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**Subject:** FW: Wildlife Resources Commission - Rules Submission with Tech Changes

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**Subject:** RE: Wildlife Resources Commission - Rules Submission with Tech Changes

Mr. Casola,

A couple of the Commissioners have asked me if the WRC is going to define “No-wake zone”. Please be prepared for some potential questions regarding why the WRC has not defined this phrase in a rule and how it’s being interpreted by the WRC.

I recommend defining “No-wake zone” in the future, perhaps during readoption (G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(2)(g).

Thanks,

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**Attachments:** 15A NCAC 10D .0295.docx; 15A NCAC 10D .0295 Map.pdf; 15A NCAC 10F .0307.docx; 15A NCAC 10F .0324.docx; 15A NCAC 10F .0324 Map.pdf; 15A NCAC 10F .0338.docx; 15A NCAC 10F .0338 Maps.pdf; 15A NCAC 10G .0401.docx; 15A NCAC 10G .0402.docx; 15A NCAC 10G .0403.docx; 15A NCAC 10G .0405.docx; 15A NCAC 10G .0406.docx; 15A NCAC 10H .1104.docx; 15A NCAC 10H .1107.docx; 15A NCAC 10H .1101.docx

OAH,

Attached please find final rule text with technical changes and supplementary maps for the Jan. RRC meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

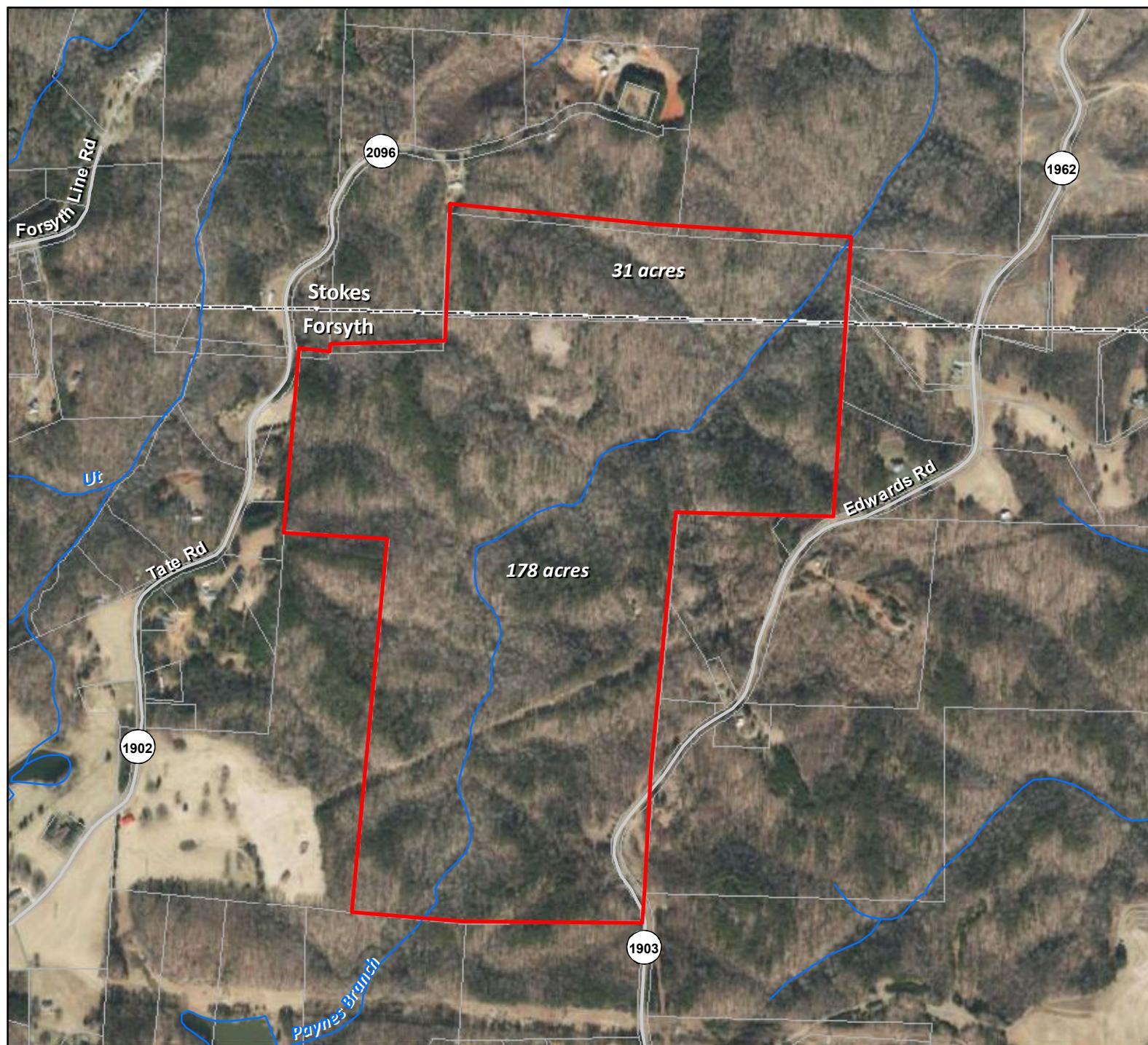
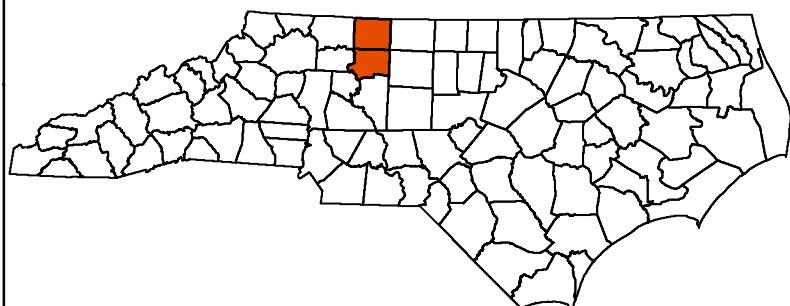
Thank you,

Will Casola



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**Payne Branch Tract  
Forsyth and Stokes Counties  
209 Acres Total**



Paynes Branch Property

February 23, 2023

0 0.1 0.2  
Miles



1 15A NCAC 10D .0295 is adopted as published in 40:04 NCR 434 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0295 PAYNES BRANCH GAME LAND IN FORSYTH AND STOKES COUNTIES**

4 Paynes Branch Game Land is a Three Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

5 (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the All Lawful Weapons Season for  
6 Deer With Visible Antlers through the second Wednesday thereafter.

7 (2) Target shooting is prohibited.

8 (3) Horseback riding is prohibited.

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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*

11 *Eff. February 1, 2026.*

1 15A NCAC 10F .0307 is amended with changes as published in 40:04 NCR 435 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0307 CATAWBA, IREDELL, LINCOLN, AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES**

4 (a) Regulated Area. This Rule shall apply to Lake Norman in Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg counties:

5 (1) within 50 yards of the shoreline at Jetton Park in Mecklenburg County, from a point on the west  
6 side of the park at 35.47082 N, 80.90427 W, south and around the point at 35.46703 N, 80.90360  
7 W, then northeast to a point at 35.47262 N, 80.89727 W;

8 (2) Bluff Point Cove in Cornelius shore to shore, east of a line from a point 50 yards west of the south  
9 shore of the cove mouth at 35.45327 N, 80.89520 W to a point 50 yards west of the north shore of  
10 the cove mouth at 35.45487 N, 80.89440 W; and

11 (3) the cove immediately north of the inlet of Hager Creek in Iredell County, north of a line from a point  
12 on the north shore at 35.55760 N, 80.94730 W southwest to a point on the island at the inlet of Hager  
13 Creek at 35.55695 N, 80.94971 W, and east of a line from the same point on the island northwest to  
14 a point on the north shore at 35.55754 N, 80.95029 W.

15 (b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no wake speed within the regulated areas described  
16 in Paragraph (a) of this Rule and as set forth in G.S. 75A-14.1.

17 ~~(c) Swimming Areas. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter any  
18 marked swimming area on the waters of Lake Norman.~~

19 ~~(d) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Lake Norman Marine Commission shall be the designated agency  
20 for placement and maintenance of navigational aids and regulatory markers on the waters of Lake Norman.~~

21 (d) Vessel Liveries. Vessel [liveries] liveries, as used in G.S. 75A-8, operating on Lake Norman shall conduct the  
22 following activities with each vessel renter prior to relinquishing control of the vessel:

23 (1) a pre-rental vessel inspection to ensure that safety equipment required by Rule .0201 of this  
24 Subchapter is on board and accessible; and

25 (2) provide and review instruction on safe operation of the vessel rented including review of navigation  
26 rules in G.S. 75A-6.1, operating restrictions in G.S. 75A-10, an electronic or waterproof  
27 navigational map of Lake Norman, and the U.S. Coast Guard's U.S. Aids to Navigation System  
28 pamphlet.

29 Both parties shall sign and date documentation verifying adherence to these requirements on the date the rental  
30 begins. The vessel livery shall maintain a copy of this documentation for a period of two years from the date of rental  
31 which shall be made available to law enforcement officers upon request. The vessel renter shall have a copy of the  
32 documentation on the vessel and available for law enforcement upon demand during the term of the rental.

