

1 15A NCAC 10B .0105 Migratory game birds is amended with changes as published in 29:11 NCR 1308-1309 as
2 follows:

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4 **15A NCAC 10B .0105 MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

5 (a) Cooperative State Rules:

6 (1) The taking of sea ducks (scoter, eider and old squaw) during any federally-announced season for
7 only these species shall be limited to the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, and to those coastal waters
8 south of US 64 that which are separated by a distance of at least 800 yards of open water from any
9 shore, island or marsh.

10 (2) Tundra swans may be taken during the open season by permit only subject to annual limitations
11 imposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Based upon the annual limitations imposed by the
12 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue nontransferable
13 swan permits to applicants who will be selected at random by computer. Only computer, and only
14 one swan may be taken under each permit which shall must be cancelled at the time of the kill by
15 cutting out the month and day of the kill. Accompanying the permit is a tag which must be affixed
16 to the swan at the time and place of the kill. The tag must be affixed in accordance with
17 instructions provided with the permit. In addition, a preaddressed post-paid card is supplied to
18 each permittee on which to report the number of days hunted and the details of the kill if made. It
19 is unlawful to hunt swans without having the permit and the tag in possession or to possess a swan
20 without the cancelled permit in possession and the tag properly affixed in accordance with
21 instructions provided with the permit to the swan. It is unlawful to possess a swan permit or tag
22 while hunting that was assigned to another person or to alter the permit or tag in any way other
23 than cutting out the proper month and day of kill.

24 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 113-291.1(a) and (b), the following restrictions apply to the taking of
25 migratory game birds:

26 (1) No migratory game bird may be taken:

27 (A) With a rifle;

28 (B) With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is
29 plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so
30 as to limit its total capacity to not more than three shells.

31 (2) No migratory game bird may be taken:

32 (A) From or by the use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device affording the
33 hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;

34 (B) With the aid of bait, or on, over, or over of within 300 yards of any place where any
35 grain, salt or other feed is exposed so as to constitute an attraction to migratory game
36 birds or has been so exposed during any of the 10 consecutive days preceding the taking,
37 except that this Part shall not apply to standing crops, flooded croplands, grain crops

1 properly shocked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as the result
2 of normal agricultural planting or harvesting;

- 3 (C) With the aid of live decoys, or on, over or within 300 yards of any place where tame or
4 captive migratory game birds are present, unless such birds are and have been for a
5 period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking confined within an enclosure which
6 eliminates the audibility of their calls and totally conceals them from the sight of wild
7 migratory game birds.

8 (3) Crippled waterfowl may be taken from a motorboat under power in those areas described,
9 delineated, and designated as special sea duck hunting areas in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.

10 ~~(3)~~(4) Waterfowl hunting and harassment and other unauthorized activities is prohibited on posted
11 waterfowl management areas established by the Wildlife Resources Commission for Canada
12 Geese and ducks restoration. Information on impoundments can be found at ncwildlife.org.

13 ~~(4)~~(5) In that area of Roanoke Sound adjacent to and immediately Northeast of Roanoke Island as
14 marked by buoys designating the waterfowl rest area, it is unlawful to harass or take any
15 waterfowl.

16 ~~(5)~~(6) The area east of US 17 is designated as an experimental September teal season zone as referenced
17 by the Federal frameworks calling for state rules designating experimental areas.

18 ~~(6)~~ It is unlawful to harass or take any geese during established goose hunting season that occurs after
19 October 1 in each year in the Gaddy Goose Refuge, which is in that area of Anson County starting
20 at the NC 109 bridge over the Pee Dee River and following NC 109 south to Dennis Road
21 (SR1650); west on Dennis Road to Pleasant Grove Church Road (SR 1649); continue west on
22 Pleasant Grove Church Road to US 52; south on US 52 to Lockhart Road (SR 1652); west on
23 Lockhart Road to Brown Creek Church Cox Road (SR 1641); west on Brown Creek Church Cox
24 Road to NC 742; northwest on NC 742 to Lanes Creek; Lanes Creek north (downstream) to Rocky
25 River; Rocky River downstream to the Pee Dee River; and from Pee Dee River downstream to the
26 beginning of the NC 109 bridge.

27 (c) Reporting Requirements: For tundra swan and Canada goose seasons where a permit is required to hunt by
28 Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, hunter questionnaires supplied on preaddressed,
29 postage-paid cards shall must be returned to the Commission and postmarked no later than April 1 following the end
30 of the applicable season. Failure to return the questionnaire and animal parts, if required, by this date shall make the
31 individual ineligible to receive a permit for the following applicable season. In lieu of returning a hard copy,
32 individuals may fill out a questionnaire on-line through the Wildlife Commission web site at ncwildlife.org when
33 this option is available by April 1 following the end of the applicable season.

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35 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 50 C.F.R. 20.21; 50 C.F.R. 20.105;*
36 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
37 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1995; April 1, 1992; February 1, 1990; September 1, 1989;*

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Temporary Amendment Eff. September 10, 1998;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; May 1, 2007; June 1, 2005; May 1, 2004; July 1, 2000.

1 15A NCAC 10B .0106 Wildlife taken for depredation is amended with changes as published in 29:14 NCR 1695-
2 1697 as follows:

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4 **15A NCAC 10B .0106 WILDLIFE TAKEN FOR DEPREDATIONS**

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

11 No permit shall be issued to take any endangered or threatened species of wildlife listed under 15A NCAC 10I,
12 except alligators, by reason of depredations to property. Only the Executive Director may issue depredation permits
13 for Special Concern species listed in 15A NCAC 10I .0105 40I .0103 and for alligators. An individual may take an
14 endangered or threatened species in immediate defense of his own life or of the lives of others without a permit.

15 Any endangered or threatened species that may constitute a demonstrable but non-immediate threat to human safety
16 shall be reported to a federal or state wildlife enforcement officer, who, upon verification of the report, may take or
17 remove the specimen as provided by 15A NCAC 10I .0102. Depredation permits for other species shall be issued
18 under the following conditions:

19 (1) for taking wildlife that is or has been damaging or destroying property provided there is evidence
20 of property damage. No permit may be issued for the taking of any migratory birds and other
21 federally-protected federally protected animals unless a corresponding valid U.S. Fish and
22 Wildlife Service depredation permit, if required, has been issued. The permit shall name the
23 species allowed to be taken and may contain limitations as to age, sex, sex or any other condition
24 within the species so named. The permit shall must be issued to a landholder or an authorized
25 representative of a unit of local government for depredations on public property; and the property;
26 The permit shall be used only by individuals named on the permit.

27 (2) for taking of wildlife resources in circumstances of overabundance or when the wildlife resources
28 present a danger to human safety. Cities as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2) seeking such a depredation
29 permit must apply to the Executive Director using a form supplied by the Commission requesting
30 the following information:

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

1 (b) Wildlife Damage Control Agents: Upon completion of a training course designed for the purpose of reviewing
 2 and updating information on wildlife laws and safe, humane wildlife handling ~~techniques, techniques~~ and
 3 demonstration of a knowledge of wildlife laws and safe, humane wildlife handling techniques, an individual with no
 4 record of wildlife law violations may apply to the Wildlife Resources Commission (Commission) to become a
 5 Wildlife Damage Control Agent (WDCA). Those persons who demonstrate knowledge of wildlife laws and safe,
 6 humane wildlife handling techniques by a passing score of at least 85 percent on a written examination provided by
 7 a representative of the Wildlife Resources ~~Commission, Commission~~ in cooperation with the training course
 8 ~~provider, provider~~ shall be approved. Those persons failing to obtain a passing score shall be given one chance for
 9 re-testing without re-taking the course. Those persons approved as agents by the Commission may then issue
 10 depredation permits for depredation as defined in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule to landholders and be listed as a
 11 second party to provide the control service. WDCAs may not issue depredation permits for coyotes in the counties
 12 of ~~Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington, Washington, Tyrrell, and Beaufort~~, big game ~~animals; bats; animals,~~
 13 ~~bats,~~ or species listed as endangered, ~~threatened, threatened~~ or special concern under 15A NCAC 10I .0103, .0104
 14 and .0105 of this Chapter. WDCAs ~~shall must~~ report to the Wildlife Resources Commission the number and
 15 disposition of animals taken, by county, annually. Records ~~shall must~~ be available for inspection by a Wildlife
 16 Enforcement officer at any time during normal business hours. ~~These business hours are the posted business hours~~
 17 ~~of the Commission at ncwildlife.org.~~ Wildlife Damage Control Agent status shall be revoked at any time by the
 18 Executive Director when there is evidence of violations of wildlife laws, failure to report, or inhumane treatment of
 19 animals by the WDCA. A WDCA may not charge for the permit, but may charge for his or her investigations and
 20 control services. In order to maintain a knowledge of current laws, rules, and techniques, each WDCA ~~shall must~~
 21 renew his or her agent status every three years by showing proof of having attended at least one training course
 22 provided for the purpose of reviewing and updating information on wildlife ~~laws, laws~~ and safe, humane wildlife
 23 handling techniques within the previous 12 months.

24 (c) Each depredation permit shall have an expiration date or time after which the depredation permit is no longer
 25 valid. The depredation permit authorizes possession of any wildlife resources taken under the permit and ~~shall-must~~
 26 be retained as long as the wildlife resource is in the permittee's possession. All individuals taking wildlife resources
 27 under the authority of a depredation permit are obligated to the conditions written on the permit and the
 28 requirements specified in this Rule.

29 (d) Manner of Taking:

- 30 (1) Taking Without a Permit. Wildlife taken without a permit while committing depredations to
 31 property may, during the open season on the species, be taken by the landholder by any lawful
 32 method. During the closed ~~season, season~~ such depredating wildlife may be taken without a
 33 permit only by the use of firearms or archery equipment as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0116.
- 34 (2) Taking With a Permit. Wildlife taken under a depredation permit may be taken only by the
 35 method or methods authorized by the permit. When trapping is authorized, in order to limit the
 36 taking to the intended purpose, the permit may specify a reasonable distance from the property
 37 sought to be protected, according to the particular circumstances, within which the traps ~~shall must~~

1 be set. The Executive Director or agent may also state in a permit authorizing trapping whether or
 2 not bait may be used and the type of bait, if any, that is authorized. In addition to any trapping
 3 restrictions that may be contained in the ~~permit, permit~~ the method of trapping ~~shall must~~ be in
 4 accordance with the requirements and restrictions imposed by G.S. 113-291.6 and other local laws
 5 passed by the General Assembly. No depredation permit shall authorize the use of poisons or
 6 pesticides in taking wildlife except in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina
 7 Pesticide Law of 1971, the Structural Pest Control Act of 1955, and G.S. 113, Article 22A. No
 8 depredation permit shall authorize the taking of wildlife by any method by any landholder upon
 9 the lands of another except when the individual is listed as a second party on a depredation permit.

- 10 (3) Intentional Wounding. It is unlawful for any landholder, with or without a depredation permit,
 11 intentionally to wound a wild animal in a manner so as not to cause its immediate death as
 12 suddenly and humanely as the circumstances permit.

13 (e) Disposition of Wildlife Taken:

- 14 (1) Generally. Except as provided by the succeeding Subparagraphs of this Paragraph, any wildlife
 15 killed without a permit while committing depredations shall be buried or otherwise disposed of in
 16 a safe and sanitary manner on the property. Wildlife killed under a depredation permit may be
 17 transported to an alternate disposal site if desired. Anyone in possession of carcasses of animals
 18 being transported under a depredation permit ~~shall must~~ have the depredation permit in his or her
 19 possession. Except as provided by ~~the succeeding~~ Subparagraphs ~~of~~ (d)(2) through (5) of this
 20 Rule, all wildlife killed under a depredation permit ~~shall must~~ be buried or otherwise disposed of
 21 as stated on the permit.

- 22 (2) Deer and feral swine. The edible portions of feral swine and deer may be retained by the
 23 landholder for consumption but ~~shall must~~ not be transported from the property where the
 24 depredations took place without a valid depredation permit. The landholder may give a second
 25 party the edible portions of the feral swine and deer taken under the depredation permit. The
 26 receiver of the edible portions ~~shall must~~ hold a copy of the depredation permit. The nonedible
 27 portions of any deer carcass, including head, hide, feet, and antlers, shall be disposed of as
 28 specified in Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph or turned over to a wildlife enforcement officer for
 29 disposition.

- 30 (3) Fox. Any fox killed under a depredation permit may be disposed of as described in Subparagraph
 31 (1) of this Paragraph or, upon compliance with the fur tagging requirements of 15A NCAC 10B
 32 .0400, the carcass or pelt thereof may be sold to a licensed fur dealer.

- 33 (4) Furbearing Animals. The carcass or pelt of any furbearing animal killed during the open season
 34 for taking such furbearing animal for control of depredations to property, whether with or without
 35 a permit, may be sold to a licensed fur dealer provided that the person offering such carcass or pelt
 36 for sale has a valid hunting or trapping ~~license; lieense;~~ provided further that, bobcats and otters

1 may only be sold upon compliance with any required fur tagging requirement set forth in 15A
 2 NCAC 10B .0400.

3 (5) Animals Taken Alive. Wild animals in the order Carnivora, armadillos, groundhogs, nutria, and
 4 beaver shall be humanely euthanized either at the site of capture or at a facility designed to
 5 humanely handle the euthanasia or released on the property where captured. Feral swine **shall**
 6 **must** be euthanized while still in the trap in accordance with G.S. 113-291.12. For all other
 7 animals taken alive, the animal **shall must** be euthanized or **else** released on property with
 8 permission of the landowner. When the relocation site is public property, written permission must
 9 be obtained from an appropriate local, **state, state** or federal official before any animal may be
 10 released. Animals transported or held for euthanasia must be euthanized within 12 hours of
 11 capture. Anyone in possession of live animals being transported for relocation or euthanasia under
 12 a depredation permit **shall must** have the depredation permit in his or her possession.

