

## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10B .0123

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

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

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

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

*What is the overall intent of (a)? Is it to say that only retail establishments and government agencies and research institutions can import, transport, purchase, possess, or sell any of these species? If so, please say that. As written, I'm not sure who this is intending to address.*

*In (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)(A), please delete or define "detailed" in "detailed plans"*

*In (a)(1)(B), please delete the semi-colon after "this Paragraph"*

*In (a)(2)(B), what is meant by "institutions identified in this Subparagraph"? Do you mean permitted state and federal governmental agencies?*

*In (a)(2)(E), what is an "animal use and care committee"? Is this something that every agency is required to have per federal regulations?*

*In (a)(2)(E), by "this species", do you mean "these species"? It appears to have been changed everywhere else.*

*Why are red-eared sliders separated out in (b)? Would it not be appropriate to include them in the list in (a)? Is it because they are able to be exported or possessed by a private individual?? Also, if this does need to be separated out, I don't understand the cross-reference to (a). Is it simply to say that a permit is needed? If so, this could be much more clear.*

*In the History Note for this and the other Rules, why is 113-134 cited? This appears to give authority to both Wildlife and Marine Fisheries and seems inapplicable to these Rules. I'm not questioning your overall authority, but simply the citation to this Statute.*

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

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Date submitted to agency: March 28, 2018

15A NCAC 10B .0123 is amended as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

**15A NCAC 10B .0123 POSSESSION OF CERTAIN SPECIES OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

(a) It is unlawful ~~for any individual~~ to import, transport, export, purchase, possess, or sell any species of Tongueless or African Clawed Frog (~~Xenopus spp.~~)(Xenopus spp.), Brown Anole (Anolis sagrei), Cuban Treefrog (Osteopilus septentrionalis), or any Asian Newts (genera Cynops, Pachytriton, Paramesotriton, Laotriton, Tylototriton); or to stock or release ~~them~~ any of the species identified in this Rule in the public or private waters or lands of North Carolina, except as authorized under permit issued to the entities identified in Subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this Paragraph by the ~~Executive Director~~ Commission, pursuant to G.S. ~~413-274(c)(4)~~ 113-274(c)(4), and subject to the following limitations: limitations as specified in this Rule:

- (1) Retail and Wholesale Establishments. Importation, possession, ~~sales, sale, transfer,~~ transportation, and exportation of these species within North Carolina, will be allowed under permit by retail and wholesale establishments whose primary business function is providing scientific supplies for ~~research; provided that they must be possessed in indoor facilities; and that all transportation of specimens provides adequate safeguards against accidental escape; and that sale or transfer is permitted only as listed in Item (2) of this Rule. Written applications for permits shall include plans for holding, transportation, advertisement, and sale in such detail as to allow a determination of the safeguards provided against accidental escape and sales to unauthorized individuals.~~ research, shall be allowed by permit, provided the following conditions are met:
  - (A) the application for a permit shall be in writing and include detailed plans for holding, transportation, advertisement, and sale to allow a determination of the safeguards employed to prevent accidental escape and sales to unauthorized individuals;
  - (B) in-state sale or transfer is allowed only to agencies, entities, and institutions listed in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph; or to out-of-state persons;
  - (C) exportation shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the importing state;
  - (D) all specimens shall be possessed in indoor facilities; and
  - (E) transportation of specimens employs safeguards that prevent accidental escape.
- (2) Government Agencies and Research Institutions. ~~Purchase, importation, and possession~~ Importation, possession, transfer, transportation, and exportation of this these species within North Carolina shall be allowed ~~by permit~~ by permitted state and federal governmental agencies, corporate research entities, and research ~~institutions; provided that sales are permitted to lawful out of state consumers; and, provided that they must be possessed in indoor facilities and that all transportation of specimens provides adequate safeguards against accidental escape; and that the agency's or institution's Animal Use and Care Committee has approved the research protocol for this species; and, further provided that no specimens may be stocked or released in the public or private waters or lands of North Carolina and may not be transferred to any private individual.~~ institutions, provided the following conditions are met:

- 1           (A)     The application for a permit shall be in writing and include detailed plans for holding,  
2                   transportation, final disposition, and safeguards to prevent accidental escape;  
3           (B)     exportation shall only be to out-of-state agencies, entities, and institutions identified in this  
4                   Subparagraph;  
5           (C)     all specimens shall be possessed in indoor facilities;  
6           (D)     transportation of specimens shall employ safeguards that prevent accidental escape; and  
7           (E)     the agency's, entity's, or institution's Animal Use and Care Committee has approved the  
8                   research protocol for this species.

9     **(b)** Except as provided in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, it is unlawful for private individuals to import, purchase, or sell  
10     live specimens of Red-eared Sliders (*Trachemys scripta elegans*); or to stock or release them in the public or private  
11     waters or lands of North Carolina.

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13     *History Note:     Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274; 113-292;*  
14                   *Eff. February 1, 1994;*  
15                   *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; April 1, 1997.*

15A NCAC 10B .0202 is amended with changes as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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

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

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

(b) Restrictions

- (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain, fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw components.
- (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:

- 1 (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or
- 2 product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum,
- 3 candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease;
- 4 (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph;
- 5 (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph,
- 6 including any extracts of those substances; or
- 7 (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.
- 8 (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday
- 9 before Thanksgiving in the counties in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
- 10 (4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in
- 11 Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this Rule.
- 12 (5) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
- 13 (6) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85,
- 14 Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston,
- 15 Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph,
- 16 Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other counties and
- 17 parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.
- 18 (c) No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear
- 19 sanctuaries:
- 20 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 21 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay 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--Panthertown-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 for bear 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.~~

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

8 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

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

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

11 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

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

13 *Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;*

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

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

16 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May*  
17 *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;*

18 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 31, 2016;*

19 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2016.*

## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10B .0203

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

*It appears as though many of the changes that have been made following publication is simply going back to the currently codified language. Please confirm that this is correct. Was this a result of public comment?*

*Why is "bow and arrow" being changed to "archery equipment"? It looks like "bow and arrow" is used throughout the cited authority.*

*In (a)(1), please put the cross referenced Rule closer to what it is clarifying. A suggestion would be something like "Deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, may be taken on all game lands, except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountain Game lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103...), as follows:*

*Please consider switching (b) and (c) as it appears as though this would be the chronological order of the hunting seasons (all lawful weapons, then blackpowder and archery, then just archery.)*

*In (b)(1)(A), are lines 34-36 (Buffalo Cove... Lands)." necessary since there is a cross-reference to (a)(1) and this information is already contained there. If it is necessary, please move the period inside the parenthesis.*

*In (b)(1)(B), is it necessary to cross-reference the same Part twice? Could this be changed to say something like "~~(B)~~ **Sunday immediately following the closing of the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(C) [(a)(1)(D)] of this Rule** through January 1 in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part ~~(a)(1)(C)~~ **(a)(1)(D)** of this Rule.*

*(b)(2)(B) appears to be addressing the same deer as (b)(1)(B), just in different ways (one says Deer with visible antlers as set forth in (a)(1)(D) and the other actually repeats (a)(1)(D). Are these competing provisions? Do they not say the same thing, just in different ways? Also, I'm not sure that I understand the cross-reference to (b)(1)(B) since*