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34 History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;

35 Eff. February 1, 1976;

36 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; October 1, 1992; May 1, 1989; March 25, 1978;

1       *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December*  
2       *6, 2016;*

3       *Amended Eff. October 1, 2019; October 1, 2018;*

4       *Temporary Amendment Eff. March 7, 2025. 2025:*

5       *Amended Eff. February 1, 2026.*

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## Potential NWZ at Raven Point/Skip Jack High Rock Lake, Davidson County

 Potential No-Wake Zone

0 25 50  
Yards



*High Rock Lake*

Raven  
Point

1 15A NCAC 10F .0324 is amended with changes as published in 40:05 NCR 462 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0324 DAVIDSON COUNTY**

4 ~~(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule shall apply to those portions of High Rock Lake, Tuckertown Lake, and Badin Lake~~  
5 ~~that lie within the boundaries of Davidson County.~~

6 ~~(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no wake speed:~~

7 (1) ~~within 50 yards of any marked public boat launching ramp, bridge, dock, marina, boat storage~~  
8 ~~structure, boat service area or pier while on the waters of High Rock Lake, Tuckertown Lake, and~~  
9 ~~Badin Lake in Davidson County;~~

10 (2) ~~High Rock Shores Drive Cove on High Rock Lake in Hi Roe Shores Subdivision in Silver Hill~~  
11 ~~Township, shore to shore northeast of a line from a point on the east shore at 35.67720 N, 80.24526~~  
12 ~~W to a point on the west shore at 35.67663 N, 80.24437 W;~~

13 (3) ~~Flat Swamp Creek on High Rock Lake shore to shore, from a point 50 yards north of the docks at~~  
14 ~~Camp Walter Johnson at 35.67130 N, 80.16592 W to a point 100 yards south of the docks at~~  
15 ~~35.66993 N, 80.16582 W;~~

16 (4) ~~the cove in Oakwood Acres on Abbotts Creek Cove on High Rock Lake shore to shore, west of a~~  
17 ~~line from a point on the south shore at 35.64704 N, 80.24787 W to a point on the north shore at~~  
18 ~~35.64809 N, 80.24870 W; and~~

19 (5) ~~Beaverdam Creek Cove on Badin Lake, shore to shore north of a line from a point on the east shore~~  
20 ~~at 35.50714 N, 80.09994 W to a point on the west shore at 35.50715 N, 80.10086 W.~~

21 ~~(c) Speed Limit in Mooring Areas. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no wake speed while within a~~  
22 ~~marked mooring area on the waters of High Rock Lake, Tuckertown Lake, and Badin Lake in Davidson County.~~

23 ~~(d) Swimming Areas. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter any~~  
24 ~~marked public swimming area on the waters of High Rock Lake, Tuckertown Lake, and Badin Lake in Davidson~~  
25 ~~County.~~

26 ~~(e) Placement of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Davidson County shall be the designated agency for~~  
27 ~~placement of the markers implementing this Rule.~~

28 (a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the following waters in Davidson County:

29 (1) High Rock Lake:

30 (A) the waters of the cove shore to shore in Abbotts Creek between North Shore Drive and  
31 South Shore Drive, east of a point at 35.64752 N, 80.24875 W;

32 (B) the waters shore to shore from a point 50 yards north of the docks at Camp Walter Johnson  
33 at 35.67130 N, 80.16592 W to a point 100 yards south of the docks at 35.66993 N,  
34 80.16582 W, on Flat Swamp Creek on High Rock Lake;

35 (C) the waters within 50 yards of the High Rock Boat Dock Marina pier north of Abbotts Creek  
36 Cove on High Rock Lake in Lexington, at 35.64992 N, 80.24802 W;

(D) the waters shore to shore in the cove at Skip Jack Harbor Marina and the Raven Point Boy Scout Camp dock, from a line at a point 50 yards south of the Raven Point Boy Scout Camp dock on the east shore of the cove at 35.63722 N, 80.27054 W, to a point on the west shore of the cove at 35.63788 N, 80.27212 W, northward ending 50 yards north of the Skipjack Harbor Marina dock at a line from a point on the east shore at 35.64070 N, 80.26864 W to a point on the west shore at 35.64064 N, 80.27050 W;

(E) the waters within 50 yards of the High Rock Marina and Campground and fuel dock in Abbotts Creek on High Rock Lake, from a point on the southwest shore at 35.68274 N, 80.25228 W, around the peninsula to a point on the north shore at 35.68439 N, 80.25052 W;

(F) the waters 50 yards northeast and 50 yards southwest of the N.C. Highway 8 Bridge on Flat Swamp Creek on High Rock Lake, from a point northeast of the bridge at 35.64564 N, 80.18493 W to a point southwest of the bridge at 35.64488 N, 80.18559 W;

(G) the waters 50 yards east and 50 yards west of the railroad trestle over Flat Swamp Creek on High Rock Lake, from a point east of the trestle at 35.61161 N, 80.23434 W, to a point west of the trestle at 35.61151 N, 80.23535 W;

(H) the waters shore to shore 50 yards northeast and 50 yards southwest of the SR 1396 bridge, otherwise known as the Linwood-Southmont Road Bridge on Swearing Creek on High Rock Lake, from a point northeast of the bridge at 35.69185 N, 80.30139 W to a point southwest of the bridge at 35.69135 N, 80.30218 W.

(I) the waters within 50 yards northwest and 50 yards southeast of SR 2294 bridge otherwise known as the Holloway Church Road Bridge on Abbotts Creek on High Rock Lake, from a point east of the bridge at 35.67612 N, 80.25005 W, to a point west of the bridge at 35.67663 N, 80.25097 W;

(J) the waters within 50 yards northeast and 50 yards southwest of the N.C. Highway 8 bridge and railroad trestle on Abbotts Creek on High Rock Lake, from a point southeast of the railroad trestle at 35.64235 N, 80.25508 W, to a point northeast of the bridge at 35.64292 N, 80.25396 W;

(K) the waters 50 yards north and 50 yards south of the N.C. Highway 47 bridge on Abbotts Creek on High Rock Lake, from a point north of the bridge at 35.74835 N, 80.24164 W, to a point south of the bridge at 35.74759 N, 80.24163 W;

(L) the waters within 50 yards of the dock and ramp at the Southmont Boat Ramp on Abbotts Creek on High Rock Lake at Wildlife Recreation Area Access Road, at 35.64694 N, 80.25990 W;

(M) the waters within 50 yards of the dock and ramp at Buddle Creek Swim Area Boat Ramp on Abbotts Creek on High Rock Lake, on Holloway Church Road, at 35.68212 N, 80.22924 W;

(N) the waters within 50 yards of the dock and ramp at the Pebble Beach Boat Ramp on Flat Swamp Creek on High Rock Lake off N.C. Highway 8, south of the N.C. Highway 8 Bridge, at 35.64356 N, 80.18570 W;

(2) Badin Lake:

(A) the waters of Beaverdam Creek Cove on Badin Lake shore to shore, north of a point at 35.50710 N, 80.10036 W in New London; and

(B) the waters within 50 yards of the Circle Drive Boating Access Area on Badin Lake, at 724 Shoreline Drive, New London.

(3) Tuckertown Reservoir. The waters 50 yards east and 50 yards west of the railroad trestle at Ellis Creek on Tuckertown Reservoir, from a point east of the trestle at 35.52983 N, 80.18650 W, to a point west of the trestle at 35.52966 N, 80.18749 W; and

(4) Yadkin River:

(A) the waters 50 yards north and 50 yards south of the N.C. Highway 29/70 bridge, otherwise known as the Wil-Cox Bridge, and the railroad trestle near Yadkin River Park on the Yadkin River in Linwood, from a point north of the bridge at 35.72328 N, 80.391137 W, to a point south of the railroad trestle at 35.72263 N, 80.39137 W; and

(B) the waters within 50 yards of the York Hill Yadkin River (YRST) boat ramp on the Yadkin River at 35.72398 N, 80.39116 W, west of SR 1147 in Linwood.

(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed while on the waters of the regulated areas designated in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) [Swimming Areas:] Swimming Areas. No vessel shall enter the waters of the following swimming areas:

(1) Buddle Creek Swimming Area [Area. No person operating a vessel shall permit it to enter the Swimming Area at the Buddle Creek Swim Area] at Abbotts Creek on High Rock Lake in Lexington, east of the ropes from a point at 35.68124 N, 80.22895 W; and

(2) Pebble Beach Swimming Area [Area. No person operating a vessel shall permit it to enter the Swimming Area at the Pebble Beach Swim Area] at Flat Swamp Creek on High Rock Lake in Denton, west of the ropes from a point at 35.64403 N, 80.18557 W to the shore at the N.C. Highway 8 bridge.

(d) Placement of Markers.

(1) the Board of Commissioners of Davidson County shall be the designated agency implementing Parts (a)(1)(A) through (E), (a)(2)(A), and (a)(4)(A) and (B) of this Rule;

(2) Cube Hydro Carolinas shall be the designated agency implementing Parts (a)(1)(L) through (N); and Subparagraph (c)(1) and (2) of this Rule; and

(3) the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall be the designated agency implementing Parts (a)(1)(F) through (K), (a)(2)(B); and (a)(3) of this Rule.

