15A NCAC 10D .0106 is amended with changes as published in 36:11 NCAC 937-938 as follows:

15A NCAC 10D .0106 **DESIGNATED BEAR SANCTUARIES MANAGEMENT AREAS**

(a) Bear may be taken on posted designated bear management areas specified in Paragraph (c) of this Rule during the open season by permit only. Individuals may apply for permits on or after July 1 online at ncwildlife.org, by phone, or in person at a wildlife service agent location. The number of permits issued annually will be based on achieving population management objectives of the Commission. The Commission shall issue available bear management area permits to applicants selected at random by computer. Permits shall be non-transferrable. All applicable laws and rules regarding the taking of bear shall apply.

It shall be unlawful to take bear on posted bear sanctuaries as set forth in Paragraph (b) of this rule, except when authorized by permit issued by the Commission on sanctuaries specified in Paragraph (c) of this Rule.

(b) The following shall be posted designated bear sanctuaries management areas:

   Bachelor Bay designated bear sanctuaries management area – Bertie and Washington counties

   Columbus County designated bear sanctuaries management area – Brunswick and Columbus counties

   Croatan designated bear sanctuaries management area – Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties

   Daniel Boone designated bear sanctuaries management area – Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties

   Dare designated bear sanctuaries management area – Dare and Hyde counties

   Fires Creek designated bear sanctuaries management area – Clay County

   Flat Top designated bear sanctuaries management area – Mitchell and Yancey counties

   Green Swamp designated bear sanctuaries management area – Brunswick County

   Gull Rock designated bear sanctuaries management area – Hyde County

   Harmon Den designated bear sanctuaries management area – Haywood County

   Juniper Creek designated bear sanctuaries management area – Brunswick and Columbus counties

   Mt. Mitchell designated bear sanctuaries management area – McDowell and Yancey counties

   North River designated bear sanctuaries management area – Camden and Currituck counties

   Panthertown – Bonas Defeat designated bear sanctuaries management area – Jackson County

   Pisgah designated bear sanctuaries management area – Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania

   Pungo River designated bear sanctuaries management area – Hyde County

   Rich Mountain designated bear sanctuaries management area – Madison County

   Sherwood designated bear sanctuaries management area – Haywood County

   Suggs Mill Pond designated bear sanctuaries management area – Bladen and Cumberland counties

   Standing Indian designated bear sanctuaries management area – Macon County

   Thurmond Chatham designated bear sanctuaries management area – Allegheny and Wilkes counties

   Wayah designated bear sanctuaries management area – Macon County

(c) It shall be lawful to take bear on the following sanctuaries designated management areas when authorized by permit issued by the Commission in accordance with G.S. 113-264(d):

   Daniel Boone designated bear sanctuaries management area – Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties
Dare designated bear sanctuaries management area – Dare and Hyde counties
Mt. Mitchell designated bear sanctuaries management area – McDowell and Yancey counties
Panthertown – Bonas Defeat designated bear sanctuaries management area – Jackson County
Pisgah designated bear sanctuaries management area – Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania
Standing Indian designated bear sanctuaries management area – Macon County

(d) Feral Swine shall not be taken with the use of dogs on designated bear sanctuaries management areas.
(e) Dogs shall not be trained or allowed to run unleashed between March 1 and the Monday on or nearest October 15 on designated bear sanctuaries management areas located in and west of the counties and parts of counties described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;
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