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*(b)(1)(B) cross-references (a)(1)(D). I'm afraid that there are too many cross-references here to be clear.*

*Why has the change to (b)(1)(B) made? Was this a result of public comment?*

*In (b)(1)(B), please change "Part D of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule" to "Part (a)(1)(D) of this Rule." Please double check behind me, but I think you've done it correctly elsewhere.*

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

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Date submitted to agency: March 28, 2018



15A NCAC 10B .0203 is amended with changes as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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

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

(1) Deer With Visible Antlers. Except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands, Deer deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, may be taken during the following seasons (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for Deer With Visible Antlers seasons on these Game Lands):

(A) Saturday on or nearest October 15 [22] through [the first Sunday in] January 1 in all of Beaufort, ~~Bertie~~, Bladen, Brunswick, ~~Camden~~, Carteret, ~~Chowan~~, Columbus\*, Cumberland, Craven, ~~Currituck~~, Dare, Duplin, ~~Edgecombe~~, ~~Franklin~~, ~~Gates~~, ~~Greene~~, ~~Halifax~~, Harnett, ~~Hertford~~, Hoke, Hyde, ~~Johnston~~, Jones, Lenoir, ~~Martin~~, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, ~~Northampton~~, Onslow, Pamlico, ~~Pasquotank~~, Pender, ~~Perquimans~~, ~~Pitt~~, ~~Richmond\*\*~~, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, ~~Scotland\*\*~~, Scotland, Tyrrell, and ~~Vance~~, Wake, ~~Warren~~, Washington, ~~Wayne~~, and ~~Wilson~~ counties.

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

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

(B) Saturday on or nearest October 15 [29] through [the first Sunday in] January 1 in all of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Johnston, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne, and Wilson counties.

(C) Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through [the first Sunday in] January 1 in all of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Catawba, Cleveland, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Polk, Rutherford, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, ~~Wilkes\*~~ Wilkes, and Yadkin counties.  
\*Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove Game Land.

~~(C)(D)~~ Monday [Saturday after] of Thanksgiving week [Day] through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day [first Sunday in January] in all of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey counties.

~~(D)(E)~~ Two Saturdays before Thanksgiving Day through [the first Sunday in] January 1 in all of Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.

~~(E)(F)~~ Saturday on or nearest September 10 through [the first Sunday in] January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National

Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in that part of Hyde county known as Lake Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Dare and Hyde counties known as Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in that part of Currituck County known as the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

(F) ~~Monday of Thanksgiving week through January 1 in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties, except for South Mountain Game Land.~~

(2) Deer of Either Sex. Except on Game Lands, deer of either sex may be taken during the open seasons and in the counties and portions of counties listed in Parts (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of this Subparagraph. Subparagraph (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for either-sex deer seasons on Game Lands). Deer of either sex may be taken during the open season identified in Part (H) of this Subparagraph.

(A) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the period from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through ~~the first Sunday in~~ January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in those parts of Currituck County known as the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge and the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

(B) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the appropriate military commands at each of the military installations listed in this Paragraph, during the period from Saturday on or nearest October 15 ~~22~~ through ~~the first Sunday in~~ January 1 in that part of Brunswick County known as the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, in that part of Craven County known and marked as Cherry Point Marine Base, in that part of Onslow County known and marked as the Camp Lejeune Marine Base, on Fort Bragg Military Reservation, and on Camp Mackall Military Reservation.

(C) Youth either-sex deer hunts. First Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on a portion of Belews Creek Steam Station in Stokes County designated by agents of the Commission; the third Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on Mountain Island State Forest in Lincoln and Gaston counties; and the second Saturday in November for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on apportion of Warrior Creek located on W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkes County designated by agents of the Commission. A youth is defined as a person under 18 years of age.

- (D) The ~~last first~~ open ~~day~~ Saturday of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Buncombe\*, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties.
- \*Except for that part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC 280
- ~~\*\*Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for either sex deer seasons on game lands that differ from the days identified in this Subparagraph~~
- (E) The ~~last six first~~ open ~~days~~ day of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule ~~through the first~~ [Friday] Saturday thereafter in all of Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, and Yancey counties.
- (F) The first ~~six~~ open days ~~and the last seven open days~~ of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule ~~through the second Friday thereafter~~ in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties.
- (G) All the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in and east of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln, and Gaston counties and in the following parts of counties: Buncombe: That part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC 280; and Henderson; That part east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280.
- (H) The fourth Saturday in September in all counties, subject to the following restriction: only persons under the age of 18 years may hunt.

(b) Open Seasons (~~Bow and Arrow~~ Archery) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph and the bag limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer may be taken with ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment during the following seasons: ~~[from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the day immediately preceding the first open day of the Blackpowder Firearms and Archery Seasons described in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for Archery seasons on these Game Lands).]~~

- (A) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the day immediately preceding the first open day of the Blackpowder Firearms and Archery Seasons described in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule; and the Sunday immediately following the closing of blackpowder firearms and archery season identified in Part (c)(1)(B) of this Rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for Archery seasons on these Game Lands).

- (A) ~~Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday thereafter~~  
~~in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers~~  
~~specified by Part (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek,~~  
~~Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.~~
- (B) ~~Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday before Thanksgiving in the~~  
~~counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer with Visible Antlers~~  
~~specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule except for that portion of Buffalo~~  
~~Cove Game Land in Wilkes County.~~
- (C) ~~Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the Sunday prior to the opening of the blackpowder~~  
~~firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule; and the Sunday~~  
~~immediately following the closing of blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season~~  
~~identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the counties~~  
~~and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by~~  
~~Part (C) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule and in Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford~~  
~~counties.~~
- (D) ~~Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving in the~~  
~~counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers~~  
~~specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek,~~  
~~Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.~~
- (E)(B) Sunday immediately following the closing of the open season for Deer With Visible  
Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(C) (a)(1)(D) of this Rule through January 1 in the counties  
and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by  
Part (a)(1)(C) (a)(1)(D) of this Rule.

(2) Restrictions

- (A) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as  
provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs ~~Dogs~~ may not be used for hunting deer during the ~~bow~~  
~~and arrow~~ archery season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded  
deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer  
may be used during the ~~bow and arrow~~ archery deer hunting season.
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken during ~~bow and arrow~~ archery seasons specified by ~~Parts~~  
~~Subparagraph (b)(1)(A), (B), (C), and (D)~~ (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
- (D) Only deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished from knobs  
or buttons covered by skin or velvet, shall be taken during the ~~bow and arrow~~ archery  
season specified by Part (b)(1)(E) (b)(1)(B) of this Rule.