*History Note:*      Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;

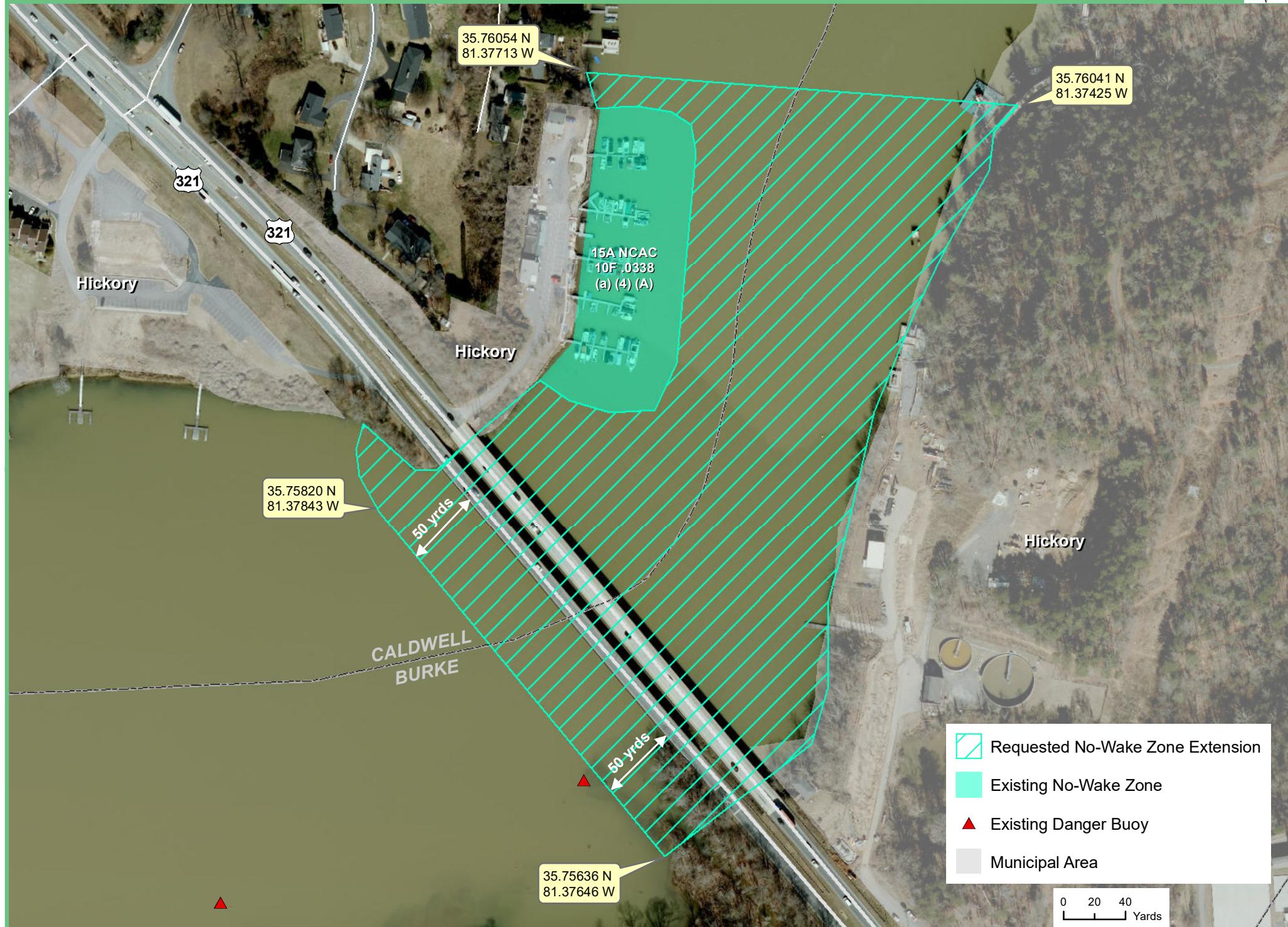
*Eff. July 1, 1976;*

1       *Amended Eff. January 1, 2012; May 1, 2004; December 1, 1995; December 1, 1991; August 1,*  
2       *1991; September 1, 1982;*

3       *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December*  
4       *6, 2016;*

5       *Amended Eff. February 1, 2026; October 1, 2018.*

15A NCAC 10F .0338 - Requested No-Wake Zone Extension by the City of Hickory  
Lake Hickory Marina and Boat Rental docks, Lake Hickory, Burke and Caldwell Counties



15A NCAC 10F .0338 - Requested No-Wake Zone

Deputy Adam W. Klutz Bridge, Gunpowder Creek, Lake Hickory, Caldwell County



1 15A NCAC 10F .0338 is amended with changes as published in 40:05 NCR 464 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0338 CALDWELL COUNTY**

4 (a) Regulated Areas. This Rule ~~shall apply~~ applies to the following waters in Caldwell County:

5 (1) ~~Catawba River;~~

6 (2)(1) Lake Rhodhiss:

7 (A) within 50 yards of the marina facilities at Castle Bridge Marina, 6131 Castle Bridge Drive  
8 in Granite Falls;

9 (B) within 50 yards of the Castle Bridge Boating Access Area, 6131 Connelly Springs Road in  
10 Granite Falls; and

11 (C) within 50 yards of the Conley Creek Boating Access Area, 5475 Waterworks Road in  
12 Granite Falls ~~Falls; and~~

13 (3) ~~Little Gunpowder Lake; and~~

14 (4)(2) Lake Hickory:

15 (A) ~~within 30 yards of the docks at the Lake Hickory Marina and Boat Rentals, on Limbaugh~~  
16 ~~Lane in the City of Hickory;~~

17 (A) the waters shore to shore beginning 50 yards southwest of the U.S. Highway 321 Bridge,  
18 from a line at a point on the east shore of Lake Hickory at 35.75636 N, 81.37646 W to a  
19 point on the west shore at 35.75820 N, 81.37843 W, northeast past River Walk on the east  
20 shore and Lake Hickory Pub and Marina on the west shore, ending at a line from a point  
21 on the east shore at 35.76041 N, 81.37425 W to a point on the west shore at 35.76054 N,  
22 81.37713 W in the City of Hickory;

23 (B) within 50 yards of the Gunpowder Boating Access Area, at 5450 Hurricane Hill Road in  
24 Granite Falls; ~~and~~

25 (C) within 50 yards of the Lovelady Boating Access Area, at 5682 Rocky Mount Road in  
26 Granite Falls. ~~Falls; and~~

27 (D) the waters of Gunpowder Creek shore to shore, within 50 yards northeast and 50 yards  
28 southwest of the Adam W. Klutz Bridge on Grace Chapel Road in Granite Falls.

29 (b) Speed limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within any regulated area described  
30 in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

31 (e) ~~Speed Limit in Mooring Areas. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed while within a~~  
32 ~~marked mooring area on the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.~~

33 (d) ~~Swimming Areas. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter any~~  
34 ~~marked public swimming area on the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.~~

35 (e) ~~(d)(c) Placement of Markers. The following agencies shall place or place and maintain the markers implementing~~  
36 ~~this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and United States Army Corps of Engineers:~~

(1) the Board of Commissioners of Caldwell County shall place the markers implementing Subparagraphs (a)(1) and (a)(3), and Part (a)(2)(A) of this Rule;

(2) the City of Hickory shall place the markers implementing Part (a)(4)(A) of this Rule; and

(3) the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall place and maintain the markers implementing Parts (a)(2)(B), (C), and (a)(4)(B), (C) of this Rule.

(1) the Board of Commissioners of Caldwell County shall be the designated agency implementing Subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Rule;

(2) the City of Hickory shall be the designated agency implementing Part (a)(2)(A) of this Rule; and

(3) the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall be the designated agency implementing Parts (a)(1)(B) and (C) and (a)(2)(B) through (D) of this Rule.

*History Note:*      Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;

*Eff. August 23, 1981;*

*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December 6, 2016;*

*Amended Eff. February 1, 2026; February 1, 2024; July 1, 2018.*

1    15A NCAC 10G .0401 is repealed through readoption as published in 40:04 NCR 436 as follows:

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3    **15A NCAC 10G .0401    PURPOSE OF WILDLIFE SERVICE AGENTS**

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5    *History Note:    Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.1;*

6    *Eff. April 1, 1997;*

7    *Amended Eff. May 1, 2007. 2007;*

8    *Repealed Eff. February 1, 2026.*

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1 15A NCAC 10G .0402 is readopted with changes as published in 40:04 NCR 436 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10G .0402 APPOINTMENT OF WILDLIFE SERVICE AGENTS**

4 (a) Wildlife Service Agents are official license and vessel agents of the Commission who are authorized, pursuant to  
5 individual Wildlife Service Agent Agreements, to issue hunting, fishing, and other licenses, permits, applications,  
6 vessel registrations, and other items authorized by the Commission. [authorized to issue hunting, fishing and other  
7 licenses, permits, applications, vessel registrations, and items pursuant to G.S. 113-270.1, the Wildlife Service Agent  
8 Agreement and the Rules of this Section.]

9 (b) Any An individual authorized to act on behalf of a business operating from a fixed location in North Carolina may  
10 apply to the Commission for appointment as a Wildlife Service Agent by completing an application provided by the  
11 Commission. Agent by completing the Wildlife Service Agent application available at ncwildlife.gov. Information  
12 required from the applicant shall include:

13 (1) business name, physical address, email, county, phone number, agent type, description of services,  
14 and operational dates and hours; and  
15 (2) business owner name, address, date of birth, driver's license number, and length of business  
16 ownership.

17 (b) Application. Applications for Wildlife Service Agent appointment shall contain the business name, address,  
18 county agent contact information, bank account information, business hours, and any other information requested by  
19 the Commission that is reasonably necessary to determine the fitness of the applicant to serve as a Wildlife Service  
20 Agent.

21 (d)(c) Qualifications and Requirements. Applicants Business owners shall meet the following requirements to  
22 qualifications in order to be appointed qualify as a Wildlife Service Agent. Agent unless otherwise approved by the  
23 Executive Director or his or her designee to maintain adequate service to the public in a geographic area:

24 (1) Businesses shall operate from a fixed location in North Carolina and shall sell a minimum of one  
25 thousand dollars (\$1,000) in transaction sales annually. This minimum requirement may be waived  
26 by the Executive Director if he finds the applicant's services necessary to maintain adequate agent  
27 services to the public in that geographic area.

28 (2)(1) An applicant shall have a minimum of one year's experience in operating the business for which the  
29 application is made or other equivalent business experience or training. experience; In those cases  
30 where other equivalent business experience or training is accepted in lieu of the minimum one year's  
31 experience, the applicant shall submit financial statements of the business so that the solvency of  
32 the business can be judged.

33 (3)(2) Applicants shall provide a bank account for the purpose of transferring net proceeds from all  
34 Wildlife Service Agent transactions to the Commission's account in the State Treasury every week  
35 via an electronic transfer of funds. Commission; and

(3) no criminal convictions, for any offenses in Subchapter V of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, within the five years prior to application. ~~no criminal convictions for financial crimes within the five years prior to application.~~

(d) The qualifications as provided by Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule shall be met prior to appointment. Failure to comply with the qualifications and requirements as provided by Paragraph (c) of this Rule, throughout the term of the appointment, may result in termination of the agent appointment. All agents are subject to monitoring of their performance by the Customer Support Section of the Commission.

