

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10A .1601

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: May 19, 2026**

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

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

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

*Regarding p. 3, lines 5, 6, and 7, G.S. 113-273(f) appears to establish specific fees for these licenses by statute. The increase in fees contemplated by G.S. 113-270.1B apply to fees established by the WRC by rule. How do you have authority to charge a fee in excess of the fee established by statute?*

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

1 15A NCAC 10A .1601 is amended with changes as published in 40:13 NCAC 1070 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10A .1601 LICENSE FEES**

4 (a) License fees established by the Commission in this Rule shall be subject to the requirements of G.S. 113-  
5 270.1B(e).

6 (b) The following fees shall apply to combination hunting and inland fishing licenses issued by the Commission, as  
7 set forth in G.S. 113-270.1C:

8 (1) Resident Annual Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - ~~\$42.00.~~ \$44.00.

9 (2) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - ~~\$14.00.~~  
10 \$15.00.

11 (3) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Combination Hunting and Inland Fishing License - ~~\$14.00.~~  
12 \$15.00.

13 (c) The following fees shall apply to sportsman licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.1D:

14 (1) Annual Sportsman License - ~~\$63.00.~~ \$66.00.

15 (2) Infant Lifetime Sportsman License - ~~\$252.00.~~ \$261.00.

16 (3) Youth Lifetime Sportsman License - ~~\$441.00.~~ \$456.00.

17 (4) Adult Resident Lifetime Sportsman License - ~~\$630.00.~~ \$652.00.

18 (5) Nonresident Lifetime Sportsman License - ~~\$1,511.00.~~ \$1,563.00.

19 (6) Age 70 Resident Lifetime Sportsman License - ~~\$19.00.~~ \$20.00.

20 (7) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Sportsman License - ~~\$126.00.~~ \$131.00.

21 (8) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Sportsman License - ~~\$126.00.~~ \$131.00.

22 (d) The following fees shall apply to hunting licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.2:

23 (1) Resident State Hunting License - ~~\$30.00.~~ \$32.00.

24 (2) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Hunting License - ~~\$315.00.~~ \$326.00.

25 (3) Controlled Hunting Preserve Hunting License - ~~\$27.00.~~ \$28.00.

26 (4) Resident Annual Comprehensive Hunting License - ~~\$47.00.~~ \$49.00.

27 (5) Nonresident State Hunting Licenses:

28 (A) Season License - ~~\$119.00.~~ \$124.00.

29 (B) Ten-Day License - ~~\$95.00.~~ \$99.00.

30 (6) Falconry Hunting License - ~~\$30.00.~~ \$32.00.

31 (e) The following fees shall apply to special activity licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-  
32 270.3:

33 (1) Resident Big Game Hunting License - ~~\$17.00.~~ \$18.00.

34 (2) Nonresident Bear Hunting License - ~~\$284.00.~~ \$294.00.

35 (3) Bear Management Stamp - ~~\$14.00.~~ \$15.00.

36 (4) Nonresident Big Game Hunting License:

37 (A) Season License - ~~\$119.00.~~ \$124.00.

- 1 (B) Ten-Day License - ~~\$95.00~~, \$99.00.
- 2 (5) Bonus Antlerless Deer License - ~~\$14.00~~, \$15.00.
- 3 (6) Game Land License - ~~\$19.00~~, \$20.00.
- 4 (7) Falconry License - ~~\$14.00~~, \$15.00.
- 5 (8) Migratory Waterfowl Hunting License - ~~\$17.00~~, \$18.00.
- 6 (9) Resident American Alligator License - ~~\$297.00~~, \$308.00.
- 7 (10) Nonresident American Alligator License - ~~\$594.00~~, \$615.00.
- 8 (11) Resident Elk License - ~~\$594.00~~, \$615.00.
- 9 (12) Nonresident Elk License - ~~\$1,188.00~~, \$1,229.00.
- 10 (f) The following fees shall apply to hunting and fishing guide licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S.
- 11 113-270.4:
- 12 (1) Resident Hunting and Fishing Guide License - ~~\$19.00~~, \$20.00.
- 13 (2) Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Guide License - ~~\$189.00~~, \$196.00.
- 14 (g) The following fees shall apply to trapping licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-270.5:
- 15 (1) Resident State Trapping License - ~~\$38.00~~, \$40.00.
- 16 (2) Resident Lifetime Trapping License - ~~\$357.00~~, \$370.00.
- 17 (3) Nonresident State Trapping License - ~~\$158.00~~, \$164.00.
- 18 (h) The following fees shall apply to hook-and-line licenses in inland and joint fishing waters issued by the
- 19 Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-271:
- 20 (1) Resident State Inland Fishing License - ~~\$30.00~~, \$32.00.
- 21 (2) Lifetime Resident Comprehensive Inland Fishing License - ~~\$315.00~~, \$326.00.
- 22 (3) Nonresident State Inland Fishing License - ~~\$54.00~~, \$56.00.
- 23 (4) Short-Term Inland Fishing License:
- 24 (A) Resident 10-day Inland Fishing License - ~~\$11.00~~, \$12.00.
- 25 (B) Nonresident 10-day Inland Fishing License - ~~\$28.00~~, \$29.00.
- 26 (5) Age 70 Resident Lifetime Inland Fishing License - ~~\$19.00~~, \$20.00.
- 27 (6) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Inland Fishing License - ~~\$14.00~~, \$15.00.
- 28 (7) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Inland Fishing License - ~~\$14.00~~, \$15.00.
- 29 (8) Special Landholder and Guest Fishing License - ~~\$126.00~~, \$131.00.
- 30 (9) Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Three-Day Fishing License - ~~\$10.00~~, \$11.00.
- 31 (i) The following shall apply to special device licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.2:
- 32 (1) Resident Special Device License - ~~\$95.00~~, \$99.00.
- 33 (2) Nonresident Special Device License - ~~\$630.00~~, \$652.00.
- 34 (j) The non-refundable ~~fees~~ fee for a collection license issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-272.4 shall
- 35 be ~~\$12.00~~, \$13.00.
- 36 (k) The following non-refundable fees shall apply to captivity licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S.
- 37 113-272.5:

- 1 (1) Captivity License for Holding - ~~\$60.00.~~ \$63.00.
- 2 (2) Captivity License for Rehabilitation - ~~\$12.00.~~ \$13.00.
- 3 (l) The following non-refundable fees shall apply to dealer licenses issued by the Commission as set forth in G.S.
- 4 113-273:
- 5 (1) Resident Fur-dealer License - ~~\$76.00.~~ [~~\$79.00.~~] \$32.00.
- 6 (2) Nonresident Fur-dealer License - ~~\$378.00.~~ [~~\$391.00.~~] \$63.00.
- 7 (3) Fur-dealer Station License - ~~\$152.00.~~ [~~\$158.00.~~] \$125.00.
- 8 (4) Controlled Hunting Preserve Operator License - ~~\$119.00.~~ \$124.00.
- 9 (5) Controlled Hunting Preserve Rabbit Operator License - ~~\$30.00.~~ \$32.00.
- 10 (6) Game Bird Propagation License - ~~\$12.00.~~ \$13.00.
- 11 (7) Furbearer Propagation License - ~~\$33.00.~~ \$35.00.
- 12 (8) Taxidermy License - ~~\$60.00.~~ \$63.00.
- 13 (9) Taxidermy Cervid Certification - ~~\$6.00.~~ \$7.00.
- 14 (10) Wildlife Control Agent License - ~~\$60.00.~~ \$63.00.
- 15 (11) Wildlife Control Technician Certification - ~~\$30.00.~~ \$32.00.
- 16 (12) Alligator Control Agent Certification - ~~\$30.00.~~ \$32.00.
- 17 (m) The following non-refundable fees shall apply to permits issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-274:
- 18 (1) Possession Permit - ~~\$12.00.~~ \$13.00.
- 19 (2) Exportation or Importation Permit - ~~\$12.00.~~ \$13.00.
- 20 (3) Trophy Wildlife Sale Permit - ~~\$12.00.~~ \$13.00.
- 21 (4) Endangered Species Permit - ~~\$12.00.~~ \$13.00.
- 22 (5) Field Trial Permit - ~~\$12.00.~~ \$13.00.
- 23 (n) Unified hunting and fishing licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in G.S. 113-351:
- 24 (1) Annual Resident Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$82.00.~~ \$85.00.
- 25 (2) Annual Resident Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$49.00.~~ \$51.00.
- 26 (3) Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses:
- 27 (A) Infant Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$347.00.~~
- 28 \$359.00.
- 29 (B) Youth Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$567.00.~~
- 30 \$587.00.
- 31 (C) Resident Adult Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License -
- 32 ~~\$851.00.~~ \$880.00.
- 33 (D) Nonresident Adult Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License -
- 34 ~~\$1,952.00.~~ \$2,019.00.
- 35 (E) Resident Age 70 Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License -
- 36 ~~\$38.00.~~ \$40.00.

1 (F) Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing  
2 License - ~~\$139.00~~, \$144.00.

3 (G) Resident Totally Disabled Lifetime Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing  
4 License - ~~\$139.00~~, \$144.00.

5 (4) Resident Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$567.00~~, \$587.00.

6 (o) The following fees shall apply to Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses issued by the Commission, as set forth in  
7 G.S. 113-174.2:

8 (1) Annual Resident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$19.00~~, \$20.00.

9 (2) Annual Nonresident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$38.00~~, \$40.00.

10 (3) Ten-Day Resident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$8.00~~, \$9.00.

11 (4) Ten-Day Nonresident Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$14.00~~, \$15.00.

12 (5) Infant Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$126.00~~, \$131.00.

13 (6) Youth Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$189.00~~, \$196.00.

14 (7) Resident Adult Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$315.00~~, \$326.00.

15 (8) Nonresident Adult Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$630.00~~, \$652.00.

16 (9) Resident Age 70 Lifetime Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$19.00~~, \$20.00.

17 (10) Resident Disabled Veteran Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$14.00~~, \$15.00.

18 (11) Resident Totally Disabled Coastal Recreational Fishing License - ~~\$14.00~~, \$15.00.

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20 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-270.1B(e);*

21 *Temporary Adoption Eff. January 1, 2020;*

22 *Eff. July 1, 2020;*

23 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2026; July 1, 2024; May 1, 2022.*

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