(c) Open Seasons (Blackpowder Firearms and ~~Bow and Arrow~~ Archery) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, deer may be taken only with blackpowder firearms and ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment ~~[on the Saturday preceding the Deer with Visible Antlers seasons described in Parts (a)(1)(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (F) of this Rule through the first Friday thereafter except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for Blackpowder Firearms and Archery seasons on these Game Lands);]~~ during the following seasons:

  - (A) Two Saturdays preceding the first day of the Deer with Visible Antlers seasons described in Parts (a)(1)(A), (B), (C), (E), and (F) of this Rule through the second Friday thereafter except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for Blackpowder Firearms and Archery seasons on these Game Lands):
  - (B) Monday on or nearest October 1 through the second Saturday thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
  - (A) ~~The Saturday on or nearest October 1 to the Friday of the second week thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.~~
  - (B) ~~The third Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week thereafter in the counties\* and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.~~  
~~\*Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove game land.~~
  - (C) ~~Monday on or nearest October 1 to the Saturday of the second week thereafter in Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties and in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (F) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.~~
  - (D) ~~The fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.~~
- (2) Restrictions

  - (A) Deer of either sex may be taken during blackpowder firearms and ~~bow and arrow~~ archery season in and east of the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga, and Ashe. Deer of either sex may be taken on the last ~~first~~ Saturday day of this season only in all other counties.

- (B) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs ~~Dogs~~ shall not be used for hunting deer during the blackpowder firearms and ~~bow and arrow~~ archery seasons, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- (3) As used in this ~~Paragraph~~ Rule, blackpowder firearms means "Any firearm - including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system - manufactured in or before 1898, that cannot use fixed ammunition; any replica of this type of firearm if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; and any muzzle-loading rifle, muzzle-loading shotgun, or muzzle-loading or cylinder-loading handgun that is designed to use blackpowder, blackpowder substitute, or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle or cylinder and that cannot use fixed ammunition."
- (d) Open Season (Urban Season) for hunting deer:
- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (3) of this Paragraph and the bag limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow in participating cities in the State, as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), from the second Saturday following January 1 ~~to through the fifth sixth Saturday~~ Sunday thereafter. Deer shall not be taken on any game land or part thereof that occurs within a city boundary.
- (2) Participation. Cities that intend to participate in the urban season shall send a letter to that effect no later than April 1 of the year prior to the start of the urban season to the Executive Director or his designee at 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. ~~27699-1722~~, 27699-1700. Cities shall also submit a map of the city's boundaries within which the urban season shall apply.
- (3) Restrictions:
- (A) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs ~~Dogs~~ shall not be used for hunting deer during the urban season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer shall be used during the urban season.
- (e) Bag limits. ~~In and east of Vance, Franklin, Wake, Harnett, Moore, and Richmond counties, the possession limit is six deer, up to four of which may be deer with visible antlers. In all other counties of the state the~~ The possession and season limit is six deer, up to two of which may be deer with visible antlers, antlers and four of which may be antlerless deer. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as distinguished from spikes protruding through the skin. The season limit in all counties of the State, is six deer. In addition to the bag limits described above, a hunter may obtain multiple bonus antlerless deer harvest report cards from the Wildlife Resources Commission or any Wildlife Service Agent to allow the harvest of two additional antlerless deer per card ~~on lands others than lands enrolled in the Commission's game land program during any open deer season in all counties and~~

~~parts of counties of the State identified in Part (G) of Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.~~  
~~Antlerless deer harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not count as part of the~~  
~~possession and season limit. Hunters may also use the bonus antlerless harvest report cards for deer harvested during~~  
the season described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule within the boundaries of participating municipalities, except on  
State-owned game lands. Antlerless deer harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not  
count as part of the possession and season limit. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin  
~~or velvet as distinguished from spikes protruding through the skin.~~ The bag limits described above do not apply to  
deer harvested in areas covered in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) as described in G.S. 113-  
291.2(e) for those individuals using Commission-issued DMAP tags and reporting harvest as described on the DMAP  
license. Season bag limits shall be set by the number of DMAP tags issued and in the hunters' possession. All deer  
harvested under this program, regardless of the date of harvest, shall be tagged with these DMAP tags and reported as  
instructed on the DMAP license. The hunter does not have to validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card provided  
with the hunting license for deer tagged with the DMAP tags. Any deer harvested on lands enrolled in the DMAP and  
not tagged with DMAP tags may only be harvested during the regularly established deer seasons subject to all the  
restrictions of those seasons, including bag limits, and reported using the big game harvest report card or the bonus  
antlerless harvest report card.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.5*  
*Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
*Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996, July 1, 1995; December 1, 1994; July 1,*  
*1994; July 1, 1993;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
*Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*  
*Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (Approved by RRC on 06/21/01 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, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*  
*August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; July 10, 2010; June 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May*  
*1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*

1 15A NCAC 10B .0207 is amended as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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

4 (a) Open Season: The open season for taking rabbits ~~shall be~~ is the ~~first~~ Saturday ~~preceding~~ before Thanksgiving Day  
5 through the last day of February.

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

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

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

12 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

13 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1987; July 1, 1986; July 1, 1985; July 1, 1984;*

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

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



## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10B .0211

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

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

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

*Please make it clear what this Rule is applicable to within the body of the text of the Rule.*

*Please also rewrite this Rule to be complete sentences. A suggestion is as follows:*

- (a) Open Season: The open season for taking pheasants (nonnative varieties) is the Saturday...
- (b) Bag limits: The daily bag limit for pheasants is three; the possession limit is six; and the season limit is 30.

*Is your regulated public familiar with what "nonnative varieties" of pheasants are?*

*Just so I'm clear – female pheasants may never be taken?*

*Are permits required for the taking of pheasants? Is 113-274 applicable here?*

*Would it be appropriate to add 113-291.1 to your History Note?*

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

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: March 28, 2018

1 15A NCAC 10B .0211 is amended as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0211 PHEASANT (NONNATIVE VARIETIES)**

4 (a) Open Season: The Saturday ~~next preceding~~ before Thanksgiving Day to February 1 on male pheasant only.

5 (b) Bag Limits: Daily, three; possession, six; season, 30.

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

8 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

9 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; July 1, 1987; July 1, 1986; July 1, 1985; July 1, 1984.*

## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10B .0212

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

*How does (a)(1) comport with 113-291.4(j)? It appears as though allowing the use of dogs in Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land from March 15 through July 15 is beyond your statutory authority.*

*Please consider adding some additional introductory language in (a) such as "Fox season shall be as follows:" Please consider doing the same in (b).*

*In (b)(1), is the appropriate cross reference for the open season for weapons or traps Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule? I'm assuming not since it is contained in (b)(2), but It is not clear to me what area this is being referenced.*

*In (b)(2), please provide a cross-reference to the areas provided by the General Assembly. I'm not sure that this reads how it is intended. Is this intended to say that if you're hunting with a firearm pursuant to 113-291.4A, then these bag limits apply? If so, please say that.*

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

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: March 28, 2018

1 15A NCAC 10B .0212 is amended as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0212 FOXES (GRAY AND RED)**

4 (a) ~~Seasons:~~ Fox Season:

- 5 (1) There shall be no closed season on taking foxes with dogs;  
6 (2) Foxes may be taken with weapons or traps the first to fourth Saturday in January in the following  
7 counties:

8  
9 Caswell Henderson  
10 Clay Macon  
11 Graham Tyrrell  
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- 13 (3) Foxes may be taken the Saturday ~~next preceding~~ before Thanksgiving Day through January 1 using  
14 archery equipment ~~by bow and arrow~~ in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in  
15 Mitchell County.