(d) Upon approval of the application by the Commission, Wildlife Service Agents shall:

- (1) have a computer, [printer] printer, and internet access at their business location;
- (2) provide a voided check or withdrawal slip for the bank account to be used to transfer funds to the Commission;
- (3) complete online training provided by the Commission or a contracted third-party vendor; and
- (4) sign and submit the Wildlife Service Agent Agreement.

(e) Wildlife Service Agent Agreements and appointments are non-transferable and valid only for the owner and business named on the executed agreement.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.1;

*Eff. April 1, 1997;*

*Amended Eff. September 1, 2011; May 1, 2007; July 1, ~~1998~~. 1998;*

Readopted Eff. February 1, 2026.

1    15A NCAC 10G .0403 is repealed through readoption as published in 40:04 NCR 437 as follows:

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3    **15A NCAC 10G .0403    WILDLIFE SERVICE AGENT AGREEMENT**

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5    *History Note:    Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.1;*

6    *Eff. April 1, 1997;*

7    *Amended Eff. September 1, 2011; June 1, 2007; July 1, ~~1998~~. 1998;*

8    *Repealed Eff. February 1, 2026.*

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1 15A NCAC 10G .0405 is readopted as published in 40:04 NCR 437 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10G .0405 WILDLIFE SERVICE AGENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

4 (a) A Wildlife Service Agent's Agent shall comply with the following appointment and service is subject to the  
5 following terms and conditions:

6 (1) Public Service. Wildlife Service Agents shall serve all persons individuals seeking assistance with  
7 matters related to the duties of a Wildlife Service Agent. Agent during regular business hours.

8 (2) Training. New Wildlife Service Agents shall attend a training session at a location specified by the  
9 Commission prior to activation of agent status and prior to receiving any equipment or supplies from  
10 the Commission. transfer funds and records to the Commission as specified in the Wildlife Service  
11 Agent Agreement;

12 (3) Activation of Agent Status. Upon completion of training and receipt of equipment and supplies,  
13 Wildlife Service Agents shall have their equipment set up and ready for operation 10 days after the  
14 date they receive the equipment and supplies.

15 (4) Application. Each Wildlife Service Agent shall notify the Commission of any changes to the  
16 original application for appointment such as business name, address, agent contact information,  
17 bank account information, business hours and other information related to agent appointment, within  
18 five business days of it's the change.

19 (5) Business Change of Ownership, Location, or Management. If the ownership of the business,  
20 location or management changes, then the Agreement becomes null and void. Written provide  
21 written notice of any a change in business ownership, location, or management shall be sent to the  
22 Commission at least 10 business days prior to the change along with an application for a new  
23 Wildlife Service Agreement, if desired, pursuant to the rules in this Section. desired.

24 (6) maintain five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in Agent transaction sales at the business location annually.  
25 Cancellation. A Wildlife Service Agent may cancel the Agreement at any time by sending written  
26 notice to the Commission. The Commission shall instruct resigning agents on the procedures for  
27 returning all equipment and supplies and to settle their account. Upon resignation of appointment  
28 as a Wildlife Service Agent, the former agent must return all consigned equipment and supplies to  
29 the Commission and settle the agent financial account within 10 days of the resignation letter's date.

30 (b) A Wildlife Service Agent may cancel the Agreement by sending written notice to the Commission. Consigned  
31 equipment and supplies shall be returned to the Commission and the financial account shall be settled within 10  
32 business days of the date of resignation letter receipt.

33 (b) Suspension. The Commission shall temporarily suspend any Wildlife Service Agent appointment for:

34 (1) Failure to deposit sufficient funds one or two times to cover the electronic transfer of funds each  
35 week.

36 (2) Failure to operate as a public convenience as specified in the Agreement one or two times.

- (3) Failure to provide proper and correct information one or two times about wildlife transactions and related issues to customers as documented by customer complaints or agency inspections.
- (4) Failure to submit or return all required documentation for transactions as outlined in the Agreement one or two times.

Temporary suspension is effective immediately upon communication of that fact to the Wildlife Service Agent. Such communication shall state the grounds for temporary suspension and that the agent may request a hearing within 5 working days if he contests the grounds for temporary suspension. If the initial notification is not in writing, it shall be followed by written notice of temporary suspension containing the same information. If the Commission determines it is necessary to protect State property, an employee of the Commission may enter the premises and impound all property and supplies issued or entitled to by the Commission such as equipment, moneys, record books, reports, license forms, other documents and materials pertinent to the agent being suspended. The Commission must make the impounded property, or copies of it, available to the agent during the period of temporary suspension. If a hearing is requested, it shall be before the Executive Director or his designee and shall be held at a location specified by the Executive Director.

~~Temporary suspension remains in effect until the hearing. A temporary suspension may not last longer than 30 days, but additional suspensions may be imposed if, at the end of the suspension period, the agent has not corrected the deficiency or deficiencies that resulted in the suspension. A Wildlife Service Agent may at any time after a hearing appeal his suspension to the Commission. A new suspension shall comply with the provisions of this Paragraph.~~

(e) Termination. The Commission shall terminate any Wildlife Service Agent appointment for any of the deficiencies listed below unless it determines that such deficiency may be corrected, is not likely to be repeated during the term of the current agreement, and not maintaining the Agent Agreement will result in insufficient Commission services to the public in the area served by the Agent. Deficiencies that may result in termination include:

- (1) Failure to comply with the terms and conditions as outlined in the wildlife service agreement.
- (2) Failure to deposit sufficient funds three or more times to cover the electronic transfer of funds each week.
- (3) Failure to meet the minimum transaction sales requirement of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) annually.
- (4) Failure to operate as a public convenience as specified in the Agreement three or more times.
- (5) Failure to provide proper and correct information three or more times about wildlife transactions and related issues to customers as documented by customer complaints or agency inspections.
- (6) Failure to submit or return all required documentation for transactions as outlined in the Agreement three or more times.

Notice of termination of the appointment may be sent to the Wildlife Service Agent in lieu of or in addition to temporary suspension. The notice must state the grounds for termination of the appointment and the agent's right to a hearing if he has not previously been afforded one. If the appointment is to be terminated, the notice must state the effective date and hour of termination. If the agent has not been previously afforded a hearing, the agent is entitled to a hearing within 14 days before the Executive Director or his designee to be held at a location specified by the

1   Executive Director. If the Executive Director upholds the decision to terminate the appointment, an agent may appeal  
2   his termination to the Commission. Pending the hearing and any appeal from it, the termination is held in abeyance,  
3   but no transaction may be made once the agent's termination effective date and time have passed.

4   Upon termination of appointment as a Wildlife Service Agent, the former agent must return all consigned equipment  
5   and supplies to the Commission and settle the agent financial account within 10 days of the date of receiving written  
6   notice from the Commission. Employees of the Commission may conduct inspections and audits when terminating an  
7   agent.

8   The Executive Director or his designee holding any hearing under this Paragraph must keep a written record of  
9   evidence considered and findings made. Upon appeal to the Commission, the Commission Chairman or another  
10   presiding officer must cause such a written record of evidence and findings to be made and kept.

11   No person denied appointment or whose appointment was terminated under this Paragraph may apply again for an  
12   appointment as a Wildlife Service Agent for two years. Upon application, the Commission may not grant the  
13   appointment as a Wildlife Service Agent unless the applicant produces evidence, convincing to the Commission, that  
14   he meets all standards and qualifications and will comply with all requirements of statutes and rules pertaining to  
15   Wildlife Service Agents.

16   (d)(c) Use of customer identifying information. Customer identifying information for customers of the Commission  
17   is protected by G.S. 143-254.5. A Wildlife Service Agents Agent shall not use or disclose any customer identifying  
18   information specified in G.S. 143-254.5 to any third party without written authorization of from the Commission.  
19   Wildlife Service Agents shall not use such customer identifying information for any purpose other than the processing  
20   of Commission transactions requested by the customer. Failure to abide by provisions in this Paragraph is grounds for  
21   termination of the agency.

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23   *History Note:   Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.1;*

24   *Eff. June 1, 2007;*

25   *Amended Eff. September 1, 2011. 2011;*

26   *Readopted Eff. February 1, 2026.*

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1 15A NCAC 10G .0406 is adopted with changes as published in 40:04 NCR 439 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10G .0406 APPOINTMENT TERMINATION**

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5 (a) The Commission may audit Wildlife Service Agent transactions. Agents shall comply with Commission requests  
6 for records and information within 10 business days of the request.

7 (b) The Commission may suspend or terminate a Wildlife Service Agent appointment for violation [of provisions] of  
8 G.S. 113-270.1, the rules of this Section, or the Wildlife Service Agent Agreement. The determination of whether to  
9 suspend or revoke appointment shall be based on the severity and frequency of the violation. [violation, and may  
10 include failure to:

11 (1) operate as a public convenience as specified in the Agreement;  
12 (2) provide correct information about wildlife transactions to customers as documented by customer  
13 complaints or agency inspections;  
14 (3) submit or return required documentation for transactions;  
15 (4) comply with the terms and conditions specified in Rule .0405 of this Section;  
16 (5) deposit sufficient funds to cover electronic transfers; and  
17 (6) meet the five thousand dollar (\$5,000) annual Agent transaction requirement.]

18 (c) Upon termination of appointment, a Wildlife Service Agent shall return consigned equipment and supplies to the  
19 Commission and settle the agent financial account within 10 business days of receipt of written [ef] termination notice  
20 from the Commission.

21 (d) Individuals denied appointment or whose appointment is terminated shall not reapply for appointment for two  
22 years from the date of receiving written notice from the Commission. [years.]

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24 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.1;*

25 *Eff. February 1, 2026.*

1 15A NCAC 10H .1101 is amended as published in 40:05 NCR 465 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10H .1101 FURBEARER PROPAGATION LICENSE**

4 (a) The furbearer propagation license shall authorize the propagation of furbearing animals and red foxes, including  
5 all color phases, for use as fur.

