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Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a highly infectious, contagious, fatal neurological disease that affects the Cervidae family, which includes deer, moose, and elk. The source of the disease is an abnormal prion (a form of protein) that collects in the animal's brain cells and produces small lesions. CWD is classified as a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy and is similar to mad cow disease. It is characterized by loss of body condition, behavioral abnormalities, and death. It spreads through animal-to-animal contact, contact with infected carcasses, and contact with contaminated soils and plants. CWD has long incubation periods, which can result in an infected cervid appearing healthy while spreading the disease to other cervids. Additionally, CWD is persistent in the environment, which is the most significant obstacle to eradication once the disease is present in a cervid population. When a state's cervid herd is CWD-positive, on-going monitoring and management efforts require the expenditure of millions of dollars in public resources.

In 2006, the WRC adopted the Importation of Animal Parts rule (15A NCAC 10B .0124) which banned the importation of whole cervid carcasses from states known to be positive for CWD and limited importation of cervid parts from these states to specifically identified and treated meat and body parts. There were 11 CWD-positive states when the Importation of Animal Parts rule was adopted. Since 2007, there has been an increase in reported cases of CWD across the United States and internationally. There are currently 25 CWD positive states. Four southeast states are among these, two of which (Arkansas and Mississippi) confirmed their first case of CWD within the past three years. During this same time, CWD has appeared in free-ranging reindeer and moose in Norway and Finland. Three Canadian provinces are also CWD-positive.

Due to the accelerated rate and great distances by which CWD has been transferred across the continent (14 additional CWD-positive states since 2006), 13 states have prohibited the importation of cervid carcasses and carcass parts that originate from outside their state. The importation of cervid carcasses and carcass parts poses an imminent threat to the health and continued existence of North Carolina's white-tailed deer and elk populations. To provide immediate protection to North Carolina's wildlife resources, these new measures must be in place before other states initiate their fall 2018 deer hunting seasons. Adherence to normal notice and hearing requirements provides an additional year that CWD could be released into NC's environment via the importation and disposal of infected deer parts.

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

Yes

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§ 113-291.2. Seasons and bag limits on wild animals and birds; including animals and birds taken in bag; possession and transportation of wildlife after taking.

(a) In accordance with the supply of wildlife and other factors it determines to be of public importance, the Wildlife Resources Commission may fix seasons and bag limits upon the wild animals and wild birds authorized to be taken that it deems necessary or desirable in the interests of the conservation of wildlife resources. The authority to fix seasons includes the closing of seasons completely when necessary and fixing the hours of hunting. The authority to fix bag limits includes the setting of season and possession limits. Different seasons and bag limits may be set in differing areas; early or extended seasons and different or unlimited bag limits may be authorized on controlled shooting preserves, game lands, and public hunting grounds; and special or extended seasons may be fixed for those engaging in falconry, using primitive weapons, or taking wildlife under other special conditions.

Unless modified by rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission or as provided in subsection (f) of this section, the seasons, shooting hours, bag limits, and possession limits fixed by the United States Department of Interior or any successor agency for migratory game birds in North Carolina must be followed, and a violation of the applicable federal rules is hereby made unlawful. When the applicable federal rules require that the State limit participation in seasons and/or bag limits for migratory game birds, the Wildlife Resources Commission may schedule managed hunts for migratory game birds. Participants in such hunts shall be selected at random by computer, and each applicant 16 years of age or older shall have the required general hunting license and the waterfowl hunting license prior to the drawing for the managed hunt. Each applicant under 16 years of age shall either have the required general hunting license and the waterfowl hunting license or shall apply as a member of a party that includes a properly licensed adult. All applications for managed waterfowl hunts shall be screened prior to the drawing for compliance with these requirements. A nonrefundable fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be required of each applicant to defray the cost of processing the applications.

(a1) When the Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission receives a petition from the State Health Director declaring a rabies emergency for a particular county or district pursuant to G.S. 130A-201, the Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission shall develop a plan to reduce the threat of rabies exposure to humans and domestic animals by foxes, raccoons, skunks, or bobcats in the county or district. The plan shall be based upon the best veterinary and wildlife management information and techniques available. The plan may involve a suspension or liberalization of any regulatory restriction on the taking of foxes, raccoons, skunks, or bobcats, except that the use of poisons, other than those used with dart guns, shall not be permitted under any circumstance. If the plan involves a suspension or liberalization of any regulatory restriction on the taking of foxes, raccoons, skunks, or bobcats, the Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission shall prepare and adopt temporary rules setting out the suspension or liberalization pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.1(a)(1). The Executive Director shall publicize the plan and the temporary rules in the major news outlets that serve the county or district to inform the public of the actions being taken and the reasons for them. Upon notification by the State Health Director that the rabies emergency no longer exists, the Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission shall cancel the plan and repeal any rules adopted to implement the plan. The Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission shall publicize the cancellation of the plan and the repeal of any rules in the major news outlets that serve the county or district.