13 (f) Reporting Requirements. Any landholder who kills an alligator, deer, Canada goose, **bear, bear** or wild turkey
 14 under a valid depredation permit shall report such kill on the form provided with the permit and mail the form upon
 15 the expiration date to the Wildlife Resources Commission. Any landowner who kills a coyote in the counties of
 16 Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington [~~Dare, Washington, Beaufort, Tyrrell, and Hyde~~] shall report such
 17 kill as directed on the form **provided with the depredation permit.** [~~provided.~~] The killing and method of disposition
 18 of every ~~alligator~~ **[alligator, alligator and bear,** or coyote in the counties of **Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and**
 19 **Washington** [~~Dare, Washington, Beaufort, Tyrrell, and Hyde,~~] **and bear** taken without a permit shall be reported to
 20 the Wildlife Resources Commission within 24 hours following the time of such killing.

21 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-274; 113-291.4; 113-291.6; 113-300.1; 113-300.2; 113-*
 22 *307; 113-331; 113-333; 113-334(a); 113-337;*

23 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

24 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; January 1, 2012; August 1 2010; July 1, 2010; May 1, 2008;*

25 *August 1, 2002; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1995; January 1, 1995; January 1, 1992; August 1, 1990.*

26 **Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2014 and shall remain in effect until amendments expire as**
 27 **specified in G.S. 150B-21.1(d) or the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North**
 28 **Carolina's court order number 2:13-CV-60-BOs signed on May 13, 2014 is rescinded, whichever**
 29 **date is earlier. The court order is available at www.ncwildlife.org.**

30 **Temporary Amendment Eff. February 27, 2015**

31 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2015;*

1 15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear is amended with changes as published in 29:11 NCR 1309-1310 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 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Monday after
6 Thanksgiving to January 1 in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Cleveland counties.
- 7 (2) Second Monday in November to January 1 in all of Bladen, Carteret, Cumberland, Duplin, New
8 Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, and Sampson counties.
- 9 (3) First Monday in December to the third Saturday thereafter in Brunswick, Columbus, Brunswick
10 Columbus and Robeson counties.
- 11 (4) Second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third Monday after Thanksgiving
12 to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in all of Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Craven, Dare,
13 Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pitt,
14 Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.
- 15 (5) Saturday preceding the second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third
16 Monday after Thanksgiving to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in Bertie, Currituck, Gates,
17 Hertford, and Perquimans counties.
- 18 (6) Concurrent with the open season for all lawful weapons for hunting deer as specified in 15A
19 NCAC 10B .0203(a)(1) in Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham,
20 Davie, Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell,
21 Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph,
22 Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Vance, Warren, Wake, and
23 Yadkin counties.

24 (b) Restrictions

- 25 (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain,
26 fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw
27 components. ~~not a processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r) and is not a bear bait~~
28 ~~attractant, including scented sprays, aerosols, scented balls, and scented powders.~~
- 29 (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:
- 30 (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or
31 product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum,
32 candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease. [Ø] [Ø]
- 33 (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part A of this Subparagraph. [Ø] [Ø]
- 34 (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part A of this Subparagraph,
35 including any extracts of those substances; or
- 36 (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scented balls, [balls] and scented powders.

1 ~~(2)~~(3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the first open Monday through the following
 2 Saturday only in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5) of this Rule. In counties with
 3 a season split into two or more segments, this Subparagraph applies only to the first segment.

4 ~~(3)~~(4) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.

5 ~~(4)~~(5) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in
 6 Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.

7 ~~(5)~~(6) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate
 8 85, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth,
 9 Gaston, Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85,
 10 Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other
 11 counties and parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the
 12 vicinity of bait.

13 (c) No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear
 14 sanctuaries:

15 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only

16 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary

17 Beaufort and Pamlico counties--Gum Swamp bear sanctuary

18 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary

19 Brunswick County--Green Swamp bear sanctuary

20 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary

21 Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary

22 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary

23 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary

24 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary

25 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only

26 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary

27 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary

28 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary

29 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary

30 Jackson County--Panther town-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary

31 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary

32 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary

33 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary

34 McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only

35 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary

36 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

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

1 (e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be ~~tagged and the kill~~ reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B
2 .0113.

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4 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;*

5 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

6 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;*

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

8 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

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

10 *Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;*

11 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;*

12 *Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;*

13 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May*

14 *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*

1 15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed) is amended with changes as published in 29:11 NCR 1310-1313 as
 2 follows:

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 4 **15A NCAC 10B .0203 DEER (WHITE-TAILED)**

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

6 (1) Deer With Visible Antlers. Deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as
 7 distinguished from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, may be taken during the following
 8 seasons:

9 (A) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen,
 10 Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus*, Cumberland, Craven, Currituck,
 11 Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke,
 12 Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton,
 13 Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond**, Robeson,
 14 Sampson, Scotland**, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson
 15 counties.

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

17 **Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek,
 18 and Sandhills Game Lands.

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

22 *Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove game land.

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

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

31 (E) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates,
 32 and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; in those
 33 parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National
 34 Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee
 35 National Wildlife Refuge; and in that part of Currituck County known as the Mackay
 36 Island National Wildlife Refuge.

- 1 (F) Monday of Thanksgiving week through January 1 ~~the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving~~
 2 ~~Day~~ in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties, except for South Mountain Game
 3 Land.
- 4 (2) Deer of Either Sex. Except on Game Lands, deer of either sex may be taken during the open
 5 seasons and in the counties and portions of counties listed in Parts A, B, C, D, E, F, and G of this
 6 Subparagraph: (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for either-sex deer seasons on Game Lands):
 7 Lands). Deer of either sex may be taken during the open season identified in Part H of this
 8 Subparagraph.
- 9 (A) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 10 during the period from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in
 11 those parts of Camden, Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp
 12 National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties
 13 known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and
 14 Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in those parts of
 15 Currituck County known as the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge and the Mackay
 16 Island National Wildlife Refuge.
- 17 (B) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the appropriate military commands
 18 during the period from Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in that part
 19 of Brunswick County known as the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, in that part of
 20 Craven County known and marked as Cherry Point Marine Base, in that part of Onslow
 21 County known and marked as the Camp Lejeune Marine Base, on Fort Bragg Military
 22 Reservation, and on Camp Mackall Military Reservation.
- 23 (C) Youth either-sex deer hunts. First Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer hunting
 24 by permit only on a portion of Belews Creek Steam Station in Stokes County designated
 25 by agents of the Commission; the third Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer
 26 hunting by permit only on Mountain Island State Forest in Lincoln and Gaston counties;
 27 and the second Saturday in November for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only
 28 on apportion of Warrior Creek located on W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkes County
 29 designated by agents of the Commission. A youth is defined as a person under 16 years
 30 of age.
- 31 (D) The last open day of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph
 32 (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Buncombe*, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and
 33 Transylvania counties.**
- 34 *Except for that part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers,
 35 west of US 25, and north of NC 280
- 36 **Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for either-sex deer seasons on game lands that differ
 37 from the days identified in this Subparagraph

- 1 (E) The last six open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in
2 Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell,
3 and Yancey counties.
- 4 (F) The first six open days and the last ~~seven~~ ~~six~~ open days of the Deer with Visible Antlers
5 season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Cleveland, Polk, and
6 Rutherford counties.
- 7 (G) All the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph
8 (a)(1) of this Rule in and east of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln,
9 and Gaston counties and in the following parts of counties:
10 Buncombe: That part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers,
11 west of US 25, and north of NC 280; and
12 Henderson. That part east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280.
- 13 (H) The fourth Saturday in September, subject to the following restriction: only persons
14 under the age of 16 years may hunt.
- 15 (b) Open Seasons (Bow and Arrow) for hunting deer:
- 16 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph and the bag
17 limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow
18 during the following seasons:
- 19 (A) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday thereafter in the counties and
20 parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part
21 (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and
22 Sandhills Game Lands.
- 23 (B) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday before Thanksgiving in the
24 counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer with Visible Antlers
25 specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule except for that portion of
26 Buffalo Cove Game Land in Wilkes County.
- 27 (C) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the Sunday prior to the opening of the
28 blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule;
29 and the Sunday immediately following the closing of blackpowder firearms and bow and
30 arrow season identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving
31 in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible
32 Antlers specified by Part (C) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule and in Cleveland, Polk,
33 and Rutherford counties.
- 34 (D) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving in the
35 counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers
36 specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek,
37 Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.

- 1 (2) Restrictions
- 2 (A) Dogs may not be used for hunting deer during the bow and arrow season, except a single
- 3 dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-
- 4 291.1(k).
- 5 (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer
- 6 may be used during the bow and arrow deer hunting season.
- 7 (c) Open Seasons (Blackpowder Firearms and Bow and Arrow) for hunting deer:
- 8 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, deer may
- 9 be taken only with blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow during the following seasons:
- 10 (A) The Saturday on or nearest October 1 to the Friday of the second week thereafter in the
- 11 counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers
- 12 specified by Part (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek,
- 13 Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.
- 14 (B) The third Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week thereafter
- 15 in the counties* and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible
- 16 Antlers specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
- 17 *Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove game land.
- 18 (C) Monday on or nearest October 1 to the Saturday of the second week thereafter in
- 19 Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties and in the counties and parts of counties having
- 20 the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part C of Subparagraph
- 21 (a)(1) of this Rule.
- 22 (D) The fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week
- 23 thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With
- 24 Visible Antlers specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and on
- 25 Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.
- 26 (2) Restrictions
- 27 (A) Deer of either sex may be taken during blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season
- 28 in and east of the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell,
- 29 Watauga, and Ashe. Deer of either sex may be taken on the last day of this season only
- 30 in all other counties.
- 31 (B) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the blackpowder firearms and bow and
- 32 arrow seasons, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in
- 33 accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- 34 (3) As used in this Paragraph, blackpowder firearms means "Any firearm - including any firearm with
- 35 a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system - manufactured in or
- 36 before 1898; any replica of this type of firearm if such replica is not designed or redesigned for
- 37 using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; and any muzzle-loading rifle, muzzle-

1 loading shotgun, or muzzle-loading handgun that is designed to use blackpowder, blackpowder
2 substitute, or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle and that cannot use fixed
3 ammunition."

4 (d) Open Season (Urban Season) for hunting deer:

5 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (3) of this Paragraph and the bag
6 limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow in
7 participating cities in the State, as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), from the second Saturday following
8 January 1 to the fifth Saturday thereafter. Deer shall not be taken on any game land or part thereof
9 that occurs within a city boundary.

10 (2) Participation. Cities that intend to participate in the urban season must send a letter to that effect
11 no later than April 1 of the year prior to the start of the urban season to the Executive Director or
12 his designee at 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1722. Cities must also submit a
13 map of the city's boundaries within which the urban season shall apply.

14 (3) Restrictions:

15 (A) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the urban season, except a single dog on a
16 leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

17 (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer
18 shall be used during the urban season.

19 (e) Bag limits. In and east of Vance, Franklin, Wake, Harnett, Moore, and Richmond counties, the possession limit
20 is six deer, up to four of which may be deer with visible antlers. In all other counties of the state the possession limit
21 is six deer, up to two of which may be deer with visible antlers. The season limit in all counties of the State, is six
22 deer. In addition to the bag limits described above, a hunter may obtain multiple bonus antlerless deer harvest report
23 cards from the Wildlife Resources Commission or any Wildlife Service Agent to allow the harvest of two additional
24 antlerless deer per card on lands others than lands enrolled in the Commission's game land program during any open
25 deer season in all counties and parts of counties of the State identified in Part (G) of Subparagraph (a)(2) of this
26 Rule. Antlerless deer harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not count as part of the
27 possession and season limit. Hunters may also use the bonus antlerless harvest report cards for deer harvested
28 during the season described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule within the boundaries of participating municipalities,
29 except on State-owned game lands. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as
30 distinguished from spikes protruding through the skin. The bag limits described above do not apply to deer
31 harvested in areas covered in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) as described in G.S. 113-291.2(e)
32 for those individuals using Commission-issued DMAP tags and reporting harvest as described on the DMAP
33 license. Season bag limits shall be set by the number of DMAP tags issued and in the hunters' possession. All deer
34 harvested under this program, regardless of the date of harvest, shall be tagged with these DMAP tags and reported
35 as instructed on the DMAP license. The hunter does not have to validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card
36 provided with the hunting license for deer tagged with the DMAP tags. Any deer harvested on lands enrolled in the
37 DMAP and not tagged with DMAP tags may only be harvested during the regularly established deer seasons subject

1 to all the restrictions of those seasons, including bag limits, and reported using the big game harvest report card or
2 the bonus antlerless harvest report card.

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4 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;
5 Eff. February 1, 1976;
6 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996, July 1, 1995; December 1, 1994; July 1,
7 1994; July 1, 1993;
8 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
9 Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
10 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;
11 Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (Approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);
12 Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;
13 Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July
14 17, 2003);
15 Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; ~~August 1, 2014~~; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012;
16 August 1, 2011; July 10, 2010; June 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.

1 15A NCAC 10B .0219 Coyote is amended with changes as published in 29:14 NCR 1697 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0219 COYOTE**

4 (a) This Rule applies to hunting coyotes. In all counties of the State, except those counties specified in Paragraph b,
5 the following apply:

6 (1) There is no closed season for taking coyotes.

7 (2) Coyotes may be taken on private lands anytime during the day or night.

8 (3) Coyotes may be taken on public lands without a permit from the hours of one-half hour before
9 sunrise until one-half hour after sunset, and from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before
10 sunrise by permit only.

11 (b) In the counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrell, and Washington, [Washington, Tyrell and Beaufort,] the
12 following apply:

13 (1) Coyote hunting on public lands is prohibited, except that coyotes may be taken on State-owned
14 game lands by the holder of a permit for a specific special hunt opportunity for coyotes authorized
15 by G.S 113-264(d). Any special hunt for coyotes pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d) shall only allow
16 hunting from the hours of one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Contests or
17 competition coyote hunts on public lands are prohibited. If, within a calendar year, two or more
18 red wolves are shot by one or more hunters with a valid special hunt permit for coyotes on State
19 game lands within the five counties identified in this Paragraph, all special hunts for coyotes on
20 State game lands within those five counties shall be suspended for one calendar year.