6 (b) Furbearer propagation license holders shall be authorized to do the following: may conduct the following activities  
7 with species designated on their license:

8 (1) Breed breed the species of animal designated on the license; species for the production of marketable  
9 fur;

10 (2) Raise raise live specimens for the production of marketable fur;

11 (3) Sell sell domestically produced fur to a licensed fur dealer; and

12 (4) Buy acquire, buy, and sell live specimens from or to a another furbearer propagation license holder,  
13 a captivity license holder, or a licensed non-resident producer of ranch-raised breeding stock. Live  
14 specimens shall not be sourced from the wild.

15 ~~(b)(c) Application for a furbearer propagation license shall be made on a form available from the Commission at~~  
16 ~~www.newwildlife.org~~ or at the Commission headquarters located at 1751 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606-2576.

17 Information required from the applicant shall include:

18 (1) The applicant's name;

19 (2) The applicant's residence or mailing address;

20 (3) The physical address of the propagation facility;

21 (4) The applicant's telephone number; and

22 (5) date of birth;

23 (5)(6) The species of furbearing animal or fox to be propagated; propagated; and

24 (7) certification of up-to-date rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis, if applicable.

25 ~~(e)(d) The furbearer propagation license shall be posted and displayed at the propagation facility and be provided,~~  
26 ~~upon request, to a representative of the Commission, so that it is visible to visitors or patrons at all times.~~

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273;*

29 *Eff. April 1, 1986;*

30 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December*  
31 *6, 2016;*

32 *Amended Eff. February 1, 2026; November 1, 2019.*

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1 15A NCAC 10H .1104 is amended as published in 40:05 NCR 466 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10H .1104 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CAGING AND CARE**

4 **(a) General Cage Requirements.**

5       (1) Cages shall be constructed of non-toxic, corrosion-resistant materials sufficient to retain animals  
6       without tethers or chains;

7       (2) Cages shall contain a den area large enough for all the animals in that cage to turn around and lie  
8       down;

9       (3) Cages shall be housed in an area that provides protection from direct sunlight, precipitation, wind,  
10       and other weather conditions;

11       (4) Cages shall minimize heat build-up and provide sufficient light to maintain the animal's circadian  
12       rhythms;

13       (5) Cages shall be ventilated to sufficiently provide fresh air circulation;

14       (6) Cages shall be securely anchored and elevated two feet above ground or floor level to facilitate  
15       cleaning;

16       (7) Cages shall be arranged in rows to allow for visual and physical inspection and to allow space for  
17       cleaning; and

18       (8) Cages shall be surrounded by a four foot perimeter fence with a one foot below ground dig barrier  
19       designed to prevent ingress and egress by domestic and wild animals. The fence shall have a top  
20       electrified wire three feet above the ground and a bottom electrified wire one foot above the ground.  
21       The fence shall be free from structures or vegetation.

22       (b)(a) Breeder cages shall be used to hold a A pair of animals held for breeding and to hold the or a female and her  
23       litter from the time the litter is born until weaning. weaning shall be held in a breeder cage.

24       (c)(b) Pelter cages shall only be used to hold A single animals. animal or two mink may be held in a pelter cage.

25 **(d) Mink.**

26       (1) cages shall have a height of 12 inches.

27       (2) breeder cages shall be 4,300 cubic inches.

28       (3) pelter cages shall be 2,500 cubic inches for one mink, and 3,800 cubic inches for two mink.

29       (4) shall be acquired from a fur bearer propagation license holder, a captivity license holder, or a licensed  
30       non-resident producer of ranch-raised breeding stock that is free from Aleutian Disease, and shall  
31       be tested and vaccinated for Aleutian Disease.

32 **(e) Fox.**

33       (1) cages shall have a height of 24 inches.

34       (2) breeder cages shall be 13 cubic feet.

35       (3) pelter cages shall be 16 cubic feet.

36       (f)(e) The minimum dimensions of cages in The following cage dimension requirements in depth (d), width (w), and  
37       height (h), measured in feet feet, shall be as follows depending on the species of animals being held: apply:

SPECIES	BREEDER CAGE (d x w x h)	PELTER CAGE (d x w x h)
Beaver	3 x 6 x 2.5	3 x 4 x 2.5
Bobcat	3 x 6 x 2.5	3 x 4 x 2.5
<del>Fox</del>	<del>5.0 x 3.0 x 3.0</del>	<del>2.5 x 3.0 x 3.0</del>
<del>Mink</del>	<del>2.0 x 0.8 x 1.0</del>	<del>2.0 x 0.5 x 1.0</del>
Nutria	3 x 3 x 2.0	3 x 2 x 2.0
Opossum	3 x 3 x 2.0	3 x 2 x 2.0
Otter	3 x 5 x 1.5	3 x 3 x 1.5
Raccoon	3 x 4 x 2.0	3 x 2 x 2.0
Skunk	3 x 3 x 1.5	3 x 2 x 1.5
Weasel	2 x 2 x 1.5	1 x 2 x 1.5

~~(d) Each license holder shall comply with the following general cage requirements:~~

- ~~(1) cages shall be constructed of non toxic, corrosion resistant materials sufficient to retain animals without tethers or chains;~~
- ~~(2) cages shall have a den area large enough for all the animals in that cage to turn around and lie down;~~
- ~~(3) cages shall be housed in an area that provides protection from direct sunlight, precipitation, wind, and other weather conditions;~~
- ~~(4) cages shall be designed to minimize heat build up and provide sufficient light to maintain the animal's circadian rhythms;~~
- ~~(5) caging shall be ventilated;~~
- ~~(6) cages shall be solidly based at least two feet above ground or floor level to facilitate cleaning;~~
- ~~(7) cages shall be arranged in rows to allow visual and physical inspection of all areas and all species and to allow space for operations and cleaning; and~~
- ~~(8) a perimeter fence shall be maintained around the housing area and shall include a dig barrier designed to prevent escape and access by domestic and wild animals.~~

~~(g)(e) Each license holder shall comply with the following general care requirements: General Sanitation and Food Requirements.~~

- ~~(1) water: clean drinking water shall be provided. Clean drinking water shall be provided daily. All pools, tanks, water areas, and water containers provided for swimming, wading, or drinking shall be clean. Enclosures shall provide drainage for surface water and runoff;~~
- ~~(2) sanitation: water disposal and waste disposal Water and waste shall be disposed of in accordance with all applicable local, State, and federal laws;~~

(3) food: food Food shall be of a type and quantity that is appropriate for the particular species and shall be provided in an unspoiled and uncontaminated condition. condition; Food shall be stored to prevent vermin infestation and spoilage;

(4) waste: feed Fecal and food waste shall be removed daily from inside, under, and around enclosures and disposed of in a manner that prevents seepage into groundwater, noxious odors, odors or pests;

(5) ectoparasites: a program for the control of ectoparasites and vermin shall be established and maintained. Effective measures shall be implemented to control ectoparasites, insects, and vermin. These measures shall be documented and provided, upon request, by a representative of the Commission. Methods to control insects shall be employed and only EPA-approved insecticides shall may be used. Biological pest control methods may be used; used where appropriate.

(6) Acquired or purchased animals shall be quarantined for 30 days. The quarantine area shall have dedicated coveralls, boots, gloves, and footbath; and

(7) Carcasses shall be disposed of in an incinerator, landfill, or buried 3 feet below ground and 300 feet from a waterbody. Carcasses shall be temporarily stored in a sealed container prior to final disposal.

ense holders who are authorized to propagate furbearing animals that are rabies species, as defined in 10H

(19) and red foxes, shall:

(1) certify 12 hours of rabies or rabies species-specific training, or a combination thereof, for their initial application;

(2) certify up-to-date rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis in accordance with current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.CDC.gov for themselves and staff members who may contact rabies species;

(3) provide the name and contact information of a North Carolina licensed veterinarian with whom the licensee has consulted and who agrees to provide necessary medical treatment to the rabies species;

(4) certify notification to the appropriate animal control authority and local health department prior to making application to the Commission, to inform them of their anticipated activities and location, and to coordinate future rabies testing activities;

(5) post the following information at the license holder's facility and be provided, upon request, by an authorized representative of the Commission:

(A) proof of immunization or titer checks for individuals who have contact with rabies species;

(B) contact information for the veterinarian who agrees to provide medical treatment to the rabies species;

(C) contact information for the local animal control authority and local health department; and

(D) a written protocol for euthanasia and rabies testing.

(6) consider rabies species to be potentially infected with the rabies virus. If a human or domestic animal has been scratched, bitten, or exposed to saliva, the fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord, or brain or spinal cord material from a rabies species, the license holder shall contact the local health department immediately to report the incident. License holders shall abide by requests from public

health department personnel, animal control, and Commission personnel regarding disposition of the animal. Rabies species that have scratched or bitten a human or domestic animal or die in captivity shall not be released or disposed of until the local health department investigates the situation to determine if testing is necessary. Positive rabies test results shall be reported to the Commission within five business days of receipt from the health department.

(i) Biosecurity Standards. Prior to entering the perimeter fence, all individuals shall:

- (1) wear coveralls and boots;
- (2) wash their hands with a disinfecting soap or use a waterless hand disinfectant; and
- (3) use a footbath of phenolic, chlorhexidine, or quaternary ammonium disinfectants.

Except for license holders, all individuals shall sign an entrance log prior to entering the perimeter fence.