(b) Any individual hunter or trapper who in taking a wild animal or bird has wounded or otherwise disabled it must make a reasonable effort to capture and kill the animal or bird. All

animals and birds taken that can be retrieved must be retrieved and counted with respect to any applicable bag limits governing the individual taking the animal or bird.

(c) An individual who has lawfully taken game within applicable bag, possession, and season limits may, except as limited by rules adopted pursuant to subsection (c1) of this section, after the game is dead, possess and personally transport it for his own use by virtue of his hunting license, and without any additional permit, subject to tagging and reporting requirements that may apply to the fox and big game, as follows:

- (1) In an area in which the season is open for the species, the game may be possessed and transported without restriction.
- (2) The individual may possess and transport the game lawfully taken on a trip:
 - a. To his residence;
 - b. To a preservation or processing facility that keeps adequate records as prescribed in G.S. 113-291.3(b)(3) or a licensed taxidermist;
 - c. From a place authorized in subparagraph b to his residence.
- (3) The individual may possess the game indefinitely at his residence, and may there accumulate lawfully-acquired game up to the greater of:
 - a. The applicable possession limit for each species; or
 - b. One half of the applicable season limit for each species.

The above subdivisions apply to an individual hunter under 16 years of age covered by the license issued to his parent or guardian, if he is using that license, or by the license of an adult accompanying him. An individual who has lawfully taken game as a landholder without a license may possess and transport the dead game, taken within applicable bag, possession, and season limits, to his residence. He may indefinitely retain possession of such game, within aggregate possession limits for the species in question, in his residence.

(c1) In the event that the Executive Director finds that game carcasses or parts of game carcasses are known or suspected to carry an infectious or contagious disease that poses an imminent threat to the health or habitat of wildlife species, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall adopt rules to regulate the importation, transportation, or possession of those carcasses or parts of carcasses that, according to wildlife disease experts, may transmit such a disease.

(d) Except in the situations specifically provided for above, the Wildlife Resources Commission may by rule impose reporting, permit, and tagging requirements that may be necessary upon persons:

- (1) Possessing dead wildlife taken in open season after the close of that season.
- (2) Transporting dead wildlife from an area having an open season to an area with a closed season.
- (3) Transporting dead wildlife lawfully taken in another state into this State.
- (4) Possessing dead wildlife after such transportation.

The Wildlife Resources Commission in its discretion may substitute written declarations to be filed with agents of the Commission for permit and tagging requirements.

(e) Upon application of any landholder or agent of a landholder accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00), the Executive Director may issue to such landholder or agent a special license and a number of special antlerless or antlered deer tags that in the judgment of the Executive Director is sufficient to accommodate the landholder or the landholder's agent's deer population management objectives or correct any deer population imbalance that may occur on the property. Subject to applicable hunting license requirements, the special deer tags may be used by any person or persons selected by the landholder or his agent as authority to take antlerless deer, including male deer with "buttons" or spikes not readily visible, or antlered deer on the tract of land concerned during any established deer hunting season. The Executive Director or designee may stipulate on the license that special deer tags for antlered deer, if

applicable, may only be valid for deer that meet certain minimum harvest criteria. The Executive Director or designee may also define on the license valid hunt dates that fall outside of the general deer hunting season. Harvested antlerless or antlered deer for which special tags are issued shall be affixed immediately with a special deer tag and shall be reported immediately in the wildlife cooperators tagging book supplied with the special deer tags. This tagging book and any unused tags shall be returned to the Commission within 15 days of the close of the season. The Wildlife Resources Commission may offer an alternate reporting system when the Commission determines that such an alternate system is appropriate. Antlerless or antlered deer taken under this program and tagged with the special tags provided shall not count as part of the daily bag, possession, and season limits of the person taking the deer.

(f) The Commission is authorized to issue proclamations to set seasons, shooting hours, bag limits, and possession limits that are congruent with the season framework established by the United States Department of Interior or any successor agency. The Commission may delegate this authority to the Executive Director. Each proclamation shall state the hour and date upon which it becomes effective and shall be issued at least 48 hours prior to the effective date and time. A permanent file of the text of all proclamations shall be maintained in the office of the Executive Director. Certified copies of proclamations are entitled to judicial notice in any civil or criminal proceeding.