16 (b) ~~Bag Limit:~~ Limit for Foxes:

- 17 (1) Except in areas of open season for taking foxes with weapons or traps, foxes ~~may~~ shall not be  
18 intentionally killed by any method;  
19 (2) In areas of open season in all areas east of Interstate Highway 77 as set by the ~~Legislature~~ General  
20 Assembly and in Subparagraph (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this Rule, the following bag limit applies: Daily,  
21 two; season, 10.

22 (c) ~~Note:~~ Where local laws governing the taking of foxes conflict with this Rule, ~~these Regulations~~, the local laws  
23 shall prevail.  
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25 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2; 113-291.4; 113-291.4A*

26 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

27 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1987; December 1, 1985;*

28 *Temporary Amendment Eff. November 1, 1989;*

29 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; May 1, 1990;*

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

31 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; May 1, 2009; July 1, 2000.*

1 15A NCAC 10B .0224 is adopted as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0224 AMERICAN ALLIGATOR**

4 (a) The season for taking American alligators shall be September 1 to October 1.

5 (b) Take shall be by permit only.

6 (c) The bag limit shall be one per permit and the season limit is one.

7 (d) American alligators shall be restrained before being killed. American alligators shall only be restrained using a  
8 hand-held restraining line or catch pole; a snatch hook attached to a hand-held restraining line or rod and reel; a  
9 harpoon or gig attached to a hand-held restraining line; a baited wooden peg less than two inches in length attached to  
10 a hand-held restraining line; or archery equipment with an arrow-attached restraining line.

11 (e) American alligators restrained by any method specified in Paragraph (d) of this Rule shall be killed immediately  
12 upon capture.

13 (f) Alligators may be taken day or night and with the use of artificial lights.

14 (g) The use of baited hooks is prohibited.

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16 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;*  
17 *Eff. August 1, 2018.*  
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1 15A NCAC 10C .0205 is amended as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10C .0205 PUBLIC MOUNTAIN TROUT WATERS**

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

- 5 (1) "Natural bait" means any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared  
6 substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell.  
7 (2) "Artificial lure" means a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance that  
8 attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.  
9 (3) "Youth anglers" are individuals under 18 years of age.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Alleghany

(A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

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

(B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Big Pine Creek

Bledsoe Creek

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

Cranberry Creek

(Big) Glade Creek

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

Meadow Fork

Pine Swamp Creek

Piney Fork

Prathers Creek

(C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

All waters located on Stone Mountain State Park

(2) Ashe County

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

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

(B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

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

Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River)

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

Trout Lake

(C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

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



Kentucky Creek

North Harper Creek

Plumtree Creek

Roaring Creek

Rockhouse Creek

Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)

South Harper Creek

Webb Prong

(4) Buncombe County

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

Carter Creek (game land portion)

(B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

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

Cane Creek (headwaters to S.R. 3138 bridge)

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

Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)

Ivy Creek (Ivy River)(Dillingham Creek to U.S. 19-23 bridge)

Lake Powhatan

Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to U.S. 19-23 bridge, except where posted against trespassing)

Rich Branch (downstream from the confluence with Rocky Branch)

Stony Creek

Swannanoa (S.R. 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue bridge [intersection of N.C. 81 and U.S. 74A in Asheville], except where posted against trespassing)

(5) Burke County

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

Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)

(B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

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

(C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

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

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

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

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

(D) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:

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

(E) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

All waters located on South Mountains State Park, except those waters identified in parts  
A and B of this Subparagraph

(6) Caldwell County

(A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

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

(B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Boone Fork Pond

Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)

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

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

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

(C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

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

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

Rockhouse Creek

(7) Cherokee County

(A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

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

Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)

Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)

Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Hwy [S.R. 1325] bridge to Tennessee state line)

Valley River (S.R. 1359 to U.S. 19 Business bridge in Murphy)

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

Bald Creek (game land portion)

Dockery Creek (game land portion)

North Shoal Creek (game land portion)

(8) Clay County

(A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Fires Creek (USFS Rd. 340A to the foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area)

(B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of U.S. 64 bridge)

Fires Creek (foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area to S.R. 1300)

Tusquitee Creek (Compass Creek to lower S.R. 1300 bridge)

(9) Graham County

(A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

(Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS footbridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Rd. 2579)

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

(Rocky) Broad River (end of S.R. 1611 to Rutherford County line)  
Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream of S.R. 1551 bridge to U.S. 25 bridge)  
Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to S.R. 1582)  
Green River (Lake Summit powerhouse to game land boundary)  
(Big) Hungry River

(12) Jackson County

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

Flat Creek  
Tuckasegee River (upstream from the Clark property)

(B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:

Tuckasegee River (downstream N.C. 107 bridge to the falls located 275 yards upstream of the U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank])

(C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:

Balsam Lake  
Bear Creek Lake  
Cedar Cliff Lake  
Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)  
Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)  
Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1370 to Savannah Creek)  
Savannah Creek (Shell Branch to Cagle Branch)  
Scott Creek (Dark Ridge Creek to Tuckasegee River, except where posted against trespassing)  
Tanasee Creek Lake  
Tuckasegee River — upper (John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107 bridge)  
Tuckasegee River — lower (falls located 275 yards upstream of U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank] to S.R. 1534 bridge at Wilmot)  
Wolf Creek Lake

(D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:

Gage Creek  
North Fork Scott Creek  
Tanasee Creek  
Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)  
Wolf Creek (except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)

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

Buff Creek  
Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to the South Carolina state line)  
Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)

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

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

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

- 1 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)  
2 Cheoah Reservoir  
3 Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)  
4 Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park Boundary line to Tuckasegee River)  
5 Nantahala River (Macon Co. line to existing Fontana Lake water level)  
6 (22) Transylvania County  
7 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
8 Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass  
9 Creek and Grogan Creek)  
10 (B) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:  
11 East Fork French Broad River (~~Gladys Fork~~ East Fork Baptist Church to French Broad  
12 River)  
13 Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)  
14 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:  
15 Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower USFS boundary)  
16 French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork) French  
17 Broad River to the Island Ford Rd. [S.R. 1110] Access Area  
18 Middle Fork French Broad River (upstream U.S. 178 bridge to French Broad River)  
19 West Fork French Broad River (Camp Cove Branch to confluence with North Fork French  
20 Broad River)  
21 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:  
22 All waters located on Gorges State Park  
23 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)  
24 (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:  
25 North Fork French Broad River (game land portion downstream of S.R. 1326)  
26 Thompson River (S.R. 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against  
27 trespassing)  
28 (23) Watauga County  
29 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:  
30 Laurel Creek (confluence of North and South Fork Laurel creeks to Elk Creek, excluding  
31 tributaries)  
32 Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Rd. bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to  
33 Coffee Lake)  
34 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:  
35 Lake Coffey  
36 Watauga River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1557 and S.R. 1558 to N.C. 105 bridge  
37 and S.R. 1114 bridge to N.C. 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)