*History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273;*

*Eff. April 1, 1986;*

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*Amended Eff. February 1, 2026; November 1, 2019.*

1 15A NCAC 10H .1107 is amended as published in 40:05 NCR 468 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10H .1107 RECORDS AND INSPECTIONS**

4 (a) Furbearer propagation license holders shall ~~maintain records containing record~~ the following information:

5 (1) the numbers and species of furbearing animals or foxes acquired;

6 (2) the dates and sources of acquisition;

7 (3) the numbers of animals produced by breeding

8 (4) ~~and the numbers of animals~~ raised for market; and

9 (5)(4) the numbers of animals ~~or pelts sold or otherwise disposed of, sold, transferred, died, or euthanized,~~

10 the dates of disposition, and the ~~identities~~ license numbers of the recipients, if ~~the animals were sold~~  
11 ~~alive, applicable.~~

12 (b) The records required by this Rule shall be submitted to the Commission within 15 days of license expiration and  
13 shall be retained for 12 months following license expiration, one year following the end of the calendar year to which  
14 they pertain. The records required pursuant to this Rule Records shall be available for inspection upon at the request  
15 by a representative of the Commission.

16 (c) Representatives of the Commission shall be permitted to enter the premises of a license holder's ~~furbearer~~  
17 ~~propagation~~ facility upon request or during the facility's business hours for inspection, enforcement, or scientific  
18 purposes.

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20 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273;*

21 *Eff. April 1, 1986;*

22 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December*  
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## Burgos, Alexander N

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Thank you.

Please submit all final revised rules for review at January's RRC meeting.

Thanks,

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## **Burgos, Alexander N**

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Travis,

Attached please see revised rule text for 10G .0402.

Please let me know if you have any additional feedback, otherwise I will resubmit all rules to OAH copying you and Mr. Burgos.

Best,

Will

1 15A NCAC 10G .0402 is readopted with changes as published in 40:04 NCR 436 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10G .0402 APPOINTMENT OF WILDLIFE SERVICE AGENTS**

4 (a) Wildlife Service Agents are official license and vessel agents of the Commission who are authorized, pursuant to  
5 individual Wildlife Service Agent Agreements, to issue hunting, fishing, and other licenses, permits, applications,  
6 vessel registrations, and other items authorized by the Commission. [authorized to issue hunting, fishing and other  
7 licenses, permits, applications, vessel registrations, and items pursuant to G.S. 113-270.1, the Wildlife Service Agent  
8 Agreement and the Rules of this Section.]

9 (b) Any An individual authorized to act on behalf of a business operating from a fixed location in North Carolina may  
10 apply to the Commission for appointment as a Wildlife Service Agent by completing an application provided by the  
11 Commission. Agent by completing the Wildlife Service Agent application available at ncwildlife.gov. Information  
12 required from the applicant shall include:

13 (1) business name, physical address, email, county, phone number, agent type, description of services,  
14 and operational dates and hours; and  
15 (2) business owner name, address, date of birth, driver's license number, and length of business  
16 ownership.

17 (b) Application. Applications for Wildlife Service Agent appointment shall contain the business name, address,  
18 county agent contact information, bank account information, business hours, and any other information requested by  
19 the Commission that is reasonably necessary to determine the fitness of the applicant to serve as a Wildlife Service  
20 Agent.

21 (d)(c) Qualifications and Requirements. Applicants Business owners shall meet the following requirements to  
22 qualifications in order to be appointed qualify as a Wildlife Service Agent. Agent unless otherwise approved by the  
23 Executive Director or his or her designee to maintain adequate service to the public in a geographic area:

24 (1) Businesses shall operate from a fixed location in North Carolina and shall sell a minimum of one  
25 thousand dollars (\$1,000) in transaction sales annually. This minimum requirement may be waived  
26 by the Executive Director if he finds the applicant's services necessary to maintain adequate agent  
27 services to the public in that geographic area.

28 (2)(1) An applicant shall have a minimum of one year's experience in operating the business for which the  
29 application is made or other equivalent business experience or training. experience; In those cases  
30 where other equivalent business experience or training is accepted in lieu of the minimum one year's  
31 experience, the applicant shall submit financial statements of the business so that the solvency of  
32 the business can be judged.

33 (3)(2) Applicants shall provide a bank account for the purpose of transferring net proceeds from all  
34 Wildlife Service Agent transactions to the Commission's account in the State Treasury every week  
35 via an electronic transfer of funds. Commission; and

(3) no criminal convictions, for any offenses in Subchapter V of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, within the five years prior to application. ~~no criminal convictions for financial crimes within the five years prior to application.~~

(d) The qualifications as provided by Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule shall be met prior to appointment. Failure to comply with the qualifications and requirements as provided by Paragraph (c) of this Rule, throughout the term of the appointment, may result in termination of the agent appointment. All agents are subject to monitoring of their performance by the Customer Support Section of the Commission.

(d) Upon approval of the application by the Commission, Wildlife Service Agents shall:

- (1) have a computer, [printer] printer, and internet access at their business location;
- (2) provide a voided check or withdrawal slip for the bank account to be used to transfer funds to the Commission;
- (3) complete online training provided by the Commission or a contracted third-party vendor; and
- (4) sign and submit the Wildlife Service Agent Agreement.

(e) Wildlife Service Agent Agreements and appointments are non-transferable and valid only for the owner and business named on the executed agreement.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.1;

*Eff. April 1, 1997;*

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## Burgos, Alexander N

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Good morning,

I have one additional request. In 10G .0402(c)(3), line 36, please change to “no criminal convictions, for any offenses in Subchapter V of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, within the five years prior to application.”

Thanks,

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Travis,

Thank you for the additional feedback. Please see responses below and attached amended rule text.

### **15A NCAC 10D .0295**

- We will implement this recommendation during the upcoming PRR readoption.

### **15A NCAC 10F .0307**

- We added both commas. See attached rule text.

### **15A NCAC 10G .0402**

- We have amended the rule text and now specifically refer to offenses listed in Chapter 14, subchapter 5.

Please let me know if you have additional feedback or questions.

Best,

Will

1 15A NCAC 10F .0307 is amended with changes as published in 40:04 NCR 435 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0307 CATAWBA, IREDELL, LINCOLN, AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES**

4 (a) Regulated Area. This Rule shall apply to Lake Norman in Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg counties:

5 (1) within 50 yards of the shoreline at Jetton Park in Mecklenburg County, from a point on the west  
6 side of the park at 35.47082 N, 80.90427 W, south and around the point at 35.46703 N, 80.90360  
7 W, then northeast to a point at 35.47262 N, 80.89727 W;

8 (2) Bluff Point Cove in Cornelius shore to shore, east of a line from a point 50 yards west of the south  
9 shore of the cove mouth at 35.45327 N, 80.89520 W to a point 50 yards west of the north shore of  
10 the cove mouth at 35.45487 N, 80.89440 W; and

11 (3) the cove immediately north of the inlet of Hager Creek in Iredell County, north of a line from a point  
12 on the north shore at 35.55760 N, 80.94730 W southwest to a point on the island at the inlet of Hager  
13 Creek at 35.55695 N, 80.94971 W, and east of a line from the same point on the island northwest to  
14 a point on the north shore at 35.55754 N, 80.95029 W.

15 (b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no wake speed within the regulated areas described  
16 in Paragraph (a) of this Rule and as set forth in G.S. 75A-14.1.

17 ~~(c) Swimming Areas. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter any  
18 marked swimming area on the waters of Lake Norman.~~

19 ~~(d) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Lake Norman Marine Commission shall be the designated agency  
20 for placement and maintenance of navigational aids and regulatory markers on the waters of Lake Norman.~~

21 (d) Vessel Liveries. Vessel [liveries] liveries, as used in G.S. 75A-8, operating on Lake Norman shall conduct the  
22 following activities with each vessel renter prior to relinquishing control of the vessel:

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34 History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;

35 Eff. February 1, 1976;

36 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; October 1, 1992; May 1, 1989; March 25, 1978;

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4       *Temporary Amendment Eff. March 7, 2025. 2025:*

5       *Amended Eff. February 1, 2026.*

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1 15A NCAC 10G .0402 is readopted with changes as published in 40:04 NCR 436 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10G .0402 APPOINTMENT OF WILDLIFE SERVICE AGENTS**

4 (a) Wildlife Service Agents are official license and vessel agents of the Commission who are authorized, pursuant to  
5 individual Wildlife Service Agent Agreements, to issue hunting, fishing, and other licenses, permits, applications,  
6 vessel registrations, and other items authorized by the Commission. [authorized to issue hunting, fishing and other  
7 licenses, permits, applications, vessel registrations, and items pursuant to G.S. 113-270.1, the Wildlife Service Agent  
8 Agreement and the Rules of this Section.]

9 (b) Any An individual authorized to act on behalf of a business operating from a fixed location in North Carolina may  
10 apply to the Commission for appointment as a Wildlife Service Agent by completing an application provided by the  
11 Commission. Agent by completing the Wildlife Service Agent application available at ncwildlife.gov. Information  
12 required from the applicant shall include:

13 (1) business name, physical address, email, county, phone number, agent type, description of services,  
14 and operational dates and hours; and  
15 (2) business owner name, address, date of birth, driver's license number, and length of business  
16 ownership.

17 (b) Application. Applications for Wildlife Service Agent appointment shall contain the business name, address,  
18 county agent contact information, bank account information, business hours, and any other information requested by  
19 the Commission that is reasonably necessary to determine the fitness of the applicant to serve as a Wildlife Service  
20 Agent.

21 (d)(c) Qualifications and Requirements. Applicants Business owners shall meet the following requirements to  
22 qualifications in order to be appointed qualify as a Wildlife Service Agent. Agent unless otherwise approved by the  
23 Executive Director or his or her designee to maintain adequate service to the public in a geographic area:

24 (1) Businesses shall operate from a fixed location in North Carolina and shall sell a minimum of one  
25 thousand dollars (\$1,000) in transaction sales annually. This minimum requirement may be waived  
26 by the Executive Director if he finds the applicant's services necessary to maintain adequate agent  
27 services to the public in that geographic area.

28 (2)(1) An applicant shall have a minimum of one year's experience in operating the business for which the  
29 application is made or other equivalent business experience or training. experience; In those cases  
30 where other equivalent business experience or training is accepted in lieu of the minimum one year's  
31 experience, the applicant shall submit financial statements of the business so that the solvency of  
32 the business can be judged.