21 (2) There is no closed season for taking coyotes on private lands. Coyotes may be taken on private
22 lands from hours of one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset only.

23 (3) Coyotes may be taken on private lands by permit only, and any take shall be reported within 24
24 hours to the Commission.

25 (4) Coyote hunting permits are in addition to hunting licenses. Individuals exempted form license
26 requirements under the provisions specified in G.S. 113-276 shall [muststill] acquire the coyote
27 hunting permits to hunt coyotes in the counties specified in this Paragraph. Coyote hunting
28 permits are valid for one calendar year and are subject to annual renewal. These permits are non-
29 transferable. Permit holders shall [must] submit their harvest reports in order to be eligible for
30 permit renewal.

31 ~~(b)(c)~~ There are no bag limit restrictions on coyotes.

32 ~~(e)(d)~~ Manner of Take. Hunters may use electronic calls and artificial lights.

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34 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;*

35 *Eff. July 1, 1993;*

36 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 2011;*

37 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2012;*

1 Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2014 and shall remain in effect until amendments expire as
2 specified in G.S. 150B-21.1(d) or the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North
3 Carolina's court order number 2:13-CV-60-BOs signed on May 13, 2014 is rescinded, whichever
4 date is earlier. The court order is available at www.ncwildlife.org.

5 Amended Eff. July 26, 2013.

6 Temporary Amendment Eff. February 27, 2015

7 Amended Eff. May 1, 2015

1 15A NCAC 10B .0223 Feral swine is amended with changes as published in 29:11 NCR 1313 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0223 FERAL SWINE**

4 (a) This Rule applies to hunting feral swine. There is no closed season for taking feral swine. Feral swine may be
5 taken on private lands anytime during the day or night. Feral swine may be taken on public lands without a permit
6 from the hours of one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset, and from one-half hour after sunset to
7 one-half hour before sunrise by permit only.

8 (b) There are no bag limit restrictions on feral swine.

9 (c) ~~Manner of take.~~ Hunters may use artificial ~~lights.~~ lights and electronic calls.

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11 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-129; 113-134; 113-264; 113-291; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;*

12 *Temporary Adoption Eff. October 1, 2011;*

13 *Eff. February 1, 2012;*

14 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2012;*

15 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; March 21, 2013.*

1 15A NCAC 10B .0404 Trappers and hunters is amended with changes as published in 29:11 NCR 1313-1314 as
 2 follows:

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 4 **15A NCAC 10B .0404 TRAPPERS AND HUNTERS**

5 (a) Every fox taken in an area of open season as provided by G.S. 113-291.4 shall be tagged at the scene of taking.

6 (b) Every person taking any bobcat or otter in this State, or any foxes under a depredation permit, general statute,
 7 rule, or local law that permits taking, shall obtain and affix the appropriate proper tag to each carcass or pelt before
 8 selling or transferring the same to any person or transporting the same for any purpose, except that:

9 (1) A person may transport the same from the place of taking to his North Carolina residence and
 10 from his North Carolina residence to a fur tag agent or taxidermist's place of business.

11 (2) A person may transport the same from the place of taking to the nearest place in this State where
 12 the appropriate tag may be obtained.

13 (3) The carcass, pelt or mounted specimen is exempt from tagging requirements while in the
 14 taxidermist's place of business or after the mount is completed.

15 (4) A licensed trapper may take live foxes during any legal trapping season, except foxes taken under
 16 G.S. 113-291.4, without tagging them and sell them to a licensed controlled hunting preserve for
 17 fox in accordance with G.S. 113-273(g).

18 No carcass or pelt of any bobcat, otter or fox taken within this State may be removed from the state without an -a
 19 appropriate proper fur tag having been affixed thereto, except a licensed taxidermist may ship the same to a tannery
 20 for processing. Any carcass or pelt remaining in a person's possession after the end of the season, except those in a
 21 licensed taxidermist's place of business or his or her taxidermy preservation facility, shall be properly tagged by him
 22 or her within 30 40 days following the close of such ~~season.~~ season, provided that no tags shall be shipped from the
 23 Commission to a person 23 consecutive days from the close of the season. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 24 repeals its tagging requirements for otter and bobcat this Paragraph shall apply only to tagging foxes.

25 (c) In any case where the taking of foxes with weapons or traps and the sale thereof is authorized by local
 26 legislation, except live foxes taken by licensed trappers who live-trap foxes for sale during any open season, season
 27 the hunter or trapper taking any such fox shall, in the absence of a specific provision to the contrary, obtain and affix
 28 the carcass or pelt with an -a appropriate proper tag before selling or transferring the same to any other person, or
 29 transporting the same for any purpose than as authorized by Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

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 31 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-276.1; 113-291.4; S.L. 1985, chs. 108, 179, 180, 664 and 722;

32 *Eff. November 14, 1978;*

33 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2010; July 10, 2010; May 1, 2008; July 1, 1994; January*
 34 *1, 1992; December 1, 1985; October 1, 1980.*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public mountain trout waters is amended with changes as published in 29:11 NCR 1314-
2 1333 as follows:

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4 **15A NCAC 10C .0205 PUBLIC MOUNTAIN TROUT WATERS**

5 ~~(a) Designation of Public Mountain Trout Waters. For the purposes of this Rule, "artificial lure" means a fishing~~
6 ~~lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance that attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.~~
7 ~~"Natural bait" means any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared substances~~
8 ~~designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell. The waters listed herein or in 15A NCAC 10D .0104 are~~
9 ~~designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters and further classified as Wild Trout Waters or Hatchery Supported~~
10 ~~Waters. For specific classifications, see Subparagraphs (1) through (6) of this Paragraph. These waters are posted~~
11 ~~and lists thereof are filed with the clerks of superior court of the counties in which they are located:~~

12 (1) ~~Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. The listed waters in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1)(A)~~
13 ~~through (Y) are classified as Hatchery Supported Public Mountain Trout Waters. Where specific~~
14 ~~watereourses or impoundments are listed, indentation indicates that the waterecourse or~~
15 ~~impoundment listed is tributary to the next preceding waterecourse or impoundment listed and not~~
16 ~~so indented. This classification applies to the entire waterecourse or impoundment listed except as~~
17 ~~otherwise indicated in parentheses following the listing. Other clarifying information may also be~~
18 ~~included parenthetically. The tributaries of listed watereourses or impoundments are not included~~
19 ~~in the classification unless specifically set out therein.~~

20 (A) ~~Alleghany County:~~

21 ~~— New River (not trout water)~~

22 ~~Little River (Whitehead to McCann Dam) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply~~
23 ~~to portion between Whitehead and a point 275 yards downstream of the~~
24 ~~intersection of SR 1128 and SR 1129 as marked by a sign on each bank. See~~
25 ~~Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

26 ~~Brush Creek (NC 21 bridge to confluence with Little River, except where~~
27 ~~posted against trespass)~~

28 ~~Big Pine Creek~~

29 ~~(Big) Glade Creek~~

30 ~~Bledsoe Creek~~

31 ~~Pine Swamp Creek~~

32 ~~South Fork New River (not trout water)~~

33 ~~Prather Creek~~

34 ~~Cranberry Creek~~

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37 (B) ~~Ashe County:~~

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~~North Fork New River (Watauga County line to Sharp Dam)~~

~~Helton Creek (Virginia State line to New River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

~~Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at SR 1363 to confluence with North Fork New River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to portion between SR 1324 bridge and North Fork New River. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

~~Buffalo Creek (SR 1133 bridge to NC 194 88 bridge)~~

~~Big Laurel Creek~~

~~Three Top Creek (portion not on game lands)~~

~~South Fork New River (Todd Island park) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule]~~

~~Cranberry Creek (Alleghany County line to South Fork New River)~~

~~Nathans Creek~~

~~Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)~~

~~Trout Lake [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

~~Roan Creek~~

~~Beaver Creek~~

~~Old Fields Creek~~

(C) ~~—Avery County:~~

~~—Nolichucky River (not trout waters)~~

~~North Toe River—upper (Watauga Street to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and Family Recreational Park, except where posted against trespass)~~

~~North Toe River—lower (SR 1164 to Mitchell County line, except where posted against trespass)~~

~~—Squirrel Creek~~

~~Elk River (SR 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the Tennessee State line)~~

~~Wildcat Lake~~

~~Catawba River (not trout water)~~

~~Johns River (not trout water)~~

~~Wilson Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.]~~

~~Lost Cove Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(4) of this Rule.]~~

1 ~~Buck Timber Creek [Not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph~~
2 ~~(a)(2) of this Rule.]~~

3 ~~Cary Flat Branch [Not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph (a)(2)~~
4 ~~of this Rule.]~~

5 ~~Boyde Coffey Lake~~

6 ~~— Linville River [Land Harbor line (below dam) to Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line,~~
7 ~~except where posted against trespass]~~

8 ~~Milltimber Creek~~

9 (D) ~~— Buncombe County:~~

10 ~~— French Broad River (not trout water)~~

11 ~~Ivy Creek (Ivy River) (Dillingham Creek to US 19 23 bridge)~~

12 ~~Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)~~

13 ~~Stony Creek~~

14 ~~Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)~~

15 ~~— Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to US 19 23 bridge, except where posted against~~
16 ~~trespass)~~

17 ~~Swannanoa River (SR 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue Bridge,~~
18 ~~intersection of NC 81W and US 74A in Asheville, except where posted against~~
19 ~~trespass)~~

20 ~~Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)~~

21 ~~— Lake Powhatan~~

22 ~~Rich Branch (downstream from confluence with Rocky Branch)~~

23 ~~Cane Creek (headwaters to SR 3138 bridge)~~

24 (E) ~~— Burke County:~~

25 ~~— Catawba River (Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam) [Special~~
26 ~~Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(7) of this Rule.]~~

27 ~~South Fork Catawba River (not trout water)~~

28 ~~Henry Fork (lower South Mountains State Park line downstream to SR 1919~~
29 ~~at Ivy Creek)~~

30 ~~Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountain State Park~~
31 ~~boundary) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph~~
32 ~~(a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

33 ~~Johns River (not trout water)~~

34 ~~— Parks Creek (portion not on game lands not trout water)~~

35 ~~— Carroll Creek (game lands portion above SR 1405)~~

1 ~~Linville River (portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area, and portion~~
2 ~~below Lake James powerhouse from upstream bridge on SR 1223 to Muddy~~
3 ~~Creek)~~

4 (F) ~~Caldwell County:~~

5 ~~—Catawba River (not trout water)~~

6 ~~Johns River (not trout water)~~

7 ~~Wilson Creek (game lands portion downstream of Lost Cove Creek to~~
8 ~~Brown Mountain Beach dam, except where posted against trespass)~~
9 ~~[Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to game lands portion between Lost~~
10 ~~Cove Creek and Phillips Branch. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

11 ~~—Estes Mill Creek (not trout water)~~

12 ~~Mulberry Creek (portion not on game lands not trout water)~~

13 ~~Boone Fork [Not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph (a)(2)~~
14 ~~of this Rule.]~~

15 ~~—Boone Fork Pond~~

16 ~~—Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to SR 1515)~~

17 ~~Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)~~

18 ~~Joes Creek (first falls upstream of SR 1574 to confluence with Buffalo~~
19 ~~Creek)~~

20 (G) ~~Cherokee County:~~

21 ~~—Hiwassee River (not trout water)~~

22 ~~Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Highway (SR 1325) bridge to Tennessee line)~~

23 ~~Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)~~

24 ~~Valley River (headwaters to US 19 business bridge in Murphy)~~

25 ~~—Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)~~

26 ~~—Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)~~

27 (H) ~~Clay County:~~

28 ~~—Hiwassee River (not trout water)~~

29 ~~Fires Creek (USFS Road 340A to the foot bridge in the US Forest Service Fires~~
30 ~~Creek Picnic Area) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph~~
31 ~~(a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

32 ~~Fires Creek (foot bridge in the US Forest Service Fires Creek Picnic Area to SR~~
33 ~~1300)~~

34 ~~Tusquitee Creek (headwaters to lower SR 1300 bridge)~~

35 ~~Nantahala River (not trout water)~~

36 ~~—Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of US 64 bridge)~~

37 (I) ~~Graham County:~~

- 1 — Little Tennessee River (not trout water)
- 2 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee State line)
- 3 Cheoah River (not trout water)
- 4 ~~—— Yellow Creek (Lake Santeelah hydropower pipeline to Cheoah River)~~
- 5 ~~—— Santeelah Reservoir (not trout water)~~
- 6 ~~—— West Buffalo Creek~~
- 7 Santeelah Creek (Johns Branch to Lake Santeelah)
- 8 ~~Big Snowbird Creek (USFS foot bridge at the old railroad junction to~~
- 9 ~~USFS Road 2579) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See~~
- 10 ~~Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- 11 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS Road 2579 to SR 1127 bridge)
- 12 ~~—— Tulula Creek (headwaters to lower bridge on SR 1275)~~
- 13 ~~—— Cheoah Reservoir~~
- 14 ~~—— Fontana Reservoir (not trout water)~~
- 15 ~~—— Stecoah Creek~~
- 16 ~~—— Panther Creek (confluence of Stand Creek and Rock Creek to Lake~~
- 17 ~~Fontana)~~
- 18 (J) ~~—— Haywood County:~~
- 19 ~~—— Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to upstream US 19 23 bridge)~~
- 20 ~~Cold Springs Creek (Fall Branch to Pigeon River)~~
- 21 ~~Jonathan Creek (upstream SR 1302 bridge to Pigeon River, except where posted~~
- 22 ~~against trespass)~~
- 23 ~~Richland Creek (Russ Avenue (US 276) bridge to US 19 bridge)~~
- 24 ~~West Fork Pigeon River (Tom Creek to the first game land boundary upstream~~
- 25 ~~of Lake Logan) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to the portion from Queen~~
- 26 ~~Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan. See~~
- 27 ~~Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- 28 (K) ~~—— Henderson County:~~
- 29 ~~(Rocky) Broad River (Rocky River Lane to Rutherford County line)~~
- 30 ~~Green River (Lake Summit Powerhouse to game land boundary)~~
- 31 ~~—— (Big) Hungry River (SR 1885 to Green River)~~
- 32 ~~—— French Broad River (not trout water)~~
- 33 ~~Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream of SR 1551 to US 25 bridge)~~
- 34 ~~Mud Creek (not trout water)~~
- 35 ~~—— Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to SR 1582)~~
- 36 ~~Mills River (not trout water)~~