- (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- Beaverdam Creek (confluence of Beaverdam Creek and Little Beaverdam Creek to an unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1201 and S.R. 1203)
  - Beech Creek
  - Buckeye Creek (Buckeye Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap Creek)
  - Buckeye Creek Reservoir
  - Cove Creek (S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to S.R. 1214 bridge at Sherwood)
  - Dutch Creek (second bridge on S.R. 1134 to mouth)
  - Elk Creek (S.R. 1510 bridge at Triplett to Wilkes Co. line, except where posted against trespassing)
  - Laurel Creek (S.R. 1123 bridge at S.R. 1157 intersection to Watauga River)
  - Meat Camp Creek (S.R. 1340 bridge at S.R. 1384 intersection to N.C. 194)
  - Middle Fork New River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1539 and U.S. 321 to South Fork New River)
  - Norris Fork Creek
  - South Fork New River (canoe launch 70 yards upstream of U.S. 421 bridge to lower boundary of Brookshire Park)
  - Stony Fork (S.R. 1500 bridge at S.R. 1505 intersection to Wilkes Co. line)
- (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1134)
  - Howard Creek
  - Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)
  - North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe Co. line)
  - Watauga River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1580 bridge)
  - Winkler Creek (lower bridge on S.R. 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)
- (24) Wilkes County
- (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
- East Prong Roaring River (Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary)
  - Elk Creek — upper (Watauga Co. line to lower boundary of the Blue Ridge Mountain Club)
  - Elk Creek — lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)
  - Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with the Yadkin River)
  - Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Alleghany Co. line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek)

- (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
- Basin Creek (S.R. 1730 bridge to confluence with Lovelace Creek)
  - Bell Branch Pond
  - Cub Creek (.5 mile upstream of S.R. 2460 bridge to S.R. 1001 bridge)
  - Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River)(downstream ford on S.R. 1569 to confluence with North Fork Reddies River)
  - East Prong Roaring River (Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary to S.R. 1002 bridge)
  - Fall Creek (S.R. 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork, except where posted against trespassing)
  - Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong)(headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1580)
  - Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1736)
  - North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek)(headwaters to Union School bridge on S.R. 1559)
  - Pike Creek
  - Pike Creek Pond
  - South Fork Reddies River (S.R. 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies River)
  - South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to S.R. 1155 bridge)
- (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
- All waters located on Stone Mountain State Park, except East Prong Roaring River from Bullhead Creek downstream to the Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary where Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply, and Stone Mountain Creek from falls at Alleghany County line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek in Stone Mountain State Park where Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply
- (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. 197 bridge)

Lickskillet Creek

Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)

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*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);*  
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*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 .0305 is amended as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 16 (1) Lake Raleigh in Wake County;
- 17 (2) Pungo Lake in Washington and Hyde counties;
- 18 (3) New Lake in Hyde County; and
- 19 (4) Currituck, Roanoke, Croatan, Albemarle sounds, and all their tributaries including Roanoke River  
20 downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam, Chowan River, Yeopim River, Pasquotank River,  
21 Perquimans River, North River, Northwest River, Scuppernong River, and Alligator River  
22 (including the Alligator/Pungo Canal east of the NC Hwy 264/45 bridge).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;*  
*Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
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*Temporary Amendment Eff. May 22, 1990, for a period of 168 days to expire on November 1, 1990;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 1991, for a period of 180 days to expire on November 1, 1991;*  
*Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; October 1, 1992;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1994 for a period of 180 days or until the permanent rule becomes effective, whichever is sooner;*  
*Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. November 1, 1998;*  
*Amended Eff. April 1, 1999;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
*Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. March 8, 2002 [This rule replaces the rule proposed for permanent amendment effective July 1, 2002 and approved by RRC in May 2001];*  
*Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC in April 2002);*  
*Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
*Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);*  
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*March 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; July 1, 2008; May 1, 2008; May 1,*  
*2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*

1 15A NCAC 10C .0316 is amended as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

18 (e) The daily creel limits, size limits, and seasons for trout in Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows: in the  
19 Catawba River (Burke County) from Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam the daily creel limit is  
20 ~~seven two~~ fish. ~~There is no minimum size limit for these fish, but only one may be greater than~~ The minimum size  
21 limit is 14 inches. There is no closed season.

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

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

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

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

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

31 *Eff. November 1, 2013;*

32 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2015.*

15A NCAC 10C .0401 is amended with changes as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Freshwater mussels, including the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), may be taken only from impounded waters, except mussels shall not be taken in Lake Waccamaw in Columbus County, and in University Lake in Orange County. The daily possession limit for freshwater mussels is 200 in the aggregate, except there is no daily possession limit for the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*).

(e) In waters that are stocked and managed for catfish and located on game lands, on Commission-owned property, or on the property of a cooperator, including waters within the Community Fishing Program, it is unlawful to take channel, white, or blue catfish by means other than hook and line; the daily creel limit is six catfish in aggregate. Waters where this creel limit applies shall be posted on-site with signs indicating the creel limit.

(f) The daily creel limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches is one fish in the following reservoirs:

- (1) Lake Norman;
- (2) Mountain Island Lake;
- (3) Lake Wylie;
- (4) Badin Lake; ~~and~~
- (5) ~~Lake Tillery~~; Tillery;
- (6) John H. Kerr Reservoir (North Carolina portion);
- (7) Lake Gaston (North Carolina portion); ~~and~~
- (8) Roanoke Rapids Reservoir.

(g) The daily creel limit for American eels taken from or possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing in inland fishing waters is 25, and the minimum size limit is 9 inches.

(h) No person while fishing shall remove the head or tail or otherwise change the appearance of any nongame fish having a [minimum] size limit so as to render it impracticable to measure its total original length. No person while fishing shall change the appearance of any nongame fish having a daily creel limit so as to obscure its identification or render it impracticable to count the number of fish in possession.

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

*Eff. February 1, 1976;*

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*Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1994;*

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

*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*

*Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

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

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*Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*

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



1           *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1,*  
2           *2014; August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008;*  
3           *May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005*

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10C .0402

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

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*In (a)(10), please change "which" to "that"*