33 (3)(2) Applicants shall provide a bank account for the purpose of transferring net proceeds from all  
34 Wildlife Service Agent transactions to the Commission's account in the State Treasury every week  
35 via an electronic transfer of funds. Commission; and

36 (3) no criminal convictions under G.S. 14, Subchapter V [for financial crimes] within the five years  
37 prior to application.

1        ~~(d) The qualifications as provided by Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule shall be met prior to appointment. Failure~~  
2        ~~to comply with the qualifications and requirements as provided by Paragraph (c) of this Rule, throughout the term of~~  
3        ~~the appointment, may result in termination of the agent appointment. All agents are subject to monitoring of their~~  
4        ~~performance by the Customer Support Section of the Commission.~~

5        (d) Upon approval of the application by the Commission, Wildlife Service Agents shall:

- 6            (1) have a computer, [printer] printer, and internet access at their business location;
- 7            (2) provide a voided check or withdrawal slip for the bank account to be used to transfer funds to the  
8            Commission;
- 9            (3) complete online training provided by the Commission or a contracted third-party vendor; and
- 10          (4) sign and submit the Wildlife Service Agent Agreement.

11        (e) Wildlife Service Agent Agreements and appointments are non-transferable and valid only for the owner and  
12        business named on the executed agreement.

13        *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.1;*

14        *Eff. April 1, 1997;*

15        *Amended Eff. September 1, 2011; May 1, 2007; July 1, 1998. 1998;*

16        *Readopted Eff. February 1, 2026.*

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## Burgos, Alexander N

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**Subject:** FW: RRC Meeting Jan 2026-Request for Technical Changes

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**From:** Wiggs, Travis C <travis.wiggs@oah.nc.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 8, 2026 11:56 AM

**To:** Casola, William <william.casola@ncwildlife.gov>

**Cc:** Burgos, Alexander N <alexander.burgos@oah.nc.gov>; Ruhlman, Carrie A <carrie.ruhlman@ncwildlife.gov>

**Subject:** RE: RRC Meeting Jan 2026-Request for Technical Changes

Mr. Casola,

Thank you for the changes and responses. I have a few requests and/or responses below.

### **15A NCAC 10D .0295**

- I'm satisfied, for now, with not citing the definitions within the Rule to maintain consistency throughout Subchapter 10D. During readoption, pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(2)(g), I recommend citing the definition of a word that's defined outside the subchapter where the rule is located.

### **15A NCAC 10F .0307**

- Line 21, add commas before and after "as used in G.S. 75A-8".

### **15A NCAC 10G .0402**

- Your agency's use of "financial crimes" is unclear and ambiguous. Does your definition include all the offenses listed in Chapter 14, Subchapter V (Offenses Against Property)? Does it include all misdemeanor "financial crimes"? What about the class 3 misdemeanor worthless check offense? What criminal offenses has your agency historically interpreted as involving "financial crimes"?

Please reply to this email at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

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Rules Review Commission Counsel  
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## Burgos, Alexander N

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**Subject:** FW: RRC Meeting Jan 2026-Request for Technical Changes  
**Attachments:** 01\_2026-Wildlife Resources Commission-Request for Technical Changes.docx; 15A NCAC 10F .0307.docx; 15A NCAC 10F .0338.docx; 15A NCAC 10G .0402.docx; 15A NCAC 10G .0406.docx; 15A NCAC 10D .0295 Map.pdf; 15A NCAC 10F .0324 Map.pdf; 15A NCAC 10F .0338 Maps.pdf

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**From:** Casola, William <william.casola@ncwildlife.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 7, 2026 9:16 AM  
**To:** Wiggs, Travis C <travis.wiggs@oah.nc.gov>  
**Cc:** Burgos, Alexander N <alexander.burgos@oah.nc.gov>; Ruhlman, Carrie A <carrie.ruhlman@ncwildlife.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: RRC Meeting Jan 2026-Request for Technical Changes

Travis,

Attached please find technical change responses, updated rule text, and supplementary maps.

Please let me know if you have any further changes. Once you confirm we are squared away with the technical changes I will resubmit all the rules to [oah.rules@oah.nc.gov](mailto:oah.rules@oah.nc.gov) copying you and Mr. Burgos.

Thank you,

Will Casola



**Will Casola, PhD**  
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**Request for Changes Pursuant to**  
**N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.10**

Staff reviewed these Rules to ensure that each Rule is within the agency's statutory authority, reasonably necessary, clear and unambiguous, and adopted in accordance with Part 2 of the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act. Following review, staff has issued this document that may request changes pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.10 from your agency or ask clarifying questions.

Questions contained herein suggest that the rule as written is unclear or there is some ambiguity. If this document includes questions and you do not understand the question, please contact the reviewing attorney to discuss. Failure to respond may result in a staff opinion recommending objection.

Staff may suggest the agency "consider" an idea or language in this document. This is in no way a formal request that the agency adopt the idea or language but rather is offered merely for the agency's consideration which the agency may find preferable and clarifying.

To properly submit rewritten rules, please refer to the following Rules in the NC Administrative Code:

- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0108 – The Rule addresses general formatting.
- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0404 – The Rule addresses changing the introductory statement.
- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0405 – The Rule addresses properly formatting changes made after publication in the NC Register.

**Note the following general instructions:**

1. You must submit the revised rule via email to [oah.rules@oah.nc.gov](mailto:oah.rules@oah.nc.gov) and copy RRC Counsel. The electronic copy must be saved as the official rule name (XX NCAC XXXX).
2. For rules longer than one page, insert a page number.
3. Use line numbers; if the rule spans more than one page, have the line numbers reset at one for each page.
4. Do not use track changes. Make all changes using manual strikethroughs, underlines and highlighting.
5. You cannot change just one part of a word. For example:
  - Wrong: "aAssociation"
  - Right: "association Association"
6. Treat punctuation as part of a word. For example:
  - Wrong: "day;; and"
  - Right: "day, day; and"
7. Formatting instructions and examples may be found at:  
[www.ncoah.com/rules/examples.html](http://www.ncoah.com/rules/examples.html)

If you have any questions regarding proper formatting of edits after reviewing the rules and examples, please contact the reviewing attorney.

Travis C. Wiggs  
Commission Counsel  
Submitted to agency: January 4, 2026

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

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10D .0295

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: January 16, 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 call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

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

*Line 4, is "Three Days per Week" defined or referenced elsewhere? If so, please cite where it's defined for clarity.*

*This is defined in 10D .0103(j).*

*Line 5, is "All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers" defined or referenced elsewhere? If so, please cite where it's defined for clarity.*

*This is defined in 10B .0203(a). For consistency with the rest of the 10D rules, we did not cite this definition in 10D .0295. This is a well understood concept among our regulated community.*

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

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

Travis C. Wiggs  
Commission Counsel  
Submitted to agency: January 4, 2026

AGENCY: N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10F .0307

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

*For all applicable rules, please provide a map when a rule involves specific geographical areas. A map of the area described in a rule may help the Commission determine if a proposed rule complies with 150B-21.9(2).*

*We will provide a map when resubmitting the rules.*

*Line 15, add “as defined in G.S. 75A-2” after “vessel”.*

*See 15A NCAC 10F .0301(a).*

*Line 21, add “as used in G.S. 75A-8” after “vessel liveries”.*

*We have added the citation.*

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

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

Travis C. Wiggs  
Commission Counsel  
Submitted to agency: January 4, 2026

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10F .0324

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

*Page 3, line 19, add "as defined in G.S. 75A-2" after "vessel".*

*See 15A NCAC 10F .0301(a).*

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

Travis C. Wiggs  
Commission Counsel  
Submitted to agency: January 4, 2026

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

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10F .0338

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: January 15, 2026**

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

*Page 1, line 31, add “as defined in G.S. 75A-2” after “vessel”.*

*See 15A NCAC 10F .0301(a).*

*Line 32, is a “marked mooring area” defined? If so, cite the definition for clarity.*

*Mooring areas are defined in 15A NCAC 10F .0301(a); however, we have removed this paragraph from the rule as there are no marked mooring areas within the regulated areas of the Rule.*

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

Travis C. Wiggs  
Commission Counsel  
Submitted to agency: January 4, 2026

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

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10G .0402

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

*In (a), consider rephrasing to say, "Wildlife Service Agents are official license and vessel agents of the Commission who are authorized, pursuant to individual Wildlife Service Agent Agreements, to issue hunting, fishing, and other licenses, permits, applications, vessel registrations, and other items authorized by the Commission."*

*We have rephrased (a) as outlined above.*

*G.S. 113-270.1 should be listed as authority for this Rule in the History Note.*

*G.S. 113-270.1 is listed in the history note.*

*On line 6, "and the Rules of this Section" is unnecessary since the only applicable Rule in the Section is being repealed (.0403).*

*We have removed this language.*

*In (c), lines 20-21, what is your agency's authority for "unless otherwise approved by the Executive Director or his or her designee to maintain adequate service to the public in a geographical area?*

*G.S. 113-270.1 (b2) authorizes the Executive Director to take action to select and appoint license agents in areas most convenient for the sale of licenses and permits.*

*This language was included for instances where the Director may choose to license an agent with less than one year of business experience if that agent's location provides the public with convenient access for the purchase of licenses and permits (i.e., the agent is located in a geographical area that is currently lacking convenient access for the purchase of licenses and permits).*

Travis C. Wiggs  
Commission Counsel  
Submitted to agency: January 4, 2026

*In (c)(3), line 34, is there a definition for “financial crimes”, or a list of offenses, that your agency intends to enforce?*

*While not defined in rule or statute, financial crimes are generally understood to include non-violent, illegal activities, conducted for economic gain.*

*Page 2, line 4, add a comma after “printer”.*

*We have implemented this suggestion.*

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

Travis C. Wiggs  
Commission Counsel  
Submitted to agency: January 4, 2026

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

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10G .0406

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

*Line 7, add "a" before "Wildlife". Also, delete "of provisions" since it's unnecessary.*