1 ~~North Fork Mills River (Hendersonville watershed to the lower game land~~
2 ~~boundary). [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of~~
3 ~~this Rule.]~~

4 (L) ~~— Jackson County:~~

5 ~~Tuckasegee River (confluence with West Fork Tuckasegee River to SR 1534 bridge~~
6 ~~at Wilmot) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to that portion between the~~
7 ~~downstream NC 107 bridge and the falls located 275 yards upstream of US 23 441~~
8 ~~bridge as marked by a sign on each bank. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

9 ~~Scott Creek (entire stream, except where posted against trespass)~~

10 ~~— Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scotts Creek)~~

11 ~~Savannah Creek (Headwaters to Bradley's Packing House on NC 116)~~

12 ~~— Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on SR 1730 to Savannah Creek)~~

13 ~~Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)~~

14 ~~Cedar Cliff Lake~~

15 ~~Bear Creek Lake~~

16 ~~Wolf Creek [Not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph (a)(2) of this~~
17 ~~Rule.]~~

18 ~~— Wolf Creek Lake~~

19 ~~— Balsam Lake~~

20 ~~Tanasee Creek [Not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph (a)(2) of this~~
21 ~~Rule.]~~

22 ~~— Tanasee Creek Lake~~

23 (M) ~~— Macon County:~~

24 ~~— Little Tennessee River (not trout water)~~

25 ~~Nantahala River (Nantahala Dam to Swain County line) [Delayed Harvest~~
26 ~~Regulations apply to the portion from Whiteoak Creek to the Nantahala~~
27 ~~hydropower discharge canal. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

28 ~~Queens Creek Lake~~

29 ~~Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)~~

30 ~~Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to US 64 bridge near junction of SR 1672)~~

31 ~~— Cliffside Lake~~

32 ~~— Cartoogechaye Creek (downstream US 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)~~

33 (N) ~~— Madison County:~~

34 ~~— French Broad River (not trout water)~~

35 ~~Shut in Creek~~

36 ~~West Fork Shut in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East~~
37 ~~Fork Shut in Creek)~~

- 1 ~~Spring Creek—upper (junction of NC 209 and NC 63 to US Forest Service road~~
- 2 ~~223)~~
- 3 ~~Spring Creek—lower (NC 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at~~
- 4 ~~end of Andrews Avenue) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See~~
- 5 ~~Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- 6 ~~—Meadow Fork Creek~~
- 7 ~~—Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)~~
- 8 ~~—Max Patch Pond~~
- 9 ~~Big Laurel Creek (Mars Hill Watershed boundary to the SR 1318 bridge, also~~
- 10 ~~known as Big Laurel Road bridge, downstream of Bearpen Branch)~~
- 11 ~~Big Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge to US 25 70 bridge) [Delayed Harvest~~
- 12 ~~Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- 13 ~~—Spillecorn Creek~~
- 14 ~~—Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to NC 208~~
- 15 ~~bridge at Belva)~~
- 16 ~~Shelton Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big~~
- 17 ~~Laurel Creek) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph~~
- 18 ~~(a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- 19 ~~—Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)~~
- 20 ~~Big Pine Creek (SR 1151 bridge to French Broad River)~~
- 21 ~~Ivy Creek (not trout waters)~~
- 22 ~~Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to~~
- 23 ~~confluence with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)~~
- 24 ~~(O) —McDowell County:~~
- 25 ~~—Catawba River—upper (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)~~
- 26 ~~—Catawba River—lower (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway) [Delayed Harvest~~
- 27 ~~Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- 28 ~~Buck Creek (portion not on game lands, not trout water)~~
- 29 ~~—Little Buck Creek (game land portion)~~
- 30 ~~—Curtis Creek game lands portion downstream of US Forest Service boundary at~~
- 31 ~~Deep Branch. [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of~~
- 32 ~~this Rule.]~~
- 33 ~~North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to SR 1569 bridge)~~
- 34 ~~—Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)~~
- 35 ~~Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to I 40 bridge, except where posted against~~
- 36 ~~trespass) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to that portion between US 70~~
- 37 ~~bridge and I 40 bridge. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

1 (P) — Mitchell County:

2 — Nolichucky River (not trout water)

3 Big Rock Creek (headwaters to NC 226 bridge at SR 1307 intersection)

4 Little Rock Creek (Green Creek Bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where
5 posted against trespass)

6 Cane Creek (SR 1219 to SR 1189 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply
7 to that portion from NC 226 bridge to SR 1189 bridge. See Subparagraph (a)(5)
8 of this Rule.]

9 Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)

10 — East Fork Grassy Creek

11 North Toe River (Avery County line to SR 1121 bridge)

12 North Toe River (US 19E bridge to NC 226 bridge) [Delayed Harvest
13 Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

14 (Q) — Polk County:

15 — Broad River (not trout water)

16 North Pacolet River (Joels Creek to NC 108 bridge)

17 Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the natural gas pipeline crossing)
18 [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to the portion from Fishtop Falls Access
19 Area to Cove Creek. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

20 (R) — Rutherford County:

21 (Rocky) Broad River (Henderson County line to US 64/74 bridge, except where
22 posted against trespass)

23 (S) — Stokes County:

24 — Dan River (Virginia State line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of SR
25 1421)

26 (T) — Surry County:

27 — Yadkin River (not trout water)

28 Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of NC 268 bridge to a point 265 yards
29 downstream of NC 268 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank)

30 Ararat River (SR 1727 bridge downstream to the NC 103 bridge)

31 Ararat River (NC 103 bridge to US 52 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations
32 apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

33 — Stewarts Creek (not trout water)

34 Pauls Creek (Virginia State line to 0.3 mile below SR 1625 bridge—
35 lower Caudle property line)

36 — Fisher River (Cooper Creek) (Virginia State line to Interstate 77)

37 — Little Fisher River (Virginia State line to NC 89 bridge)

1 Mitchell River (0.6 mile upstream of the end of SR 1333 to the SR 1330 bridge
2 below Kapps Mill Dam) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See
3 Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

4 (U) ~~Swain County:~~

5 ~~Little Tennessee River (not trout water)~~

6 ~~Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee State line)~~

7 ~~Cheoah Reservoir~~

8 ~~Fontana Reservoir (not trout water)~~

9 ~~Alarka Creek (game lands boundary to Fontana Reservoir)~~

10 ~~Nantahala River (Macon County line to existing Fontana Reservoir water
11 level)~~

12 ~~Tuckasegee River (not trout water)~~

13 ~~Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary line to
14 Tuckasegee River)~~

15 ~~Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)~~

16 (V) ~~Transylvania County:~~

17 ~~French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork
18 French Broad River to the Island Ford Road (SR 1110) Access Area)~~

19 ~~Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower US Forest Service boundary line)~~

20 ~~East Fork French Broad River (Glady Fork to French Broad River) [Delayed
21 Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~

22 ~~Little River (confluence of Lake Dense outflow to 100 yards downstream of
23 Hooker Falls) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of
24 this Rule.]~~

25 ~~Middle Fork French Broad River~~

26 ~~West Fork French Broad River (Camp Cove Branch to confluence with North
27 Fork French Broad River)~~

28 (W) ~~Watauga County:~~

29 ~~New River (not trout waters)~~

30 ~~South Fork New River (canoe launch 70 yards upstream of US 421 bridge
31 to lower boundary of Brookshire Park)~~

32 ~~Meat Camp Creek~~

33 ~~Norris Fork Creek~~

34 ~~Middle Fork New River (Lake Chetola Dam to South Fork New River)~~

35 ~~Yadkin River (not trout water)~~

36 ~~Stony Fork (headwaters to Wilkes County line)~~

- 1 ~~Elk Creek (SR 1510 bridge at Triplett to Wilkes County line, except where~~
- 2 ~~posted against trespass)~~
- 3 ~~—Watauga River upper (SR 1114 bridge to NC 194 bridge at Valle Crucis). [Delayed~~
- 4 ~~Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- 5 ~~—Watauga River lower (SR 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek) [Delayed~~
- 6 ~~Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule]~~
- 7 ~~—Beech Creek~~
- 8 ~~Buckeye Creek Reservoir~~
- 9 ~~Buckeye Creek (Buckeye Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap Creek)~~
- 10 ~~Coffee Lake [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of~~
- 11 ~~this Rule.]~~
- 12 ~~Beaverdam Creek (confluence of Beaverdam Creek and Little Beaverdam Creek~~
- 13 ~~to an unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of SR 1201 and SR 1203)~~
- 14 ~~—Laurel Creek~~
- 15 ~~—Cove Creek (SR 1233 bridge at Zionville to SR 1233 bridge at Amantha)~~
- 16 ~~—Dutch Creek (second bridge on SR 1134 to mouth)~~
- 17 ~~(X) —Wilkes County:~~
- 18 ~~—Yadkin River (not trout water)~~
- 19 ~~Roaring River (not trout water)~~
- 20 ~~East Prong Roaring River (from Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone~~
- 21 ~~Mountain State Park lower boundary) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply.~~
- 22 ~~See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- 23 ~~East Prong Roaring River (Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary to~~
- 24 ~~Brewer's Mill on SR 1943)~~
- 25 ~~Stone Mountain Creek [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See~~
- 26 ~~Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- 27 ~~Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to second bridge on SR 1736)~~
- 28 ~~—Bell Branch Pond~~
- 29 ~~—Boundary Line Pond~~
- 30 ~~West Prong Roaring River (not trout waters)~~
- 31 ~~—Pike Creek~~
- 32 ~~——Pike Creek Pond~~
- 33 ~~Cub Creek (0.5 miles upstream of SR 2460 bridge to SR 1001 bridge)~~
- 34 ~~Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with~~
- 35 ~~Yadkin River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of~~
- 36 ~~this Rule.]~~

- 1 ~~— Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong) (headwaters to bridge on SR~~
- 2 ~~1580)~~
- 3 ~~South Fork Reddies River (SR 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle~~
- 4 ~~Fork Reddies River)~~
- 5 ~~North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek) (headwaters to Union~~
- 6 ~~School bridge on SR 1559)~~
- 7 ~~Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River) (downstream ford on~~
- 8 ~~SR 1569 to confluence with North Fork Reddies River)~~
- 9 ~~— Lewis Fork Creek (not trout water)~~
- 10 ~~South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to SR 1155 bridge)~~
- 11 ~~— Fall Creek (SR 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork~~
- 12 ~~except portions posted against trespass)~~
- 13 ~~Elk Creek — upper (Watauga County line to lower boundary of Blue Ridge~~
- 14 ~~Mountain Club) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5)~~
- 15 ~~of this Rule.]~~
- 16 ~~Elk Creek — lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development) [Delayed~~
- 17 ~~Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~
- 18 (Y) ~~— Yancey County:~~
- 19 ~~— Nolichucky River (not trout water)~~
- 20 ~~Cane River [Bee Branch (SR 1110) to Bowlens Creek]~~
- 21 ~~Bald Mountain Creek (except portions posted against trespass)~~
- 22 ~~— Indian Creek (not trout water)~~
- 23 ~~— Price Creek (junction of SR 1120 and SR 1121 to Indian Creek)~~
- 24 ~~North Toe River (not trout water)~~
- 25 ~~South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey County~~
- 26 ~~recreation park except where posted against trespass)~~
- 27 (2) ~~— Wild Trout Waters. All waters designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters on the game lands~~
- 28 ~~listed in Subparagraph (b)(2) of 15A NCAC 10D .0104, are classified as Wild Trout Waters unless~~
- 29 ~~classified otherwise in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule. The trout waters listed in this~~
- 30 ~~Subparagraph are also classified as Wild Trout Waters.~~
- 31 (A) ~~— Alleghany County:~~
- 32 ~~— Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
- 33 ~~— Stone Mountain Creek (that portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
- 34 (B) ~~— Ashe County:~~
- 35 ~~— Big Horse Creek (Virginia State Line to Mud Creek at SR 1363) [Catch and~~
- 36 ~~Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]~~

1 ~~— Unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek (portion located on Three Top Mountain Game~~
2 ~~Land) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph~~
3 ~~(a)(3) of this Rule.]~~

4 (C) ~~— Avery County:~~

5 ~~Birchfield Creek (entire stream)~~

6 ~~Cow Camp Creek (entire stream)~~

7 ~~Cranberry Creek (headwaters to US 19E/NC 194 bridge)~~

8 ~~Elk River (portion on Lees McRae College property, excluding the millpond) [Catch and~~
9 ~~Release/Artificial Flies Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(4) of this~~
10 ~~Rule.]~~

11 ~~Gragg Prong (entire stream)~~

12 ~~Horse Creek (entire stream)~~

13 ~~Jones Creek (entire stream)~~

14 ~~Kentucky Creek (entire stream)~~

15 ~~North Harper Creek (entire stream)~~

16 ~~Plumtree Creek (entire stream)~~

17 ~~Roaring Creek (entire stream)~~

18 ~~Rockhouse Creek (entire stream)~~

19 ~~Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)~~

20 ~~South Harper Creek (entire stream)~~

21 ~~Webb Prong (entire stream)~~

22 ~~Wilson Creek [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See~~
23 ~~Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]~~

24 (D) ~~— Buncombe County:~~

25 ~~— Carter Creek (game land portion) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures only Regulations~~
26 ~~apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]~~

