Note from the Codifier: The OAH website includes notices and the text of proposed temporary rules as required by G.S. 150B-21.1(a1). Prior to the agency adopting the temporary rule, the agency must hold a public hearing no less than five days after the rule and notice have been published and must accept comments for at least 15 business days.

For questions, you may contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 984-236-1850 or email oah.postmaster@oah.nc.gov.

TITLE 15A – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1 that the Wildlife Resources Commission intends to adopt the rule cited as 15A NCAC 10D .0229 and amend the rule cited as 15A NCAC 10D .0232.

Codifier of Rules received for publication the following notice and proposed temporary rules on: September 13, 2022.

Public Hearing:

Date: September 30, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location:

Register online here:https://ncwildlife-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_nSOnZ8PwTBOk3qgstSD8SQ

Join by phone toll free (833 568 8864) using Webinar ID: 160 957 6583

Reason for Proposed Temporary Action: G.S. 150B-21.1 (a)(7)b, 150B-21.1(a)(7)d, and 150B-21.3(b2).

15A NCAC 10D .0229 Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico Counties – Temporary adoption of this rule is necessary to manage hunting and user activities on this game land.

15A NCAC 10D .0232 Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County - The word "Tuesday" was unintentionally omitted from the December Bear Season. A temporary amendment is necessary to accurately set open days of the December Bear Season on Gull Rock game land.

Comment Procedures: Comments from the public shall be directed to: Rulemaking Coordinator, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; email regulations@ncwildlife.org. The comment period begins September 14, 2022 and ends October 7, 2022.

CHAPTER 10 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND WATER SAFETY

SUBCHAPTER 10D - GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

15A NCAC 10D .0229 GOOSE CREEK GAME LAND IN BEAUFORT AND PAMLICO COUNTIES

Goose Creek game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Except as provided in 15A NCAC 10D .0103(d)(2), waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
 - (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - <u>Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.</u>
- (3) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October through the end of all waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek, and Hobucken.
- (4) On Spring Lake, 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is prohibited on the Beaufort County portion north of NC 33 except for that portion east of Smith Creek and south of Campbell Creek.
- (8) Bear shall not be harvested on Sunday.

Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305.

15A NCAC 10D .0232 GULL ROCK GAME LAND IN HYDE COUNTY

Gull Rock is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
 - (a) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (c) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
- (3) 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.

(4) Bear may only be taken the first Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday of the November Bear Season and the second Saturday, Monday, and <u>Tuesday</u> of the December Bear Season.

Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305.