*In (b), please consider deleting "only" in "only requires"*

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

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: March 28, 2018

1 15A NCAC 10C .0402 is amended with changes as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (e) No person shall take or possess during one day more than 200 nongame fish in aggregate for bait or personal  
37 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 inland fishing waters;
- 3 (2) While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no river herring (alewife and  
4 blueback) that are greater than six inches in total length shall be taken, and no such river herring  
5 shall be possessed regardless of origin:
  - 6 (A) Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam;
  - 7 (B) Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam;
  - 8 (C) Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam;
  - 9 (D) Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam;
  - 10 (E) Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam;
  - 11 (F) Lumber River including Drowning Creek;
  - 12 (G) the tributaries to the rivers listed above; and
  - 13 (H) all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95.
- 14 (3) No more than 50 crabs per person per day or 100 per vessel per day with a minimum carapace width  
15 of five inches (point to point) shall be taken.
- 16 (f) Any fishes taken for bait purposes are included within the daily possession limit for that species.
- 17 (g) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait or any other fish bait ~~from designated public mountain trout waters~~  
18 ~~and from the bodies of water specified for the following counties:~~ waters:
  - 19 (1) Public Mountain Trout Waters (except in impounded waters of power reservoirs and municipally-  
20 owned water supply reservoirs);
  - 21 (2) Bear Creek in Chatham County; County;
  - 22 (3) Deep River in Chatham, Lee, and Moore counties and downstream of Coleridge Dam in Randolph  
23 County;
  - 24 (4) Fork Creek in Randolph County; and
  - 25 (5) Rocky River in Chatham County.
  - 26 ~~Bear Creek~~
  - 27 (2) ~~Lee County;~~
  - 28 ~~Deep River~~
  - 29 (3) ~~Moore County;~~
  - 30 ~~Deep River~~
  - 31 (4) ~~Randolph County;~~
  - 32 ~~Deep River below the Coleridge Dam~~
  - 33 ~~Fork Creek~~
- 34 (h) In the waters of the Little Tennessee River, including all the tributaries and impoundments thereof, and on adjacent  
35 shorelines, docks, access ramps, and bridge crossings, it is unlawful to transport, possess, or release live river herring  
36 (alewife and blueblack).

1 (i) No person while fishing shall remove the head or tail or otherwise change the appearance of any nongame fish  
2 having a [minimum] size limit so as to render it impracticable to measure its total original length. No person while  
3 fishing shall change the appearance of any nongame fish having a daily creel limit so as to obscure its identification  
4 or render it impracticable to count the number of fish in possession.

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6 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-135; 113-135.1; 113-272; 113-272.3; 113-292;*  
7 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
8 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989;*  
9 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*  
10 *Amended Eff. July 18, 2002;*  
11 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
12 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*  
13 *2003);*  
14 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*  
15 *August 1, 2013; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006.*

## REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10D .0103

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

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

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

*It appears as though some of the open season dates have been changed back to the currently codified language or expanded after publication? Was this a result of public comment?*

*In (h)(56), line 13, please add "to" before "the Friday"*

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

Amber May  
Commission Counsel  
Date submitted to agency: March 28, 2018

15A NCAC 10D .0103 is amended with changes as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Definitions:

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

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

(3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game may be taken during the open seasons.

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

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

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

(1) Alcoa Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last six open days~~ of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter in that portion in Montgomery county, and deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.

(C) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.

(2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County

(A) Six Day per Week Area

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

(C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.

(3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(C) Target shooting is prohibited.

(4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin, and Washington counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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



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

Thanksgiving. ~~[in January.]~~ Deer may be taken with ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, ~~[Friday before Thanksgiving Day,]~~ and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 ~~[Saturday before Thanksgiving Day]~~ through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, ~~[Friday after Thanksgiving Day,]~~ and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.

(C) Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last first~~ open Saturday day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

(12) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County

(A) Three Days per Week Area

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

(13) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last six open days~~ of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers ~~Season. Season through the second Friday thereafter.~~

(C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:

- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (iii) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November 1.

(D) Horseback riding is prohibited.

(E) Target shooting is prohibited.

(F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.

(G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.

(H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14.

- 1 (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
- 2 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 3 (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area
- 4 and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited
- 5 in this camping area.
- 6 (14) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- 7 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 9 Antlers Season.
- 10 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 11 (15) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- 12 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 13 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 14 Antlers Season.
- 15 (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- 16 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west
- 17 of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road,
- 18 and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- 19 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 20 (16) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- 21 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 22 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six~~ open day of days and the last ~~six~~ open days of
- 23 ~~the~~ the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 24 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 25 (17) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County
- 26 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last first six~~ open day days of the applicable Deer With
- 28 Visible Antlers ~~Season.~~ Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- 29 (C) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during
- 30 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is
- 31 allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that
- 32 are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land
- 33 shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 34 (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock
- 35 hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of
- 36 SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the
- 37 intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to

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

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
- 3 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 4 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last~~ first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 5 Antlers Season.
- 6 (22) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
- 7 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 9 Antlers Season.
- 10 (23) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
- 11 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 12 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 13 Antlers Season.
- 14 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- 15 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 16 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 17 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 18 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of the waterfowl
- 19 season, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake
- 20 Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
- 21 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas.
- 22 During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- 23 (24) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
- 24 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 25 (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by
- 26 permit only from November 1 through the end of the waterfowl season.
- 27 (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the
- 28 guides do not use a firearm.
- 29 (D) The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- 30 (E) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of
- 31 their hunt.
- 32 (F) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand
- 33 or blind to a tree.
- 34 (G) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
- 35 season.
- 36 (25) Dan River Game Land in Rockingham County
- 37 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.

- 1                   (B)     Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted for equestrian use. People age
- 2                             16 or older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.
- 3                   (C)     Target shooting is prohibited.
- 4    ~~(25)~~(26) Dare Game Land in Dare County
- 5                   (A)     Six Days per Week Area
- 6                   (B)     Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last six~~ first open day ~~days~~ of the applicable Deer With
- 7                             Visible Antlers ~~Season.~~ Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 8                   (C)     No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
- 9                   (D)     The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- 10   ~~(26)~~(27) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County
- 11                   (A)     Six Days per Week Area
- 12                   (B)     Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
- 13                             season.
- 14   ~~(27)~~(28) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
- 15                   (A)     Hunting is by permit only.
- 16                   (B)     The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders
- 17                             during scheduled permit hunts.
- 18   ~~(28)~~(29) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County
- 19                   (A)     Six Days per Week Area
- 20                   (B)     Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last six~~ first open day ~~day~~ of the applicable Deer With
- 21                             Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 22   ~~(29)~~(30) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
- 23                   (A)     Six Days per Week Area
- 24                   (B)     Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six~~ open day ~~and the last six open days~~ of the
- 25                             applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 26                   (C)     Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 27   ~~(30)~~(31) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
- 28                   (A)     Six Days per Week Area
- 29                   (B)     Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 30                             Antlers Season.
- 31                   (C)     Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
- 32                             impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 33                             (i)     the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 34                             (ii)    Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 35                             (iii)   Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 36                   (D)     Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
- 37                             waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl

impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek, and Hobucken.

(E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1 through March 15.

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

(G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.

~~(31)~~(32) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(C) Horseback riding is prohibited.

~~(32)~~(33) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(C) On that portion north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road, hunting for bear, deer, and turkey is by permit only.

(D) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on that portion of the game land that is north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road.

~~(33)~~(34) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(C) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:

- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and
- (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.

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

- (E) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season, except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.

~~(34)~~(35) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties

- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last six open days~~ of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- (i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
  - (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
- (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.

(36) Headwaters State Forest Game Land in Transylvania County

- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season

~~(35)~~(37) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.

~~(36)~~(38) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County

- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and bear hunting are permit only.
- (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:
- (i) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and



(ii) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting is by permit only.

(G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.

(I) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.

(J) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.

~~(37)~~(39) Hyco Game land in Person County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last six open days~~ of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(C) Target shooting is prohibited.

~~(38)~~(40) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County - Permit Only Area.

~~(39)~~(41) Johns River Game Land in Burke County

(A) Hunting is by permit only.