27 (E) ~~— Burke County:~~

28 ~~— All waters located on South Mountain State Park, except Clear Creek Reservoir, the main~~
29 ~~stream of Jacob Fork between the mouth of Shinny Creek and the lower park~~
30 ~~boundary where Delayed Harvest Regulations apply, and Henry Fork and tributaries~~
31 ~~where Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See~~
32 ~~Subparagraphs (a)(3) and (a)(5) of this Rule.~~

33 ~~— Nettle Branch (game land portion)~~

34 (F) ~~— Caldwell County:~~

35 ~~— Buffalo Creek (Watauga County line to Long Ridge Branch including tributaries on game~~
36 ~~lands)~~

37 ~~— Joes Creek (Watauga County line to first falls upstream of the end of SR 1574)~~

- 1 ~~—Rockhouse Creek (entire stream)~~
- 2 (G) ~~—Cherokee County:~~
- 3 ~~—Bald Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters~~
- 4 ~~Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
- 5 ~~—Dockery Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait~~
- 6 ~~Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
- 7 ~~—North Shoal Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait~~
- 8 ~~Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
- 9 (H) ~~—Graham County:~~
- 10 ~~Franks Creek (entire stream) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See~~
- 11 ~~Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
- 12 ~~Little Buffalo Creek (entire stream)~~
- 13 ~~South Fork Squally Creek (entire stream)~~
- 14 ~~Squally Creek (entire stream)~~
- 15 (I) ~~—Haywood County~~
- 16 ~~—Hemphill Creek [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph~~
- 17 ~~(a)(6) of the Rule.]~~
- 18 ~~—Hurricane Creek (including portions of tributaries on game lands) [Wild Trout/Natural~~
- 19 ~~Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
- 20 (J) ~~—Jackson County:~~
- 21 ~~Buff Creek (entire stream) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See~~
- 22 ~~Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
- 23 ~~—Gage Creek (entire stream)~~
- 24 ~~—North Fork Scott Creek (entire stream)~~
- 25 ~~—Tanasee Creek (entire stream)~~
- 26 ~~—Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina State line)~~
- 27 ~~—Wolf Creek (entire stream, except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)~~
- 28 (K) ~~—Madison County:~~
- 29 ~~—Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary, including tributaries) [Wild~~
- 30 ~~Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]~~
- 31 (L) ~~—Mitchell County:~~
- 32 ~~—Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek Bridge, except where posted against trespass)~~
- 33 ~~—Little Rock Creek (headwaters to Green Creek Bridge, including all tributaries, except~~
- 34 ~~where posted against trespass)~~
- 35 ~~—Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)~~
- 36 (M) ~~—Transylvania County:~~
- 37 ~~—All waters located on Gorges State Park~~

- 1 ~~—Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina State line)~~
- 2 (N) ~~—Watauga County:~~
- 3 ~~Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries) [Catch and~~
- 4 ~~Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3)~~
- 5 ~~of this Rule.]~~
- 6 ~~—Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on SR 1134)~~
- 7 ~~—Howard Creek (entire stream)~~
- 8 ~~Laurel Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain~~
- 9 ~~developments, including tributaries) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout~~
- 10 ~~Waters Regulations apply. See subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]~~
- 11 ~~Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)~~
- 12 ~~North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe County~~
- 13 ~~line)~~
- 14 ~~Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Road bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to~~
- 15 ~~Coffee Lake) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations Apply.~~
- 16 ~~See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]~~
- 17 ~~—Watauga River (Avery County line to SR 1580 bridge)~~
- 18 ~~—Winkler Creek (lower bridge on SR 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)~~
- 19 (O) ~~—Wilkes County:~~
- 20 ~~—Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
- 21 ~~Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries) [Catch and~~
- 22 ~~Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3)~~
- 23 ~~of this Rule.]~~
- 24 ~~—Garden Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
- 25 ~~—Harris Creek and tributaries (portions on Stone Mountain State Park) [Catch and Release~~
- 26 ~~—Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(4) of this Rule.]~~
- 27 ~~—Widow Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
- 28 (P) ~~—Yancey County:~~
- 29 ~~—Cattail Creek (Bridge at Mountain Farm Community Road (Private) to NC 197 bridge)~~
- 30 ~~—Lickskillet Creek (entire stream)~~
- 31 ~~—Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)~~
- 32 (3) ~~—Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters. Those portions of designated wild trout~~
- 33 ~~waters as listed in this Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as~~
- 34 ~~Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only waters. Only artificial lures having one single hook may~~
- 35 ~~be used. No trout may be harvested or be in possession while fishing these streams:~~
- 36 (A) ~~—Ashe County:~~
- 37 ~~—Big Horse Creek (Virginia State line to Mud Creek at SR 1363 excluding tributaries)~~

- 1 ~~— Unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek (portion located on Three Top Mountain Game~~
- 2 ~~— Lands)~~
- 3 ~~(B) — Avery County:~~
- 4 ~~— Wilson Creek (game land portion)~~
- 5 ~~(C) — Buncombe County:~~
- 6 ~~— Carter Creek (game land portion)~~
- 7 ~~(D) — Burke County:~~
- 8 ~~— Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)~~
- 9 ~~(E) — Jackson County:~~
- 10 ~~— Flat Creek~~
- 11 ~~— Tuckasegee River (upstream of Clarke property)~~
- 12 ~~(F) — McDowell County:~~
- 13 ~~— Newberry Creek (game land portion)~~
- 14 ~~(G) — Watauga County:~~
- 15 ~~Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries)~~
- 16 ~~Laurel Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain~~
- 17 ~~developments, including tributaries)~~
- 18 ~~Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffee~~
- 19 ~~Lake)~~
- 20 ~~(H) — Wilkes County:~~
- 21 ~~— Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries)~~
- 22 ~~(4) — Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters. Those portions of designated wild trout~~
- 23 ~~waters as listed in this Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as~~
- 24 ~~Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only waters. Only artificial flies having one single hook may~~
- 25 ~~be used. Harvest or possession of trout while fishing these streams is prohibited:~~
- 26 ~~(A) — Avery County:~~
- 27 ~~— Elk River (portion on Lees McRae College property, excluding the millpond)~~
- 28 ~~— Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)~~
- 29 ~~(B) — Transylvania County:~~
- 30 ~~— Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass~~
- 31 ~~Creek~~
- 32 ~~— and Grogan Creek)~~
- 33 ~~(C) — Yancey County:~~
- 34 ~~— South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek, including tributaries)~~
- 35 ~~— Upper Creek (entire stream)~~
- 36 ~~(5) — Delayed Harvest Trout Waters. Those portions of designated Hatchery Supported Trout Waters as~~
- 37 ~~listed in this Subparagraph, excluding tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Delayed~~

~~Harvest Waters. Between 1 October and one half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday of the following June, inclusive, it is unlawful to possess natural bait, use more than a single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or possess trout while fishing these waters. These waters are closed to fishing between one half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday in June and 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June. At 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June these waters are open for fishing under Hatchery Supported Waters rules for youth anglers only. Youth is defined as a person under 16 years of age. At 12:00 p.m. on the first Saturday in June these streams open for fishing under Hatchery Supported Waters rules for all anglers:~~

~~(A) — Alleghany County:~~

~~— Little River (Whitehead to a point 275 yards downstream of the intersection of SR 1128 and SR 1129 as marked by a sign on each bank)~~

~~(B) — Ashe County:~~

~~— Trout Lake~~

~~— Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River)~~

~~— South Fork New River (Todd Island Park)~~

~~— Big Horse Creek (SR 1324 bridge to North Fork New River)~~

~~(C) — Burke County:~~

~~— Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)~~

~~(D) — Caldwell County:~~

~~— Wilson Creek (game lands portion downstream of Lost Cove Creek to Phillips Branch)~~

~~(E) — Clay County:~~

~~— Fires Creek (USFS Road 340A to the foot bridge in the US Forest Service Fires Creek Picnic Area)~~

~~(F) — Graham County:~~

~~— (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS foot bridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Road 2579)~~

~~(G) — Haywood County:~~

~~— West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan)~~

~~(H) — Henderson County:~~

~~— North Fork Mills River (Hendersonville watershed to the lower game land boundary)~~

~~(I) — Jackson County:~~

~~— Tuckasegee River (downstream NC 107 bridge falls located 275 yards upstream of the US 23 441 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank)~~

~~(J) — Macon County:~~

~~— Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to the Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)~~

~~(K) — Madison County:~~

~~— Big Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge to the US 25 70 bridge)~~

- 1 ~~— Shelton Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)~~
- 2 ~~— Spring Creek (NC 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews~~
- 3 ~~Avenue~~
- 4 (L) ~~— McDowell County:~~
- 5 ~~— Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)~~
- 6 ~~— Curtis Creek (game lands portion downstream of U.S. Forest Service boundary at Deep~~
- 7 ~~Branch~~
- 8 ~~— Mill Creek (US 70 bridge to I 40 bridge)~~
- 9 (M) ~~— Mitchell County:~~
- 10 ~~— Cane Creek (NC 226 bridge to SR 1189 bridge)~~
- 11 ~~— North Toe River (US 19E bridge to NC 226 bridge)~~
- 12 (N) ~~— Polk County:~~
- 13 ~~— Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to confluence with Cove Creek)~~
- 14 (O) ~~— Surry County:~~
- 15 ~~— Mitchell River (0.6 mile upstream of the end of SR 1333 to the SR 1330 bridge below~~
- 16 ~~Kapps Mill Dam)~~
- 17 ~~— Ararat River (NC 103 bridge to US 52 bridge)~~
- 18 (P) ~~— Transylvania County:~~
- 19 ~~— East Fork French Broad River (Glady Fork to French Broad River)~~
- 20 ~~— Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)~~
- 21 (Q) ~~— Watauga County:~~
- 22 ~~— Watauga River upper (SR 1114 bridge to NC 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)~~
- 23 ~~— Watauga River lower (SR 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek)~~
- 24 ~~— Coffee Lake~~
- 25 (R) ~~— Wilkes County:~~
- 26 ~~— East Prong Roaring River (from Bullhead Creek downstream to the Stone Mountain State~~
- 27 ~~Park lower boundary)~~
- 28 ~~— Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Allegheny County line to confluence with East~~
- 29 ~~Prong~~
- 30 ~~— Roaring River and Bullhead Creek in Stone Mountain State Park)~~
- 31 ~~Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with Yadkin~~
- 32 ~~River)~~
- 33 ~~Elk Creek—upper (Watauga County line to lower boundary of Blue Ridge Mountain~~
- 34 ~~Club)~~
- 35 ~~Elk Creek—lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)~~
- 36 (6) ~~— Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters. Those portions of designated Wild Trout Waters as listed in this~~
- 37 ~~Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Wild Trout/Natural~~

1 ~~Bait Waters. All artificial lures and natural baits, except live fish, are allowed provided they are~~
2 ~~fished using only one single hook. The creel limit, size limit, and open season are the same as~~
3 ~~other Wild Trout Waters [see 15A NCAC 10C .0316(b)]:~~

4 (A) ~~Cherokee County:~~

5 ~~—— Bald Creek (game land portions)~~

6 ~~—— Dockery Creek (game land portions)~~

7 ~~—— North Shoal Creek (game land portions)~~

8 (B) ~~Graham County:~~

9 ~~—— Deep Creek~~

10 ~~—— Long Creek (game land portion)~~

11 ~~—— Franks Creek~~

12 (C) ~~Haywood County:~~

13 ~~—— Hemphill Creek (including tributaries)~~

14 ~~—— Hurricane Creek (including portions of tributaries on game lands)~~

15 (D) ~~Jackson County:~~

16 ~~—— Buff Creek~~

17 ~~—— Chattooga River (SR 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)~~

18 ~~—— (lower) Fowler Creek (game land portion)~~

19 ~~—— Scotsman Creek (game land portion)~~

20 (E) ~~Macon County:~~

21 ~~—— Chattooga River (SR 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)~~

22 ~~—— Jarrett Creek (game land portion)~~

23 ~~—— Kimsey Creek~~

24 ~~—— Overflow Creek (game land portion)~~

25 ~~—— Park Creek~~

26 ~~—— Tellico Creek (game land portion)~~

27 ~~—— Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)~~

28 (F) ~~Madison County:~~

29 ~~—— Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary, including tributaries)~~

30 (G) ~~Transylvania County:~~

31 ~~—— North Fork French Broad River (game land portions downstream of SR 1326)~~

32 ~~—— Thompson River (SR 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against~~
33 ~~trespass, including portions of tributaries within this section located on game lands)~~

34 (7) ~~Special Regulation Trout Waters. Those portions of Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters as~~
35 ~~listed in this Subparagraph, excluding tributaries as noted, are further classified as Special~~
36 ~~Regulation Trout Waters. Regulations specific to each water are defined below:~~

37 ~~Burke County~~

~~Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam).~~

~~Regulation: The daily creel limit is 7 trout and only one of which may be greater than 14 inches in length. There are no bait restrictions and no closed season.~~

~~(b) Fishing in Trout Waters~~

~~(1) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. It is unlawful to take fish of any kind by any manner from designated public mountain trout waters during the closed seasons for trout fishing. The seasons, size limits, creel limits, and possession limits apply in all waters, whether designated or not, as public mountain trout waters. Except in power reservoirs and city water supply reservoirs so designated, it is unlawful to fish in designated public mountain trout waters with more than one line. Night fishing is not allowed in most hatchery supported trout waters on game lands [see 15A NCAC 10D .0104(b)(1)].~~

~~(2) Wild Trout Waters. Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraphs (a)(3), (a)(4), and (a)(6) of this Rule, the following rules apply to fishing in wild trout waters.~~

~~(A) Open Season. There is a year round open season for the licensed taking of trout.~~

~~(B) Creel Limit. The daily creel limit is four trout.~~

~~(C) Size Limit. The minimum size limit is seven inches.~~

~~(D) Manner of Taking. Only artificial lures having only one single hook may be used. No person shall possess natural bait while fishing wild trout waters except those waters listed in Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.~~

~~(E) Night Fishing. Fishing on wild trout waters is not allowed between one half hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise.~~

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

~~(1) “Natural bait” means any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell.~~

~~(2) “Artificial lure” means a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance that attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.~~

~~(3) “Youth anglers” are individuals under 16 years of age.~~

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

~~(1) “Public Mountain Trout Waters ” are all waters included in this Rule and so designated in 15A NCAC 10D .0104.~~

~~(2) “Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters where only artificial flies having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed or harvested while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.~~

~~(3) “Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters where only artificial lures having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed or harvested while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.~~

- 1 (4) “Delayed Harvest Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters where between October 1 and
 2 one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday of the following June it is
 3 unlawful to possess natural bait, use more than a single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or
 4 possess trout while fishing. From 6 a.m. on the first Saturday in June until noon that same day
 5 only youth anglers may fish and these waters have no bait or lure restrictions. From noon on the
 6 first Saturday in June until October 1 anglers of all ages may fish and these waters have no bait or
 7 lure restrictions. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 8 (5) “Hatchery Supported Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters that [which] have no bait
 9 or lure restrictions. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 10 (6) “Special Regulation Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters where watercourse-specific
 11 regulations apply. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 12 (7) “Wild Trout Waters” are Public Mountain Trout Waters which are identified as such in this Rule
 13 or 15A NCAC 10D .0104. Only artificial lures having only one single hook may be used. No
 14 person shall possess natural bait while fishing these waters. Waters designated as such do not
 15 include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 16 (8) “Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait” are Public Mountain Trout Waters where all artificial lures and
 17 natural baits, except live fish, may be used provided they are fished using only one single hook.
 18 Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 19 (9) “Undesignated Waters” are all other waters in the state. These waters have no bait or lure
 20 restrictions. Trout may not be possessed while fishing these waters from March 1 until 7 a.m. on
 21 the first Saturday in April.

