on the west shore at 35.56689 N, 77.09029 W; and  
23 (7) the waters of Little Creek beginning at a line near its mouth from a point on the east shore at  
24 35.41917 N, 76.97102 W to a point on the west shore at 35.41900 N, ~~76.96940 W~~, 76.96940 W;  
25 and  
26 (8) the canals at the eastern end of the peninsula between Chocowinity Bay and the Pamlico River at  
27 Fork Point and Whichard Beach, beginning at the canal entrance off of Chocowinity Bay at a point  
28 a 35.50296 N, 77.03043 W and beginning at the canal entrance off of the Pamlico River at a point  
29 at 35.50340 N, 77.02364 W.

30 (b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within any of the regulated areas  
31 identified in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

32 (c) Placement of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Beaufort County and the City Council of the City of  
33 Washington shall be the designated agencies for placement of the markers implementing this Rule, subject to the  
34 approval of the United States Coast Guard and United States Army Corps of Engineers.

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36 *History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15*  
37 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

1                   *Amended Eff. September 1, 2013; September 1, 2010; June 1, 1998; April 1, 1997; June 1, 1989;*  
2                   *March 1, 1987; April 1, 1986; March 4, 1979;*  
3                   *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December*  
4                   *6, 2016;*  
5                   *Amended Eff. May 1, 2019; October 1, 2018; November 1, 2017.*

1 15A NCAC 10F .0333 is adopted with changes as published in 33:09 NCAC 930-931 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 ~~within~~ 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;
- 27 (8) Sadler Island. The waters shore to shore beginning at a line from a point on the west shore of Lake  
28 Wylie in Gaston County at 35.27481 N, 81.0138 W east to a point on the east shore of the Lake in  
29 Mecklenburg County at 35.27423 N, 81.01111 W, extending south on the Lake west of Sadler Island  
30 to a line from a point on the west shore of the Lake in Gaston County at 35.27079 N, 81.01525 W,  
31 east to a point on the west side of Sadler Island in Mecklenburg County at 35.27051 N, 81.01396  
32 W, and the waters shore to shore east of Sadler Island in Mecklenburg County from a point at  
33 35.27441 N, 81.01185 W, south-southwest to a line from a point on the south shore of Sadler Island  
34 at 35.26635 N, 81.01432 W, south to a point on the Lake shore at 35.26494 N, 81.01368 W; ~~and~~  
35 (9) Other bridges. The areas within 50 feet of any bridge in North Carolina that crosses the waters of  
36 Lake Wylie that is not otherwise specifically mentioned in this ~~Paragraph.~~ Paragraph; and

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

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

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

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

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

13                     *Eff. July 1, 1980;*

14                     *Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; June 1, 1985; June 1, 1984; March 1, 1983;*

15                     *Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 1998;*

16                     *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998;*

17                     *Temporary Amendment Eff. February 4, 2000;*

18                     *Amended Eff. April 1, 2009; June 1, 2004; July 1, 2000;*

19                     *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 2015;*

20                     *Amended Eff. October 1, 2015;*

21                     *Readopted Eff. October 1, 2018;*

22                     *Amended Eff. May 1, 2019.*