The Executive Director shall make a reasonable effort to give notice of the terms of any proclamation to persons who may be affected by it. This effort shall include press releases to communications media, posting of notices at boating access areas and other places where persons affected may gather, personal communication by agents of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and other measures designed to reach persons who may be affected. Proclamations under this subsection shall remain in force until rescinded following the same procedure established for enactment. (1935, c. 486, ss. 16, 17; 1949, c. 1205, s. 1; 1973, c. 1262, s. 18; 1977, c. 499, s. 1; 1979, c. 830, s. 1; 1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1285, s. 7; 1981, c. 681, s. 1; 1987, c. 38; c. 827, s. 98; 1989, c. 642, s. 2; 1995, c. 181, s. 1; 1997-402, s. 2; 1999-339, s. 7; 2003-344, ss. 7, 8; 2005-82, s. 2; 2007-401, s. 3; 2009-221, s. 1.)

TEMPORARY RULES
REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10B .0124

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Tuesday, July 17, 2018

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 this office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing these rules, the staff determined that the following technical changes need to be made:

Is it possible that CWD can spread to those who eat the infected meat? Or that the spread of CWD would result in additional deer carcasses that cannot be removed? If so, should the agency also cite on the Findings of Need form that this protects the public health, safety, or welfare?

In (b)(2), line 24, please insert an "and" after "origin;"

In (b)(3), line 28, please change "origin; and" to "origin."

In the History Note, please end line 34 with a period.

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

Amanda J. Reeder
Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: July 13, 2018

1 15A NCAC 10B .0124 is amended under temporary procedures as follows:

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

4 (a) ~~It shall be unlawful to import, transport, or possess a Ne cervid carcass or carcass part part(s) originating from~~
5 ~~any state or province where Chronic Wasting Disease occurs as identified by the Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance~~
6 ~~on the Internet at <http://www.cwd-info.org/index.php/fuseaction/about.map> shall be imported, transported, or~~
7 ~~possessed in outside of North Carolina except as provided herein: except:~~

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

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

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

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

12 (5)(3) ~~antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates; plates, or [cleaned] skulls [free from] with no meat~~
13 ~~or brain tissue; [tissue attached;]~~

14 (6) ~~antlers;~~

15 (7)(4) ~~cleaned lower jawbone(s) with teeth or cleaned teeth; or~~

16 (8)(5) ~~finished taxidermy products; products and tanned hides.~~

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

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

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

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

29 (4) ~~Destination [the destination] of the cervid carcass, carcass part [part(s)], or container of processed~~
30 ~~and packaged cervid meat [or carcass parts] within North Carolina.~~

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

33 *Eff. May 1, 2006;*

34 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 2018*

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

The immediate amendment of this rule is necessary to clarify that there is no open season for bear in any area of the Green Swamp Bear Sanctuary (sanctuary spans two counties).

This clarification was made in 2017 but was inadvertently omitted when the rule was amended again in 2018. It is imperative that this amendment be adopted before the 2018 bear season so that no bear are taken.

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

Yes

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

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

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

28 (b) Restrictions

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

1 (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph,
2 including any extracts of those substances; or

3 (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.

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

6 (4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in
7 Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this Rule.

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

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

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

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

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

18 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary

19 Brunswick ~~County~~ and Columbus Counties --Green Swamp bear sanctuary

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

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

22 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary

23 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary

24 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary

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

26 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary

27 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary

28 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary

29 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary

30 Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary

31 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary

32 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary

33 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary

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

35 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary

36 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

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

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1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;
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Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016.
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TEMPORARY RULE-MAKING
FINDINGS OF NEED
[Authority G.S. 150B-21.1]

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| 1. Rule-Making Agency: North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission | |
| 2. Rule citation & name: 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands | |
| 3. Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal | |
| 4. Was this an Emergency Rule: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Effective date: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5. Provide dates for the following actions as applicable: | |
| a. Proposed Temporary Rule submitted to OAH: 5/18/2018 | |
| b. Proposed Temporary Rule published on the OAH website: 5/24/2018 | |
| c. Public Hearing date: 6/6/2018 | |
| d. Comment Period: 5/25/2018 - 6/29/2018 | |
| e. Notice pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.1(a3)(2): 5/25/2018 | |
| f. Adoption by agency on: 7/12/2018 | |
| g. Proposed effective date of temporary rule [if other than effective date established by G.S. 150B- 21.1(b) and G.S. 150B-21.3]: 8/1/2018 | |
| h. Rule approved by RRC as a permanent rule [See G.S. 150B-21.3(b2)]: | |
| 6. Reason for Temporary Action. Attach a copy of any cited law, regulation, or document necessary for the review. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A serious and unforeseen threat to the public health, safety or welfare. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The effective date of a recent act of the General Assembly or of the U.S. Congress. Cite: Effective date: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A recent change in federal or state budgetary policy. Effective date of change: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A recent federal regulation. Cite: Effective date: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A recent court order. Cite order: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Medical Facilities Plan. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: 150B-21.1(a)(7) b. and d. | |
| Explain: Correct the extended archery seasons for deer with visible antlers on the Buffalo Cove and South Mountains Game Lands, and clarify that deer of either sex may be taken on the first open Saturday of the Deer with Visible Antlers Season on the Cold Mountain Game Land. | |