22 (c) Seasons, creel and size limits. Seasons, creel and size limits for trout in all waters are listed in 15A NCAC 10C
 23 .0316.

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

27 (1) Alleghany

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

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

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

32 Big Pine Creek

33 Bledsoe Creek

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

36 Cranberry Creek

37 (Big) Glade Creek

- 1 Little River (275 yards downstream from the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129
2 [marked by a sign on each bank] to McCann Dam)
3 Meadow Fork
4 Pine Swamp Creek
5 Piney Fork
6 Prathers Creek
7 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
8 Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
9 Stone Mountain Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
10 (2) Ashe County
11 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
12 Big Horse Creek (Virginia state line to Mud Creek at S.R. 1363, excluding tributaries)
13 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
14 Big Horse Creek (S.R. 1324 bridge to North Fork New River)
15 Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River)
16 South Fork New River (upstream end of Todd Island to the SR 1351 bridge)
17 Trout Lake
18 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
19 Beaver Creek (N.C. 221 to South Fork New River)
20 Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at S.R. 1363 to S.R. 1324 bridge)
21 Big Laurel Creek (S.R. 1315 bridge to confluence with North Fork New River)
22 Buffalo Creek (S.R. 1133 bridge to N.C. 194-88 bridge)
23 Cranberry Creek (Alleghany Co. line to South Fork New River)
24 Nathans Creek
25 North Fork New River (Watauga Co. line to Sharp Dam)
26 Old Fields Creek (N.C. 221 to South Fork New River)
27 Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)
28 Roan Creek
29 Three Top Creek (except game land portion)
30 (3) Avery County
31 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:
32 Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond)
33 Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)
34 (B) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
35 Wilson Creek (game land portion)
36 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
37 Boyde Coffey Lake

- 1 Elk River (S.R. 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the Tennessee state
- 2 line)
- 3 Linville River (Land Harbor line [below dam] to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line,
- 4 except where posted against trespassing)
- 5 Milltimber Creek
- 6 North Toe River — upper (Watauga St. to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and Family
- 7 Recreational Park, except where posted against trespassing)
- 8 North Toe River — lower (S.R. 1164 to Mitchell Co. line, except where posted against
- 9 trespassing)
- 10 Squirrel Creek
- 11 Wildcat Lake
- 12 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 13 Birchfield Creek
- 14 Cow Camp Creek
- 15 Cranberry Creek (headwaters to U.S. 19E/N.C. 194 bridge)
- 16 Gragg Prong
- 17 Horse Creek
- 18 Kentucky Creek
- 19 North Harper Creek
- 20 Plumtree Creek
- 21 Roaring Creek
- 22 Rockhouse Creek
- 23 Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)
- 24 South Harper Creek
- 25 Webb Prong
- 26 (4) Buncombe County
- 27 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
- 28 Carter Creek (game land portion)
- 29 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 30 Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)
- 31 Cane Creek (headwaters to S.R. 3138 bridge)
- 32 Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)
- 33 Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)
- 34 Ivy Creek (Ivy River) (Dillingham Creek to U.S. 19-23 bridge)
- 35 Lake Powhatan
- 36 Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to U.S. 19-23 bridge, except where posted against
- 37 trespassing)

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

5 (5) Burke County

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

7 Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)

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

9 Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)

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

11 Carroll Creek (game land portion above S.R. 1405)

12 Henry Fork (lower South Mountain State Park line downstream to S.R. 1919 at Ivy

13 Creek)

14 Linville River (portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness area and portion below Lake

15 James powerhouse from upstream bridge on S.R. 1223 to Muddy Creek)

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

17 Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam)

18 (E) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

19 All waters located on South Mountains State Park, except those waters identified in parts

20 A and B of this Subparagraph

21 (6) Caldwell County

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

23 Wilson Creek (game land portion below Lost Cove Creek to Philips Branch)

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

25 Boone Fork Pond

26 Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)

27 Joes Creek (first falls upstream of S.R. 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)

28 Wilson Creek (Phillips Branch to Brown Mountain Beach Dam, except where posted
29 against trespassing)

30 Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to S.R. 1515)

31 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

32 Buffalo Creek (Watauga Co. line to Long Ridge Branch including game land tributaries)

33 Joes Creek (Watauga Co. line to first falls upstream of the end of S.R. 1574)

34 Rockhouse Creek

35 (7) Cherokee County

36 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

37 Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)

- 1 Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)
- 2 Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)
- 3 Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Hwy [S.R. 1325] bridge to Tennessee state line)
- 4 Valley River (S.R. 1359 to U.S. 19 business bridge in Murphy)
- 5 (B) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 6 Bald Creek (game land portion)
- 7 Dockery Creek (game land portion)
- 8 North Shoal Creek (game land portion)
- 9 (8) Clay County
- 10 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 11 Fires Creek (USFS Rd. 340A to the foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area)
- 12 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 13 Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of U.S. 64 bridge)
- 14 Fires Creek (foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area to S.R. 1300)
- 15 Tusquitee Creek (Compass Creek to lower S.R. 1300 bridge)
- 16 (9) Graham County
- 17 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 18 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS footbridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Rd. 2579)
- 19 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 20 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
- 21 Cheoah Reservoir
- 22 Panther Creek (confluence of Stand Creek and Rock Creek to Lake Fontana)
- 23 Santeelah Creek (Johns Branch to Lake Santeelah)
- 24 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS Road 2579 to S.R. 1127 bridge)
- 25 Stecoah Creek (upper game land boundary to Lake Fontana)
- 26 Tulula Creek (S.R. 1201 to lower bridge on S.R. 1275)
- 27 West Buffalo Creek
- 28 Yellow Creek (Lake Santeelah hydropower pipeline to Cheoah River)
- 29 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 30 Little Buffalo Creek
- 31 South Fork Squally Creek
- 32 Squally Creek
- 33 (D) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 34 Deep Creek
- 35 Franks Creek
- 36 Long Creek (game land portion)
- 37 (10) Haywood County

- 1 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
2 West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake
3 Logan)
4 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
5 Cold Springs Creek (Fall Branch to Pigeon River)
6 Jonathan Creek (upstream S.R. 1302 bridge to Pigeon River, except where posted against
7 trespassing)
8 Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to upstream U.S. 19-23 bridge)
9 Richland Creek (Russ Avenue [U.S. 276] bridge to U.S. 19 bridge)
10 West Fork Pigeon River (Tom Creek to Queen Creek, including portions on game lands,
11 except Middle Prong)
12 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
13 Hemphill Creek
14 Hurricane Creek
15 (11) Henderson County
16 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
17 North Fork Mills River (game land portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam)
18 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
19 (Rocky) Broad River (end of S.R. 1611 to Rutherford Co. line)
20 Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream of S.R. 1551 bridge to U.S. 25 bridge)
21 Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to S.R. 1582)
22 Green River (Lake Summit powerhouse to game land boundary)
23 (Big) Hungry River
24 (12) Jackson County
25 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
26 Flat Creek
27 Tuckasegee River (upstream from the Clark property)
28 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
29 Tuckasegee River (downstream N.C. 107 bridge to the falls located 275 yards upstream
30 of the U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank])
31 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
32 Balsam Lake
33 Bear Creek Lake
34 Cedar Cliff Lake
35 Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)
36 Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)
37 Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1730 to Savannah Creek)

- 1 Savannah Creek (downstream of S.R. 1300 bridge to Cagle Branch)
- 2 Scott Creek (Dark Ridge Creek to Tuckasegee River, except where posted against
- 3 trespassing)
- 4 Tanasee Creek Lake
- 5 Tuckasegee River — upper (John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107 bridge)
- 6 Tuckasegee River — lower (falls located 275 yards upstream of U.S. 23-441 bridge
- 7 [marked by a sign on each bank] to S.R. 1534 bridge at Wilmot)
- 8 Wolf Creek Lake
- 9 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 10 Gage Creek
- 11 North Fork Scott Creek
- 12 Tanasee Creek
- 13 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
- 14 Wolf Creek (except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)
- 15 (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 16 Buff Creek
- 17 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to the South Carolina state line)
- 18 Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)
- 19 Scotsman Creek (game land portion)
- 20 (13) Macon County
- 21 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- 22 Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)
- 23 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 24 Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)
- 25 Cartoogechaye Creek (downstream U.S. 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)
- 26 Cliffside Lake
- 27 Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to U.S. 64 bridge near junction of S.R. 1672)
- 28 Nantahala River — upper (Dicks Creek to Whiteoak Creek)
- 29 Nantahala River — lower (Nantahala hydropower discharge canal to Swain Co. line)
- 30 Queens Creek Lake
- 31 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
- 32 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
- 33 Jarrett Creek (game land portion)
- 34 Kimsey Creek
- 35 Overflow Creek (game land portion)
- 36 Park Creek
- 37 Tellico Creek (game land portion)

1 Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)

2 (14) Madison County

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

4 Big Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge to the U.S. 25-70 bridge)

5 Shelton Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)

6 Spring Creek (N.C. 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews
7 Ave.)

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

9 Big Laurel Creek (Mars Hill watershed boundary to the S.R. 1318 [Big Laurel Rd.]
10 bridge downstream of Bearpen Branch)

11 Big Pine Creek (S.R. 1151 bridge to French Broad River)

12 Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence
13 with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)

14 Max Patch Pond

15 Meadow Fork Creek (S.R. 1165 to Spring Creek)

16 Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)

17 Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)

18 Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to N.C. 208 bridge at
19 Belva)

20 Shut-in Creek

21 Spillcorn Creek

22 Spring Creek (junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to USFS Rd. 223)

23 West Fork Shut-in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East Fork Shut-
24 in Creek)

25 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:

26 Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary)

27 (15) McDowell County

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

29 Newberry Creek (game land portion)

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

31 Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)

32 Curtis Creek (game land portion downstream of the USFS boundary at Deep Branch)

33 Mill Creek (U.S. 70 bridge to I-40 bridge)

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

35 Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)

36 Catawba River (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)

37 Little Buck Creek (game land portion)

1 Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to U.S. 70 bridge, except where posted against
2 trespassing)

3 North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to North Cove School at S.R. 1569 bridge)

4 (16) Mitchell County

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

6 Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to S.R. 1189 bridge)

7 North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 bridge)

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

9 Big Rock Creek (headwaters to N.C. 226 bridge at S.R. 1307 intersection)

10 Cane Creek (S.R. 1219 to N.C. 226 bridge)

11 East Fork Grassy Creek

12 Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)

13 Little Rock Creek (Green Creek bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where posted against
14 trespassing)

15 North Toe River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1121 bridge)

16 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

17 Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek bridge, except where posted against
18 trespassing)

19 Little Rock Creek (above Green Creek bridge, including all tributaries, except where
20 posted against trespassing)

21 Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)

22 (17) Polk County

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

24 Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the confluence with Cove Creek)

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

26 Green River (Mouth of Cove Creek to the natural gas pipeline crossing)

27 North Pacolet River (Joels Creek to N.C. 108 bridge)

28 (18) Rutherford County

29 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

30 (Rocky) Broad River (Henderson Co. line to U.S. 64/74 bridge, except where posted
31 against trespassing)

32 (19) Stokes County

33 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

34 Dan River (Virginia state line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of S.R.
35 1421)

36 (20) Surry County

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

- 1 Ararat River (N.C. 103 bridge to U.S. 52 bridge)
- 2 Mitchell River (.6 mile upstream of the end of S.R. 1333 to the S.R. 1330 bridge below
- 3 Karps Mill Dam)
- 4 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 5 Ararat River (S.R. 1727 bridge downstream to the N.C. 103 bridge)
- 6 Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of N.C. 268 bridge to a point 265 yards
- 7 downstream of N.C. 268 [marked by a sign on each bank])
- 8 Fisher River (Cooper Creek) (Virginia state line to I-77 bridge)
- 9 Little Fisher River (Virginia state line to N.C. 89 bridge)
- 10 Lovills Creek (U.S. 52 Business bridge to Ararat River)
- 11 Pauls Creek (Virginia state line to .3 miles below S.R. 1625 bridge)
- 12 (21) Swain County
- 13 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 14 Alarka Creek (game land boundary to Fontana Reservoir)
- 15 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
- 16 Cheoah Reservoir
- 17 Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)
- 18 Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park Boundary line to Tuckasegee River)
- 19 Nantahala River (Macon Co. line to existing Fontana Lake water level)
- 20 (B) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:
- 21 Tuckasegee River (U.S. 19 bridge to Slope Street bridge)
- 22 (22) Transylvania County
- 23 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:
- 24 Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass
- 25 Creek and Grogan Creek)
- 26 (B) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:
- 27 East Fork French Broad River (Glady Fork to French Broad River)
- 28 Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)
- 29 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- 30 Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower USFS boundary)
- 31 French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork)
- 32 French Broad River to the Island Ford Rd. [S.R. 1110] Access Area
- 33 Middle Fork French Broad River (upstream U.S. 178 bridge to French Broad River)
- 34 West Fork French Broad River (Camp Cove Branch to confluence with North Fork
- 35 French Broad River)
- 36 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- 37 All waters located on Gorges State Park

