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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(a3) that the Wildlife Resources Commission intends to adopt the rule cited as 15A NCAC 10D .0240.

Codifier of Rules received for publication the following notice and proposed temporary rule on: June 10, 2022.

Public Hearing:

Date: July 7, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Register Online Here: https://ncwildlife-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_nb4jIjgQS8K_AftmkY7FsA Webinar ID: 160 797 3977 Call in: 833 568 8864

Reason for Proposed Temporary Action: G.S. 150B-21.1 (7)d, 150B-21.1(a)(7)b, and 150B-21.3(b2). Temporary adoption of this rule is necessary to maintain hunting seasons and management of Jordan game land. This rule was adopted by the Agency in February 2022 and was objected to. At this point, permanent rulemaking is contrary to public interest, as changes need to be in place before August 1, 2022, when the public is notified of the upcoming 2022-2023 hunting seasons. To avoid confusing the regulated public and in order to maintain management over Jordan game land, the agency is adopting this rule under temporary procedures.

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 June 13, 2022 and ends July 11, 2022.

CHAPTER 10 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND WATER SAFETY

SUBCHAPTER 10D - GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

SECTION .0200 – USE OF GAMELANDS

15A NCAC 10D .0240 JORDAN GAME LAND IN CHATHAM, DURHAM, ORANGE, AND WAKE COUNTIES

Jordan game land is a Six Days per Week Area. The following shall apply:

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken on all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (2) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
 - (a) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
 - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
 - (c) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (3) Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed only 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 seven days per week from May 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or older shall obtain a game land license prior to engaging in horseback riding on any area other than the American Tobacco Trail.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (5) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated and posted Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14. The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any posted camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period.

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