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The immediate amendment of this rule is necessary to correct errors in 10D .0103(h)(11) and (h)(77), to match the agency's intent for an extended archery season to what is written in the rule. It is also necessary to clarify that deer of either sex can be taken on the first Saturday of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season on the Cold Mountain Game Land.

The amendments to this Rule will align the NCAC with the Agency's intent, codifying seasons that are known to the public and are consistent with the WRC's management objectives. Immediate adoption is needed to avoid further confusion and prevent undue hardship on the public for unknowingly hunting out of season.

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

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1 15A NCAC 10D .0103 is amended under temporary procedures as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (e) Definitions:

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

1 Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be
2 practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed under
3 each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until
4 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.

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

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

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

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

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

16 (A) Six Days per Week Area

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

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

22 (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County

23 (A) Six Day per Week Area

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

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

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

29 (A) Six Days per Week Area

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

32 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.

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

34 (A) Six Days per Week Area

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

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

1 or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October
2 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day. ~~and during the Deer With Visible Antlers~~
3 ~~Season.~~ Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday
4 immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described
5 above in this Part, through January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on
6 open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the
7 second week thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.

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

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

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

13 (A) Three Days per Week Area

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

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

17 (A) Six Days per Week Area

18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
19 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.

20 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:

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

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

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

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

26 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.

27 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.

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

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

31 (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
32 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
33 seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of
34 bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September
35 1 through May 14.

36 (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
37 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.

- 1 (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area
2 and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited
3 in this camping area.
- 4 (14) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- 5 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
7 Antlers Season.
- 8 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 9 (15) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- 10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
12 Antlers Season.
- 13 (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- 14 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west
15 of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road,
16 and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- 17 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 18 (16) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- 19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
21 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 22 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 23 (17) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County
- 24 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 25 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
26 Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- 27 (C) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during
28 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is
29 allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that
30 are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land
31 shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 32 (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock
33 hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of
34 SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the
35 intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to
36 the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR
37 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.

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

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

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

- 1 (E) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and
2 the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season, except
3 for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- 4 (35) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties
- 5 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
7 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 8 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- 9 (i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 10 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
- 11 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 12 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
- 13 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 14 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 15 (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 16 (36) Headwaters State Forest Game Land in Transylvania County
- 17 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
19 Antlers Season
- 20 (37) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 21 (38) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County
- 22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
24 Antlers Season.
- 25 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- 26 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 27 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 28 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 29 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
30 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- 31 (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east
32 of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and
33 bear hunting are permit only.
- 34 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:
- 35 (i) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch
36 extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road
37 extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and

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

- 1 June, July, and August, and on Sundays the remainder of the year except during open turkey
2 and deer seasons. People age 16 or older who ride horseback on trails occurring entirely
3 within the game land boundaries shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 4 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 5 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- 6 (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
7 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
8 seasons for game birds and game animals.
- 9 (43) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties
- 10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 12 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
13 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 14 (44) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
- 15 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- 17 (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable
18 Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
- 19 (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating
20 the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- 21 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers season.
- 23 (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 24 (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- 25 (45) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
- 26 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
28 Antlers Season.
- 29 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 30 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
- 31 (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 32 (46) Lee Game Land in Lee County
- 33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
35 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 36 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 37 (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 (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 (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 open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
11 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 (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 open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
17 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 (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 first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
26 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 (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 open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
33 Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- 34 (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 (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 (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 (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 archery equipment on open hunting days from the
- 13 Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- 14 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
- 15 the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday thereafter.
- 16 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
- 17 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
- 18 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 19 Antlers Season.
- 20 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 21 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 22 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
- 23 (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
- 24 (ii) Swimming.
- 25 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 26 (57) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
- 27 (A) Six 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) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
- 31 shoreline.
- 32 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
- 33 (58) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
- 34 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 35 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 36 Antlers Season.