1 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)

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

3 North Fork French Broad River (game land portion downstream of S.R. 1326)

4 Thompson River (S.R. 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against
5 trespassing)

6 (23) Watauga County

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

8 Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club)

9 Laurel Creek (portions on Blue Ridge mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain
10 Development)

11 Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Rd. bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to
12 Coffee Lake)

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

14 Coffee Lake

15 Watauga River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1557 and S.R. 1558 to N.C. 105 bridge
16 and S.R. 1114 bridge to N.C. 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)

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

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

20 Beech Creek

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

22 Buckeye Creek Reservoir

23 Cove Creek (S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to S.R. 1233 bridge at Amantha)

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

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

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

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

29 Middle Fork New River (Lake Chetola dam to South Fork New River)

30 Norris Fork Creek

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

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

34 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

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

36 Howard Creek

37 Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)

- 1 North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe Co.
- 2 line)
- 3 Watauga River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1580 bridge)
- 4 Winkler Creek (lower bridge on S.R. 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)

5 (24) Wilkes County

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

- 7 Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain club)
- 8 Harris Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

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

- 10 East Prong Roaring River (Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park
- 11 lower boundary)
- 12 Elk Creek — upper (Watauga Co. line to lower boundary of the Blue Ridge Mountain
- 13 Club)
- 14 Elk Creek — lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)
- 15 Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with the
- 16 Yadkin River)
- 17 Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Allegheny Co. line to confluence with East Prong
- 18 Roaring River and Bullhead Creek)

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

- 20 Bell Branch Pond
- 21 Cub Creek (.5 mile upstream of S.R. 2460 bridge to S.R. 1001 bridge)
- 22 Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River) (downstream ford on S.R. 1569 to confluence
- 23 with North Fork Reddies River)
- 24 Fall Creek (S.R. 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork, except where
- 25 posted against trespassing)
- 26 Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong) (headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1580)
- 27 Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1736)
- 28 North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek) (headwaters to Union School bridge on S.R.
- 29 1559)
- 30 Pike Creek
- 31 Pike Creek Pond
- 32 South Fork Reddies River (S.R. 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies
- 33 River)
- 34 South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to S.R. 1155 bridge)

35 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

- 36 Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
- 37 Garden Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

Widow Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

(25) Yancey County

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

South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek)

Upper Creek

(B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Cane River (Blackberry Ridge Rd. to downstream boundary of Cane River County Park)

(C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Bald Mountain Creek (except where posted against trespassing)

Cane River (Bee Branch [S.R. 1110] to Bowlens Creek)

Price Creek (junction of S.R. 1120 and S.R. 1121 to Indian Creek)

South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey Co. recreation park, except where posted against trespassing)

(D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

Cattail Creek (bridge at Mountain Farm Community Rd. to N.C. 187 bridge)

Lickskillet Creek

Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-272; 113-292;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;
October 1, 1992;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 6/21/01 and 04/18/02);
Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;
Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17
2003);
Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011;
August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0206 Trotlines and set-hooks is amended with changes as published in 29:11 NCR 1333 as
 2 follows:

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 4 **15A NCAC 10C .0206 TROTTLINES, JUG HOOKS AND SET HOOKS** ~~TROTTLINES AND SET HOOKS~~

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

- 6 (1) "set hook" "set hook" means ~~any~~ a fishing device consisting of a single hook and line having no
 7 more than three hooks that is attached at one end only to a stationary object or floating object and
 8 not under immediate control and attendance of the person using the device.
 9 (2) "jug hook" "jug hook" means a fishing device consisting of a single hook and line having no more
 10 than three hooks that is attached to a float.
 11 (3) "trotline" means a fishing device consisting of a horizontal common line having multiple hooks
 12 attached.
 13 (3) ~~"untended" means no bait is present on the device.~~

14 (b) Except as otherwise prohibited in this Rule, trotlines, jug hooks, [jug hooks] ~~trotlines and set hooks set hooks~~
 15 may be set in the inland waters of North Carolina, provided no live bait is used. Trotlines, jug hooks, [jug hooks]
 16 ~~Trotlines and set hooks set hooks~~ may not be set in any of the impounded waters on the Sandhills Game Land.
 17 Trotlines, jug hooks, [jug hooks] ~~Trotlines and set hooks set hooks~~ may not be set in any designated public
 18 mountain trout waters except impounded waters of power reservoirs and municipally-owned municipally owed
 19 water supply reservoirs open to the public for fishing. In Lake Waccamaw, trotlines, jug hooks, [jug hooks] ~~trotlines~~
 20 or set hooks set hooks may be set only from October 1 through April 30.

21 (c) Each trotline, set hook, and jug hook shall bear legible and indelible identification of the user's name and
 22 address or the user's Wildlife Resources Commission customer number. Each trotline shall be conspicuously
 23 marked at each end and each set hook set hook conspicuously marked at one end with a flag, float, or other
 24 prominent object so that its location is readily discernible by boat operators and swimmers. Trotlines shall be set
 25 parallel to the nearest shore in all inland fishing waters unless otherwise prohibited. The number of jug hooks jug
 26 hooks that may be fished is limited to 70 per boat. All trotlines, ~~throwlines,~~ set hooks, set hooks and jug hooks jug
 27 hooks shall be fished at least once daily and all fish removed at that time. Trotlines, Untended trotlines, set hooks,
 28 set hooks and jug hooks jug hooks without bait or not labeled as described in this Paragraph may be removed from
 29 the water by wildlife enforcement officers. ~~officers when located in areas of multiple water use.~~ It is unlawful to use
 30 metal cans or glass jugs as floats.

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 32 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272; 113-292;*
 33 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
 34 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1993; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989; January 1, 1982;*
 35 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*
 36 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; May 1, 2008; June 1, 2005; August*
 37 *1, 2002.*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0314 Striped bass is amended with changes as published in 29:11 NCR 1334 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~~^{eight} fish in the aggregate, except in waters
5 identified in Paragraphs (b), ~~(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) (i), and (j)~~ of this Rule. ~~The~~^{There is no} minimum size
6 limit for these ~~fish is 20 inches, fish, but only two of them may be less than 16 inches,~~ except in waters identified in
7 Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) (i), and (j) of this Rule. There is no closed season, except for waters
8 identified in Paragraphs ~~(f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) (j), and (k)~~ of this Rule.

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

13 ~~(c) In the Cape Fear River upstream of Buckhorn Dam, the Deep River to the first impoundment, the Haw River to
14 the first impoundment, B. Everett Jordan Reservoir, Lake Rhodhiss, Lake Hickory, and Lookout Shoals Reservoir,
15 the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate and the minimum size limit is 20 inches.~~

16 ~~(c)(d) In Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoir, Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its
17 hybrids is four in the aggregate. The the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids these fish is 20 inches
18 from October 1 through May 31. There is no minimum size limit for these fish from June 1 through September 30.~~

19 ~~(d)(e) In Lake Norman, Arrowhead Lake (Anson Co.), High Rock Pond (Caswell Co.), Moss Lake, Mountain Island
20 Reservoir, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Thom-A-Lex, Lake Townsend, and Salem Lake the daily creel limit on Striped
21 Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate and the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids these fish is
22 16 inches.~~

23 ~~(e)(f) In Lake Matamuskeet, and in the Pee Dee River and its tributaries downstream from the Blewett Falls Dam to
24 the South Carolina state line, the daily creel limit is three fish in the aggregate, and the minimum size limit is 18
25 inches.~~

26 ~~(f)(g) In the inland fishing waters of Neuse, Pungo, Punge and Tar Pamlico rivers and their tributaries extending
27 upstream to the first impoundment of the main course on the river or its tributaries, and in all other inland fishing
28 waters east of Interstate 95 not specified in Paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) (i), and (j) of this Rule, the daily creel
29 limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate. The minimum size limit is 18 inches but no
30 Striped Bass or hybrids between the lengths of 22 inches and 27 inches shall be possessed. In these waters, the
31 season for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed from May 1 through September 30.~~

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

34 ~~(h)(i) In the inland and joint fishing waters [as identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0107(1)(e)] of the Roanoke River
35 Striped Bass Management Area, which includes the Roanoke, Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost rivers and their
36 tributaries, the open season for taking and possessing Striped Bass and its hybrids is March 1 through April 30 from
37 the joint-coastal fishing waters boundary at Albemarle Sound upstream to Roanoke Rapids Lake dam. During the~~

1 open season, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate and the minimum size
2 limit is 18 inches. No fish between 22 inches and 27 inches in length shall be possessed in the daily creel limit.
3 Only one fish larger than 27 inches may be possessed in the daily creel limit.
4 ~~(i)(4)~~ In designated inland fishing waters of Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Chowan River,
5 Currituck Sound, Alligator River, Scuppernong River, and their tributaries (excluding the Roanoke River and Cashie
6 River and their tributaries), Striped Bass fishing season, size limits and creel limits are the same as those established
7 by rules or proclamations of the Marine Fisheries Commission in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.
8 ~~(j)(4)~~ The Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend, suspend or extend the hook-and-line season for
9 Striped Bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful to violate the
10 provisions of any proclamation issued under this authority.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;*
13 *Eff. November 1, 2013;*
14 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of taking nongame fishes: purchase and sale is amended with changes as published
2 in 29:11 NCR 1335-1336 as follows:

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4 **15A NCAC 10C .0401 MANNER OF TAKING NONGAME FISHES: PURCHASE AND SALE**

5 (a) Except as permitted by the rules in this Section, it is unlawful to take nongame fishes from the inland fishing
6 waters of North Carolina in any manner other than with hook and line or grabbling. Nongame fishes may be taken
7 by hook and line or grabbling at any time without restriction as to size limits or creel limits, with the following
8 exceptions:

- 9 (1) Blue crabs shall have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) and it is unlawful
10 to possess more than 50 crabs per person per day or to exceed 100 crabs per vessel per day.
- 11 (2) While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no person shall take river
12 herring (alewife and blueback) that are greater than six inches in **total** length or possess such
13 herring regardless of origin in:
- 14 (A) Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam;
 - 15 (B) Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam;
 - 16 (C) Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam;
 - 17 (D) Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam;
 - 18 (E) Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam;
 - 19 (F) Lumber River including Drowning Creek;
 - 20 (G) all the tributaries to the rivers listed above; and
 - 21 (H) all other inland fishing waters east of I-95.
- 22 (3) Grass carp shall not be taken or possessed on Lake James, Lookout Shoals Lake, Lake Norman,
23 Mountain Island Reservoir, Lake Wylie, and John H. Kerr Reservoir, except that one fish per day
24 may be taken with archery equipment.
- 25 (4) No trotlines or set-hooks shall be used in the impounded waters located on the Sandhills Game
26 Land or in designated public mountain trout waters.
- 27 (5) In Lake Waccamaw, trotlines or set-hooks may be used only from October 1 through April 30.
- 28 (6) In inland fishing waters, gray trout (weakfish) recreational seasons, size limits and creel limits are
29 the same as those established by Marine Fisheries Commission rule or proclamations issued by the
30 Fisheries Director in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.

31 (b) The season for taking nongame fishes by other hook and line methods in designated public mountain trout
32 waters is the same as the trout fishing season. **Trout seasons are designated in 15A NCAC 10C .0316.**

33 (c) Nongame fishes taken by hook and line, grabbling, or by licensed special devices may be sold, with the
34 following exceptions:

- 35 (1) alewife and blueback herring, excluding those less than six inches in length collected from Kerr
36 Reservoir (Granville, Vance, and Warren counties);
- 37 (2) blue crab; and

- 1 (3) bowfin.
- 2 (d) Freshwater mussels, including the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), may be taken only from impounded
- 3 waters, except mussels shall not be taken in Lake Waccamaw and in University Lake in Orange County. The daily
- 4 possession limit for freshwater mussels is 200 in the aggregate, except there is no daily possession limit for the
- 5 Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*).
- 6 (e) In waters that are stocked and managed for catfish and located on game lands, on Commission-owned property,
- 7 or on the property of a cooperator, including waters within the Community Fishing Program, it is unlawful to take
- 8 channel, white, or blue catfish (forked tail catfish) by means other than hook and line; the daily creel limit for forked
- 9 tail catfish is six fish in aggregate. Waters where this creel limit applies shall be posted on-site with signs indicating
- 10 the creel limit.
- 11 (f) In Lake Norman and Badin Lake, the daily creel limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches is one fish.
- 12 (g) The daily creel limit for American eels taken from or possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing
- 13 in inland fishing waters is 25, and the minimum size limit is 9 inches.