(B) During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.

(C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31, except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the permits.

(D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.

~~(40)~~(42) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(C) Waterfowl may be taken only on:

(i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;

(ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and

(iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

(D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed only during

June, July, and August, and on Sundays the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. People age 16 or older who ride horseback on trails occurring entirely within the game land boundaries shall possess a Game Lands license.

(E) Target shooting is prohibited.

(F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.

(G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.

~~(41)~~(43) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

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

~~(42)~~(44) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

(C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.

(D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.

(E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers season.

(F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.

(G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.

~~(43)~~(45) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

(D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.

(E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.

~~(44)~~(46) Lee Game Land in Lee County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last six open days~~ of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(C) Target shooting is prohibited.

~~(45)~~(47) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible
- 3 Antlers Season.
- 4 ~~(46)~~(48) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
- 5 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 7 Antlers Season.
- 8 ~~(47)~~(49) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
- 9 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 10 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last six open days~~ of the
- 11 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 12 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 13 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 14 ~~(48)~~(50) Mayo Game Land in Person County
- 15 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last six open days~~ of the
- 17 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 18 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 19 (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 20 (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
- 21 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 22 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 23 ~~(49)~~(51) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
- 24 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 25 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last first six open day days~~ of the applicable Deer ~~with~~
- 26 With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- 27 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
- 28 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 29 ~~(50)~~(52) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania
- 30 counties
- 31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~first last open~~ Saturday day of the applicable Deer With
- 33 Visible Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- 34 ~~(51)~~(53) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
- 35 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 36 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
- 37 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

- 1 (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
- 2 ~~(52)~~(54) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County
- 3 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 4 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 5 Antlers Season.
- 6 ~~(53)~~(55) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties
- 7 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 9 Antlers Season.
- 10 ~~(54)~~(56) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- 11 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 12 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment on open hunting
- 13 days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through to the third fourth Friday
- 14 before ~~Thanksgiving~~ Thanksgiving Day.
- 15 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
- 16 the fourth third Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the first Wednesday of the
- 17 second week thereafter.
- 18 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
- 19 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after ~~Thanksgiving~~.
- 20 Thanksgiving Day.
- 21 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last~~ first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 22 Antlers Season.
- 23 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 24 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 25 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
- 26 (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
- 27 (ii) Swimming.
- 28 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 29 ~~(55)~~(57) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
- 30 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 31 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 32 Antlers Season.
- 33 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
- 34 shoreline.
- 35 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
- 36 ~~(56)~~(58) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
- 37 (A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.

~~(57)~~(59) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six~~ open ~~day~~ ~~days~~ and the last ~~six~~ open ~~days~~ of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

(C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North of US-74.

(D) Target shooting is prohibited.

(E) Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and only during the following times:

(i) during June, July, and August; and

(ii) on Sundays during the other months or parts of months when deer and turkey seasons are closed.

~~(58)~~(60) Perkins Game Land in Davie County

(A) Three Days per Week Area

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

(C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.

~~(59)~~(61) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(C) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).

~~(60)~~(62) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last ~~six~~ first open ~~day~~ ~~days~~ of the applicable Deer ~~with~~ With Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.

(C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August 31 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through May 15.

~~(61)~~(63) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

~~(62)~~(64) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County

(A) Three Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last six~~ first open ~~day~~ days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.

(C) Bear hunting is prohibited.

~~(63)~~(65) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties

(A) Hunting is by permit only.

(B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.

~~(64)~~(66) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties

(A) Hunting is by Permit only.

(B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business or by permit holders.

(C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however, that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the game land.

~~(65)~~(67) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.

~~(66)~~(68) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County

(A) Three Days per Week Area

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

~~(67)~~(69) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County

(A) Three Days per Week Area

(B) Deer of either sex may be taken with ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 ~~through~~ to the fourth ~~third~~ Friday before ~~Thanksgiving~~ Thanksgiving Day.

(C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth ~~third~~ Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the first Wednesday of the second week thereafter.

(D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after ~~Thanksgiving~~ Thanksgiving Day.

(E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~last~~ open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

(F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.

- 1 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 2 (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
- 3 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 4 ~~(68)~~(70) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.
- 5 ~~(69)~~(71) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
- 6 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 8 Antlers Season.
- 9 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 10 ~~(70)~~(72) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties
- 11 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 12 (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22
- 13 through March 31 except as follows:
- 14 (i) deer **of either-sex** may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of
- 15 the ~~bow-and-arrow~~ archery season through the **fourth** ~~[third]~~ Friday before
- 16 ~~Thanksgiving;~~ Thanksgiving Day; with blackpowder firearms and archery
- 17 equipment all the open days of the blackpowder firearms season through the third
- 18 ~~Saturday~~ Wednesday before ~~Thanksgiving;~~ Thanksgiving Day; and **only deer**
- 19 **with visible antlers may be taken** with all legal weapons from the second ~~Monday~~
- 20 ~~Saturday~~ before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following ~~Thanksgiving;~~
- 21 Thanksgiving Day;
- 22 (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through
- 23 the third Saturday thereafter;
- 24 (iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from second Monday before
- 25 ~~Thanksgiving;~~ Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following ~~Thanksgiving;~~
- 26 Thanksgiving Day;
- 27 (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding
- 28 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following ~~Thanksgiving;~~ Thanksgiving
- 29 Day;
- 30 (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
- 31 (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen
- 32 Program Permit Hunt; and
- 33 (vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or
- 34 nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
- 35 (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday
- 36 before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after ~~Thanksgiving;~~ Thanksgiving
- 37 Day except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.

- (D) The ~~bow and arrow~~ archery season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth ~~[third]~~ Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through ~~[the first Saturday in]~~ January 1. Deer may be taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the ~~bow and arrow~~ archery season, the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph.
- (E) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth ~~[third]~~ Saturday preceding Thanksgiving Day through the ~~[first]~~ Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through ~~[the first Saturday in]~~ January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season and the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
- (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- ~~(I) The following areas are permit only for all quail and woodcock hunting, and dog training on birds:~~
- (i) ~~In Richmond County: that part east of US 1;~~
- (ii) ~~In Scotland County: that part west of SR 1328 and north of Gardner Farm Lane and that part east of SR 1328 and north of Scotland Lake Lane.~~
- ~~(J)(I)~~ Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited unless participating in authorized field trials.
- ~~(K)(J)~~ Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- ~~(L)(K)~~ Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- ~~(71)(73)~~ Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open day days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season. Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- ~~(72)(74)~~ Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last first open Saturday day of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers season.



- 1 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
- 2 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 3 (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed
- 4 in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f).
- 5 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove
- 6 season.
- 7 ~~(73)~~(75) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.
- 8 ~~(74)~~(76) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren counties
- 9 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 10 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last six open days~~ of the
- 11 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 12 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 13 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 14 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 15 ~~(75)~~(77) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties
- 16 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the Monday
- 18 before [Saturday after] Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- 19 [first Saturday in January.] Deer may be taken with ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment on
- 20 open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 [through] to the third
- 21 Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday [Friday] before
- 22 Thanksgiving Day and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Deer may be taken
- 23 with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1
- 24 [Saturday before Thanksgiving Day] through the Saturday of the second week [through the
- 25 Friday after Thanksgiving Day] thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers
- 26 season.
- 27 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first last open Saturday day of the applicable Deer With
- 28 Visible Antlers Season.
- 29 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
- 30 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 31 (E) ~~That part of South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford~~
- 32 ~~counties is closed to all grouse hunting, quail hunting, woodcock hunting, and all bird dog~~
- 33 ~~training.~~
- 34 ~~(76)~~(78) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County
- 35 (A) Six-Day per Week Area
- 36 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 37 Antlers Season.