- 1 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
 2 shoreline.
- 3 (59) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties
- 4 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 5 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
 6 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 7 (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North
 8 of US-74.
- 9 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 10 (E) Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and only during the
 11 following times:
- 12 (i) during June, July, and August; and
- 13 (ii) on Sundays during the other months or parts of months when deer and turkey
 14 seasons are closed.
- 15 (60) Perkins Game Land in Davie County
- 16 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
 18 Antlers Season.
- 19 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- 20 (61) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison,
 21 McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties
- 22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
 24 Antlers Season.
- 25 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River
 26 (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- 27 (62) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 28 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 29 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
 30 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 31 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August 31
 32 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited
 33 from November 1 through May 15.
- 34 (63) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County
- 35 (A) Six Days 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 (64) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County
2 (A) Three Days per Week Area
3 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
4 Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
5 (C) Bear hunting is prohibited.
- 6 (65) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
7 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
8 (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- 9 (66) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties
10 (A) Hunting is by Permit only.
11 (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business
12 or by permit holders.
13 (C) 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, provided, however,
15 that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-
16 owned portion of the game land.
- 17 (67) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
- 18 (68) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County
19 (A) Three Days per Week Area
20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
21 Antlers Season.
- 22 (69) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
23 (A) Three Days per Week Area
24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the
25 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
26 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
27 the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week
28 thereafter.
29 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
30 Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
31 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
32 Antlers Season.
33 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
34 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
35 (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
36 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 37 (70) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.

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

- 1 the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day
2 through January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days
3 during the blackpowder firearms season and the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- 4 (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
5 (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing
6 days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
7 (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
8 (I) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited
9 unless participating in authorized field trials.
10 (J) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
11 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
12 (K) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- 13 (73) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties
14 (A) Six Days per Week Area
15 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
16 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
17 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
18 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 19 (74) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.
20 (A) Three Days per Week Area
21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer with Visible
22 Antlers season.
23 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
24 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
25 (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed
26 in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f).
27 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove
28 season.
- 29 (75) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.
- 30 (76) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren counties
31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
33 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
34 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
35 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
36 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 37 (77) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the Monday
- 3 before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex
- 4 may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest
- 5 September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the
- 6 Saturday before Thanksgiving ~~Day and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Day.~~
- 7 Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately
- 8 following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described above in this
- 9 Part, through January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days
- 10 beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week
- 11 thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- 12 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday day of the applicable Deer With
- 13 Visible Antlers Season.
- 14 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
- 15 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 16 (78) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County
- 17 (A) Six-Day per Week Area
- 18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 19 Antlers Season.
- 20 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- 21 (D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- 22 (E) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken only on the following days:
- 23 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 24 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 25 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 26 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 27 (G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- 28 (79) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
- 29 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 30 (B) 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 (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
- 33 (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
- 34 (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- 35 (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels
- 36 on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only

- 1 by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by
2 the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 3 (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed
4 waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters
5 possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife
6 Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 7 (80) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- 8 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
10 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 11 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 12 (81) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County – hunting is by permit only.
- 13 (82) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting is by permit only.
- 14 (83) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 15 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
17 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 18 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 19 (84) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
- 20 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 23 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
24 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or
25 older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 26 (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is
27 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive
28 days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.
- 29 (85) Tillery game Land in Halifax County
- 30 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 31 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
32 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 33 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 34 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 35 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 36 (86) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties
- 37 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
4 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 5 (87) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties
- 6 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
8 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 9 (C) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following
10 days:
- 11 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 12 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 13 (iii) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 14 (D) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.
- 15 (88) Vance Game Land in Vance County
- 16 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
18 Antlers Season.
- 19 (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the
20 Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- 21 (89) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties
- 22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
24 Antlers Season.
- 25 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and
26 the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- 27 (90) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 28 (91) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County
- 29 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
31 Antlers Season.
- 32 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
33 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 34 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 35 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 36 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

- 1 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
2 waterfowl season, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
- 3 (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
- 4 (i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting
5 Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to
6 G.S. 113-264(d);
- 7 (ii) hunting is by permit only; and
- 8 (iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 9 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 10 (92) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen County
- 11 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 12 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
13 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 14 (93) William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County
- 15 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
17 Antlers Season.
- 18 (i) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed
19 applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of
20 hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and
21 are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperator agent or
22 by phone.
- 23 (j) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a
24 valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:
- 25 (1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;
- 26 (2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;
- 27 (3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;
- 28 (4) Burke County—John's River Waterfowl Refuge;
- 29 (5) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);
- 30 (6) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and
- 31 (7) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.
- 32 (k) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the
33 Commission. Written permission may be granted only when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge will not compromise
34 the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid
35 need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes
36 issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public
37 interest.

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

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

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

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

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

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