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

16 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

17 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; May 1, 1992;*

18 *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1994;*

19 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995;*

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

21 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

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

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

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

25 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*

26 *2003);*

27 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015 August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011;*

28 *August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking nongame fishes for bait or personal consumption is amended with changes as
2 published in 29:11 NCR 1336-1337 as follows:

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4 **15A NCAC 10C .0402 TAKING NONGAME FISHES FOR BAIT OR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION**

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

- 7 (1) a net of dip net design not greater than six feet across;
- 8 (2) a seine of not greater than 12 feet in length (except in Lake Waccamaw where there is no length
9 limitation) and with a bar mesh measure of not more than one-fourth inch;
- 10 (3) a cast net;
- 11 ~~(4) a bow net for the seasons and waters in which the use of bow nets is authorized in 15A NCAC~~
12 ~~10C .0407;~~
- 13 ~~(5)(4) a gig (except in Public Mountain Trout Waters);~~
- 14 ~~(6)(5) up to three traps for the seasons and waters in which the use of traps is authorized in 15A NCAC~~
15 ~~10C .0407;~~
- 16 ~~(7)(6) up to two eel pots;~~
- 17 ~~(8)(7) 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 ~~(9)(8) minnow traps not exceeding 12 inches in diameter and 24 inches in length, with funnel openings~~
20 ~~not exceeding one inch in diameter, and that are under the immediate control and attendance of the~~
21 ~~individual operating them;~~
- 22 ~~(10)(9) a hand-held line with a single bait attached;~~
- 23 ~~(11)(10) 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~~
25 ~~of the user's name and address, and under the immediate control and attendance of the person~~
26 ~~using the device, with a limit of one line per person and no more than one line per vessel; or~~
- 27 ~~(12)(11) a collapsible crab trap with the largest open dimension not greater than 18 inches and that by~~
28 ~~design is collapsed at all times when in the water, except when it is being retrieved or lowered to~~
29 ~~the bottom, with a limit of one trap per person.~~

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

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

34 (d) No person shall take or possess during one day more than 200 nongame fish in aggregate for bait or personal
35 consumption subject to the following restrictions:

- 1 (1) No more than 25 eels, none of which may be less than 9 inches in length, shall be taken from or
2 possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing in or possessed from inland fishing
3 waters;
- 4 (2) While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no river herring (alewife and
5 blueback) that are greater than six inches in total length shall be taken and no such river herring
6 shall be possessed regardless of origin:
- 7 (A) Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam; Dam;
8 (B) Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam; Dam;
9 (C) Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam; Dam;
10 (D) Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam; Dam;
11 (E) Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam; Dam;
12 (F) Lumber River including Drowning Creek; Creek;
13 (G) the tributaries to the rivers listed above; above; and
14 (H) all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95.
- 15 (3) No more than 50 crabs per person per day or 100 per vessel per day with a minimum carapace
16 width of five inches (point to point) shall be taken.
- 17 (e) Any fishes taken for bait purposes are included within the daily possession limit for that species.
- 18 (f) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait or any other fish bait from designated public mountain trout waters
19 and from the bodies of water specified for the following counties:
- 20 (1) Chatham County:
21 Deep River
22 Rocky River
23 Bear Creek
- 24 (2) Lee County:
25 Deep River
- 26 (3) Moore County:
27 Deep River
- 28 (4) Randolph County:
29 Deep River below the Coleridge Dam
30 Fork Creek
- 31 (g) In the waters of the Little Tennessee River, including all the tributaries and impoundments thereof, and on
32 adjacent shorelines, docks, access ramps, ramps and bridge crossings, it is unlawful to transport, possess, or release
33 live alewife or live blueback herring.

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35 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-135; 113-135.1; 113-272; 113-272.3; 113-292;*
36 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
37 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989;*

1 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*
2 *Amended Eff. July 18, 2002;*
3 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
4 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July*
5 *17, 2003);*
6 *Amended Eff. **August 1, 2015;** August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2008; May*
7 *1, 2007; May 1, 2006.*

1 15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use is amended with changes as published in 29:11 NCR
2 1342-1345 as follows:

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4 **15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE**

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

6 (1) "Permanent Hunting Blind" means any structure that is used for hunter concealment, constructed
7 from manmade or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and removed at the end of each
8 day's hunt.

9 (2) "Target shooting" means the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping,
10 trapping, or self-defense.

11 (3) "Youth" are individuals under 16 years of age.

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

15 (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to bow
16 and arrow hunting and falconry only. On these areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open
17 days of any applicable deer season.

18 (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No
19 person shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety
20 zone on any game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.

21 (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the
22 use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

23 (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the
24 general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having
25 obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources
26 Commission. Entry shall be authorized only when such entry will not compromise the primary
27 purpose for establishing the Restricted Zone and the person or persons requesting entry can
28 demonstrate a valid need or such person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting
29 official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific
30 investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.

31 (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are
32 closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited
33 without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the
34 Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary
35 Restricted Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public due to topographical
36 features or activities occurring on the area.

1 (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the
2 discharge of firearms or bow and arrow is prohibited.

3 (7) Restricted Deer Hunting Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Deer Hunting
4 Zones" the use of dogs for taking deer is prohibited, except as allowed by permit as provided in
5 G.S. 113-264(d). [permit.]

6 The Commission shall conduct a public input meeting in the area where the game land is located before establishing
7 an archery, a restricted firearms, a restricted zone, or a restricted deer hunting zone. After the input meeting, the
8 public comments shall be presented at an official Commission meeting for final determination.

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

13 ~~(d)(e)~~ Use of weapons. No person shall discharge:

14 (1) any weapon within 150 yards of any game land building or designated game land camping area,
15 except where posted otherwise;

16 (2) any weapon within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to game lands, except on
17 Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands; and

18 (3) any firearm within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to Butner-Falls of Neuse and
19 Jordan Game Lands.

20 No person shall hunt with or have in possession any shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on any
21 posted waterfowl impoundment on any game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used
22 while deer hunting. Every individual carrying a concealed handgun must adhere to the requirements set forth in
23 G.S. 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Buckhorn, Butner-
24 Falls of Neuse, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Jordan, Kerr Scott, Lee, Mayo, Sutton Lake, and Vance game lands and Pee
25 Dee River Game Land north of U.S. 74, and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey- Caswell Game Land that is located
26 north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or closed
27 hunting days for game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

28 (1) the firearm is a .22 caliber pistol with a barrel not greater than seven and one-half inches in length
29 and shooting only short, long, or long rifle ammunition carried as a side arm;

30 (2) the firearm is cased or not immediately available for use;

31 (3) the firearm is used by persons participating in field trials on field trial areas; or

32 (4) the firearm is possessed in designated camping areas for defense of persons and property.

33 ~~(e)(d)~~ Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

34 (1) Requirement. Except as provided in Subparagraph ~~(4)~~ ~~(2)~~ of this Paragraph, any person entering
35 upon any game land for the purpose of hunting, trapping, ~~or running dogs or training dogs using~~
36 wildlife participating in dog training or field trial activities shall have in his or her possession a
37 game lands license in addition to the appropriate hunting or trapping license, or a license that

1 ~~conveys the game land use privilege licenses. A field trial participant is defined as a judge,~~
 2 ~~handler, scout or owner.~~

3 (2) ~~For commission-sanctioned field trials, active participants (as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114)~~
 4 ~~in a field trial using wildlife [the following persons]~~ shall possess a game lands license in addition
 5 ~~to the appropriate North Carolina hunting license, or a license that conveys the game land use~~
 6 ~~privilege. [privilege: active participants (as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114) in a field trial using~~
 7 ~~wildlife.] except non-residents may substitute hunting licenses from their state(s) of residence.~~

8 (3) ~~For any other field trial using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants~~
 9 ~~shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting license, or~~
 10 ~~a license that conveys the game land use privilege~~

11 (4)(2) Exceptions:

12 (A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or
 13 legal guardian;

14 (B) ~~the resident and nonresident sportsman's licenses include game lands use privileges;~~

15 (C) ~~judges and nonresidents participating in field trials under the circumstances set forth in~~
 16 ~~Paragraph (e) of this Rule may do so without the game lands license; or~~

17 (B)(D) on the game lands described in Rule .0103(e)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is
 18 required only for hunting doves; all other activities are subject to the control of the
 19 landowners.

20 (f)(e) Field Trials and Training Dogs. A person serving as judge of a field trial that, pursuant to a written request
 21 from the sponsoring organization, has been authorized in writing and scheduled for occurrence on a game land by an
 22 authorized representative of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and any nonresident handler, scout, or owner
 23 participating therein may participate without procuring a game lands license, provided such nonresident has in his
 24 possession a valid hunting license issued by the state of his residence. Any individual or organization sponsoring a
 25 field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility shall file with the Commission an
 26 application to use the area and facility accompanied by the facility use fee computed at the rate of two hundred
 27 dollars (\$200.00) for each scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00
 28 noon of the day preceding the first scheduled day of the trial to 10:00 a.m. of the day following the last scheduled
 29 day of the trial. The facility use fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which for any reason trials are not run
 30 but the building or facilities are used or occupied. A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day shall be charged to
 31 sporting, educational, or scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of
 32 persons or any other entity shall enter or use in any manner any of the physical facilities located on the Sandhills
 33 Field Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility without first having obtained written approval of such entry or
 34 use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no such entry or use of any such facility
 35 shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approved use. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used
 36 only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than 16 days of
 37 field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during any calendar month, and no more than

1 four days may be scheduled during any calendar week; provided, that a field trial requiring more than four days may
 2 be scheduled during one week upon reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week
 3 so that the monthly maximum of 16 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field
 4 Trial Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between October 22 and November 18
 5 and between December 3 and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of such use to the Wildlife Resources
 6 Commission for its consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities at any time by
 7 individuals for training dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills Game Lands dogs may be trained only on
 8 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run
 9 unleashed from April 1 through August 15 on any game land located west of I-95 except when participating in field
 10 trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed
 11 from March 15 through June 15 on any game land located east of I-95 except when participating in field trials
 12 sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Additionally, on game lands located west of I-95 where special
 13 hunts are scheduled for sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program, dogs may not be trained or
 14 allowed to run unleashed during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special hunts. A field trial shall be
 15 authorized when such field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the Game Land or field trial
 16 facilities and the applying organization can demonstrate their experience and expertise in conducting genuine field
 17 trial activities. Entry to physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit, shall be granted when
 18 they do not conflict with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and they do not conflict
 19 with the mission the primary goals of the agency.

20 ~~(g)~~ Trapping. Subject to the restrictions contained in 15A NCAC 10B .0110, .0302 and .0303, trapping of
 21 furbearing animals is permitted on game lands during the applicable open seasons, except that trapping is prohibited:

- 22 (1) on the field trial course of the Sandhills Game Land;
- 23 (2) in posted "safety zones" located on any game land;
- 24 (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south,
 25 US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the west;
- 26 (4) on the John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke County; and
- 27 (5) on the Dupont State Forest Game Lands.

28 On those areas of state-owned land known collectively as the Roanoke River Wetlands controlled trapping is
 29 allowed under a permit system.

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

- 33 (1) is driving in the vehicle gallery of a scheduled bird dog field trial held on the Sandhills Game
 34 Land; or
- 35 (2) is a disabled sportsman as defined in Paragraph (j) of this Rule or holds a Disabled Access
 36 Program Permit as described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule and is abiding by the rules described in
 37 Paragraph (m).

1 ~~(i)(4)~~ Camping. No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for
2 camping.

3 ~~(j)(4)~~ Swimming. Swimming is prohibited in the lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land.

4 ~~(k)(4)~~ Disabled Sportsman Program. In order to qualify for permit hunts for disabled sportsmen offered by the
5 Commission and use of designated blinds during those hunts, an individual shall possess a Disabled Veteran
6 Sportsman license, a Totally Disabled Sportsman license or a disabled sportsman hunt certification issued by the
7 Commission. In order to qualify for the certification, the applicant shall provide medical certification of one or more
8 of the following disabilities:

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

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

- 17 (1) on ungated or open-gated roads normally closed to vehicular traffic; and
- 18 (2) on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular
19 travel.

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

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

32 ~~(m)(4)~~ Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway
33 use on Game Lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (j) of
34 this Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from the previous sentence
35 but must comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the federal
36 Americans with Disabilities Act, may use wheelchairs or other mobility devices designed for indoor pedestrian use
37 on any area where foot travel is allowed.

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

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

22 ~~(o)~~ Definitions: For the purpose of this Subchapter "Permanent Hunting Blind" is defined as any structure that is
23 used for hunter concealment, constructed from man-made or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and
24 removed at the end of each day's hunt.

25 (p) Shooting Ranges. On public shooting ranges managed by the Commission, no person shall use designated
26 shooting ranges for any purpose other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting
27 skills or for other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. All other uses, including camping, building fires,
28 operating concessions or other activities not directly involved with recreational or competitive shooting are
29 prohibited, except that activities that have been approved by the Commission and for which a permit has been issued
30 may be conducted, provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife
31 enforcement officers at the time the activity is taking place. No person, when using any shooting range, shall
32 deposit any debris or refuse on the grounds of the range. This includes any items used as targets, except that clay
33 targets broken on the range, by the shooter, may be left on the grounds where they fall. No person shall shoot any
34 items made of glass on the grounds of the range. No person may leave any vehicle or other obstruction in such a
35 location or position that it will prevent, impede or inconvenience the use by other persons of any shooting range. No
36 person shall leave parked any vehicle or other object at any place on the shooting range other than such a place or
37 zone as is designated as an authorized parking zone and posted or marked as such. No person shall handle any

1 firearms or bow and arrow on a shooting range in a careless or reckless manner. No person shall intentionally shoot
 2 into any target holder, post, or other permanent fixture or structure while using a shooting range. No person shall
 3 shoot a firearm in a manner that would cause any rifled or smoothbore projectiles to travel off of the range, except
 4 that shotgun shot, size No. 4 or smaller may be allowed to travel from the range if it presents no risk of harm or
 5 injury to any person(s). Persons using a shooting range must obey posted range safety rules and those persons who
 6 violate range safety rules or create a public safety hazard must leave the shooting range if directed to by law
 7 enforcement officers or Commission employees. No person shall handle any firearms on a shooting range while
 8 under the influence of an impairing substance. The consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on a shooting
 9 range is prohibited. Open days and hours of operation shall be designated on signs and at least one of such signs
 10 will be posted at the entrance to each shooting range. No person, when using any shooting range, shall do any act
 11 which is prohibited or neglect to do any act which is required by signs or markings placed on such area under
 12 authority of this Rule for the purpose of regulating the use of the area.

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

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