- 1 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- 2 (D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- 3 (E) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken only on the following days:
- 4 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 5 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 6 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 7 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 8 (G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- 9 ~~(77)~~(79) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
- 10 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 11 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 12 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 13 (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
- 14 (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
- 15 (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- 16 (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels
- 17 on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only
- 18 by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by
- 19 the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 20 (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed
- 21 waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters
- 22 possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife
- 23 Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 24 ~~(78)~~(80) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- 25 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 26 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last six first~~ open ~~day days~~ of the applicable Deer With
- 27 Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 28 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 29 ~~(79)~~(81) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County – hunting is by permit only.
- 30 ~~(80)~~(82) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting is by permit only.
- 31 ~~(81)~~(83) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 32 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 33 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last first six~~ open ~~day days~~ of the applicable Deer With
- 34 Visible Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 35 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 36 ~~(82)~~(84) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
- 37 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last six open days~~ of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.

~~(83)~~(85) Tillery game Land in Halifax County

- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last six open days~~ of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

~~(84)~~(86) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties

- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the ~~last first open~~ Saturday day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.

~~(85)~~(87) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties

- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first ~~six open day days and the last open six days~~ of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- (C) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
  - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
  - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
  - (iii) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.

~~(86)~~(88) Vance Game Land in Vance County

- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the Nutbush Peninsula tract.

~~(87)~~(89) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.

~~(88)~~(90) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.

~~(89)~~(91) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County

(A) Three Days per Week Area

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

(C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:

(i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;

(ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and

(iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

(D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the waterfowl season, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.

(E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:

(i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d);

(ii) hunting is by permit only; and

(iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.

(F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

~~(90)~~(92) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen County

(A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.

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

~~(91)~~(93) William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County

(A) Six Days per Week Area

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

(i) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and

are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperator agent or by phone.

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

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

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

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

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

(n) Permit Hunt Opportunities for Disabled Sportsmen. The Commission may designate special hunts for participants of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during the closed season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on each permit. If the hunt has a limited weapon choice, the allowed weapons shall be stated on each permit.

(o) As used in this Rule, horseback riding includes all equine species.

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

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*September 1, 1994; July 1, 1994;*

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1        *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
2        *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*  
3        *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*  
4        *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
5        *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*  
6        *2003);*  
7        *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*  
8        *January 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May*  
9        *1, 2007; October 1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May 1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; October*  
10       *1, 2004*

15A NCAC 10D .0104 is amended as published in 32:11 NCR 1036 as follows:

**15A NCAC 10D .0104 FISHING ON GAME LANDS**

(a) Generally. Except as otherwise indicated herein, fishing on game lands that are open to fishing shall be in accordance with the North Carolina rules. All game lands are open to public fishing except restocked ponds when posted against fishing, Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge, Grogan Creek in Transylvania County, and in the case of private ponds where fishing may be prohibited by the owners thereof. No trotline or set-hook or any net, trap, gig, ~~bow and arrow~~, archery equipment, or other special fishing device of a type mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(b),(c),(d), and (f) may be used in any impounded waters located entirely on game lands. ~~Bow and arrow~~ Archery equipment may be used to take nongame fishes in impounded waters located entirely on game lands with the exception of those waters mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(a). Blue crabs taken by hook and line (other than set-hooks) in designated waterfowl impoundments located on game lands shall have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) and the daily possession limit is 50 per person and 100 per vessel.

(b) Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters

(1) ~~Fishing Hours. It is unlawful to fish in designated public mountain trout waters on any game land and in all waters on the Dupont State Forest Game Land from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise, except in Hatchery Supported Trout waters as stated in 15A NCAC 10C .0305(a), Delayed Harvest waters as stated in 15A NCAC 10C .0205(a)(5), game lands sections of the Nantahala River located downstream from the Swain County line, and in the sections of Green River in Polk County located on Green River Game Lands from Cove Creek downstream to the natural gas pipeline crossing.~~

(2)(1) Location. All waters located on the game lands listed in this Subparagraph are designated public mountain trout waters except as noted: ~~Cherokee Lake, Grogan Creek, Big Laurel Creek downstream from the US 25 70 bridge to the French Broad River, Pigeon River downstream of Waterville Reservoir to the Tennessee state line, Nolichucky River, Mill Ridge Pond, Cheoah River downstream of Santeetlah Reservoir, Little River from 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls downstream to the Dupont State Forest boundary, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense, Lake Alfred, Lake Julia, Fawn Lake, North Fork Catawba River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong Creek, Green River downstream of the natural gas pipeline crossing, and Spring Creek below US Forest Service road 223.~~

~~Dupont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties.~~

~~Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County.~~

~~Nantahala National Forest Game Lands in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties.~~

~~Pisgah National Forest Game Lands in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, and Yancey counties.~~

~~Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Wilkes County.~~

~~Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania County.~~

~~South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.~~

~~Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County.~~

~~Green River Game Land in Henderson and Polk counties.~~

~~Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County.~~

~~Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County.~~

(A) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County;

(B) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties, except Little River from 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls downstream to the DuPont State Forest boundary, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense, Lake Alfred, Lake Julia, and Fawn Lake;

(C) Green River Game Land in Henderson and Polk counties, except Green River downstream of the natural gas pipeline crossing;

(D) Headwaters Game Land in Transylvania County;

(E) Nantahala National Forest Game Lands in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania counties, except Cheoah River downstream of Santeetlah Reservoir and Cherokee Lake;

(F) Pisgah National Forest Game Lands in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties, except Grogan Creek, North Fork Catawba River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong Creek, Big Laurel Creek downstream from the US 25-70 bridge to the French Broad River, Mill Ridge Pond, Nolichucky River, Pigeon River downstream of Waterville Reservoir to the Tennessee state line, and Spring Creek below US Forest Service road 223;

(G) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County;

(H) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County;

(I) South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford counties;

(J) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County;

(K) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Wilkes County;

(L) Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania County; and

(M) William H. Silvers Game Land in Haywood County.

(2) All designated public mountain trout waters located on the game lands listed in Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule are Wild Trout Waters unless classified otherwise. [See 15A NCAC 10C .0205(d)]

(c) Ponds. In all game lands ponds, it is unlawful to take channel, white, or blue catfish (forked tail catfish) by means other than hook and line and the daily creel limit for forked tail catfish is six fish in aggregate.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-272; 113-292; 113-305; Eff. February 1, 1976;*



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2       *1, 1994; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992;*  
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7       *May 1, 2009; August 1, 2004.*