



TEMPORARY RULE-MAKING FINDINGS OF NEED

[Authority G.S. 150B-21.1]

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1. Rule-Making Agency: N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission
2. Rule citation & name: 15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear
3. Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal
4. Was this an Emergency Rule: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Effective date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
5. Provide dates for the following actions as applicable: a. Proposed Temporary Rule submitted to OAH: March 4, 2016 b. Proposed Temporary Rule published on the OAH website: March 10, 2016 c. Public Hearing date: March 21 & 22; April 5, 6 & 8, 2016 d. Comment Period: March 4 to April 12, 2016 e. Notice pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.1(a3)(2): March 4, 2016 f. Adoption by agency on: April 21, 2016 g. Proposed effective date of temporary rule [if other than effective date established by G.S. 150B- 21.1(b) and G.S. 150B-21.3]: h. Rule approved by RRC as a permanent rule [See G.S. 150B-21.3(b2)]:
6. Reason for Temporary Action. Attach a copy of any cited law, regulation, or document necessary for the review. <input type="checkbox"/> A serious and unforeseen threat to the public health, safety or welfare. <input type="checkbox"/> The effective date of a recent act of the General Assembly or of the U.S. Congress. Cite: Effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> A recent change in federal or state budgetary policy. Effective date of change: <input type="checkbox"/> A recent federal regulation. Cite: Effective date: <input type="checkbox"/> A recent court order. Cite order: <input type="checkbox"/> State Medical Facilities Plan. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: G.S. 150B-21.1(a)(7)(b.) Explain: The Commission has identified a need to make alterations to a bear season and a manner of take before the opening of the fall 2016 bear season and to have these changes presented to the public in the annual <i>Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest</i> which is distributed to the public on August 1. The adopted rule reduces the amount of time baiting for bear will be allowed in the western part of North Carolina from the noticed text due to feedback the agency received during the public comment period.

7. Why is adherence to notice and hearing requirements contrary to the public interest and the immediate adoption of the rule is required?

The Commission has identified a need to make alterations to a bear season and a manner of take before the opening of the fall 2016 bear season and to have these changes presented to the public in the annual *Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest* which is distributed to the public on August 1. The adopted rule reduces the amount of time baiting for bear will be allowed in the western part of North Carolina from the noticed text due to feedback the agency received during the public comment period. These changes are necessary to effectively manage the black bear population.

8. Rule establishes or increases a fee? (See G.S. 12-3.1)

Yes
Agency submitted request for consultation on:
Consultation not required. Cite authority:

No

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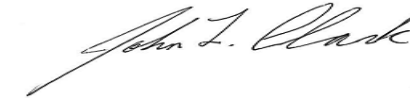
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10. Signature of Agency Head*:



*** If this function has been delegated (reassigned) pursuant to G.S. 143B-10(a), submit a copy of the delegation with this form.**

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RULES REVIEW COMMISSION USE ONLY

Action taken:

Submitted for RRC Review:

Date returned to agency:

1 15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear is amended under temporary procedures as follows (*the italicized language was*
 2 *approved by the Rules Review Commission on March 19, 2016 for amendment, but with a delayed effective date of*
 3 *August 1, 2016*):

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 5 **15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

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

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

27 (b) Restrictions

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

1 (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday
2 before Thanksgiving in the counties in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.

3 ~~(3)~~(4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in
4 Subparagraphs (a)~~(4)~~ (2) through (a)(6) of this Rule. from the first open Monday through the
5 following Saturday only in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5) of this Rule. In
6 counties with a season split into two or more segments, this Subparagraph applies only to the first
7 segment.

8 ~~(4)~~(5) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.

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

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

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

- 19 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 20 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary
- 21 ~~Beaufort and Pamlico counties--Gum Swamp bear sanctuary~~
- 22 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary
- 23 Brunswick County--Green Swamp bear sanctuary
- 24 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary
- 25 Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary
- 26 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary
- 27 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary
- 28 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary
- 29 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 30 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary
- 31 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary
- 32 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary
- 33 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary
- 34 Jackson County--Panther town-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary
- 35 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary
- 36 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary
- 37 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary

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

2 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary

3 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

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

5 (e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B .0113.

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

7 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

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

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

10 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

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

12 *Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;*

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

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

15 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010;*

16 *May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*

17 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2016 May 31, 2016*