*We have implemented this suggestion.*

*Lines 9-17, beginning with "and may include" through the end of line 17, is any of this language necessary? It seems redundant since all of this appears to be included in the what was cited in (b).*

*We have removed the list as it is redundant with 10G .0405, the Service Agent Agreement, and G.S. 113-270.1.*

*Line 19, delete "of" after "written".*

*We have implemented this suggestion.*

*Line 22, add "from the date of receiving written notice from the Commission."*

*We have implemented this suggestion.*

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

Travis C. Wiggs

Commission Counsel

Submitted to agency: January 4, 2026

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

AGENCY: Wildlife Resources Commission

RULE CITATION: 15A NCAC 10H .1104

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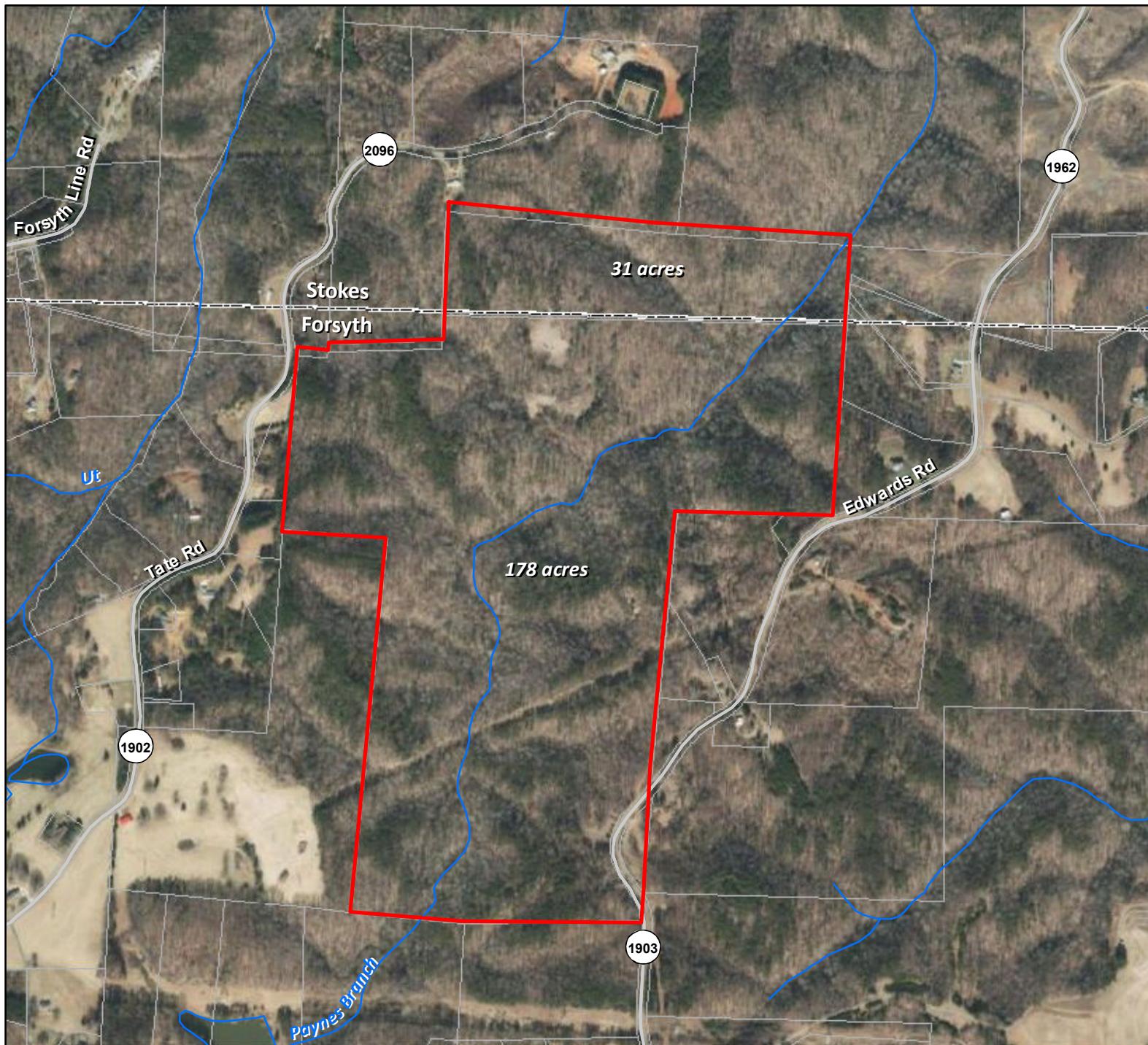
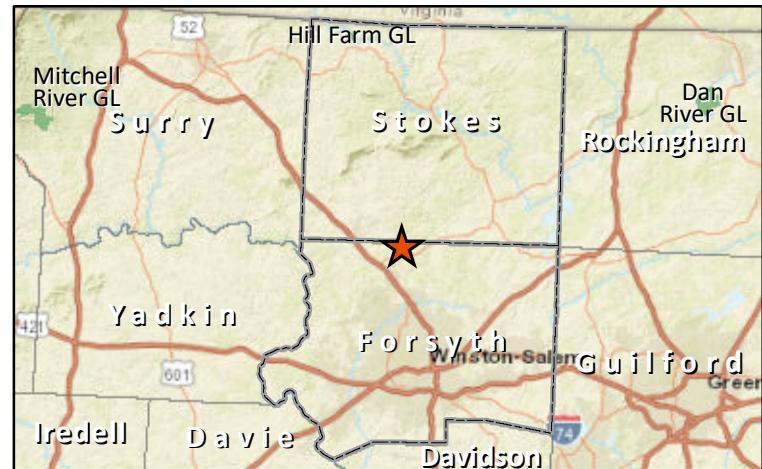
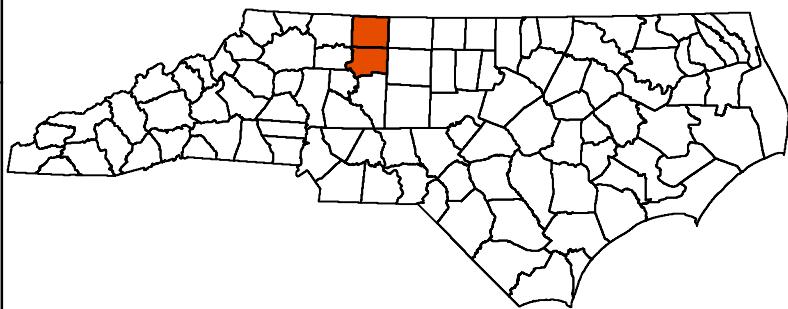
*Line 24, is “pelter cage” defined elsewhere? Or does the description and dimension requirements in this Rule provide the definition?*

*The description and dimensions provide the definition.*

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

Travis C. Wiggs  
Commission Counsel  
Submitted to agency: January 4, 2026

**Payne Branch Tract  
Forsyth and Stokes Counties  
209 Acres Total**



Paynes Branch Property

February 23, 2023

0 0.1 0.2  
Miles



1 15A NCAC 10F .0307 is amended with changes as published in 40:04 NCR 435 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0307 CATAWBA, IREDELL, LINCOLN, AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES**

4 (a) Regulated Area. This Rule shall apply to Lake Norman in Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg counties:

5 (1) within 50 yards of the shoreline at Jetton Park in Mecklenburg County, from a point on the west  
6 side of the park at 35.47082 N, 80.90427 W, south and around the point at 35.46703 N, 80.90360  
7 W, then northeast to a point at 35.47262 N, 80.89727 W;

8 (2) Bluff Point Cove in Cornelius shore to shore, east of a line from a point 50 yards west of the south  
9 shore of the cove mouth at 35.45327 N, 80.89520 W to a point 50 yards west of the north shore of  
10 the cove mouth at 35.45487 N, 80.89440 W; and

11 (3) the cove immediately north of the inlet of Hager Creek in Iredell County, north of a line from a point  
12 on the north shore at 35.55760 N, 80.94730 W southwest to a point on the island at the inlet of Hager  
13 Creek at 35.55695 N, 80.94971 W, and east of a line from the same point on the island northwest to  
14 a point on the north shore at 35.55754 N, 80.95029 W.

15 (b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no wake speed within the regulated areas described  
16 in Paragraph (a) of this Rule and as set forth in G.S. 75A-14.1.

17 ~~(c) Swimming Areas. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter any  
18 marked swimming area on the waters of Lake Norman.~~

19 ~~(d) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Lake Norman Marine Commission shall be the designated agency  
20 for placement and maintenance of navigational aids and regulatory markers on the waters of Lake Norman.~~

21 ~~(d) Vessel Liveries. Vessel liveries as used in G.S. 75A-8 operating on Lake Norman shall conduct the following  
22 activities with each vessel renter prior to relinquishing control of the vessel:~~

23 (1) a pre-rental vessel inspection to ensure that safety equipment required by Rule .0201 of this  
24 Subchapter is on board and accessible; and

25 (2) provide and review instruction on safe operation of the vessel rented including review of navigation  
26 rules in G.S. 75A-6.1, operating restrictions in G.S. 75A-10, an electronic or waterproof  
27 navigational map of Lake Norman, and the U.S. Coast Guard's U.S. Aids to Navigation System  
28 pamphlet.

29 Both parties shall sign and date documentation verifying adherence to these requirements on the date the rental  
30 begins. The vessel livery shall maintain a copy of this documentation for a period of two years from the date of rental  
31 which shall be made available to law enforcement officers upon request. The vessel renter shall have a copy of the  
32 documentation on the vessel and available for law enforcement upon demand during the term of the rental.

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34 History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;

35 Eff. February 1, 1976;

36 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; October 1, 1992; May 1, 1989; March 25, 1978;

1       *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December*  
2       *6, 2016;*

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## Potential NWZ at Raven Point/Skip Jack High Rock Lake, Davidson County

 Potential No-Wake Zone

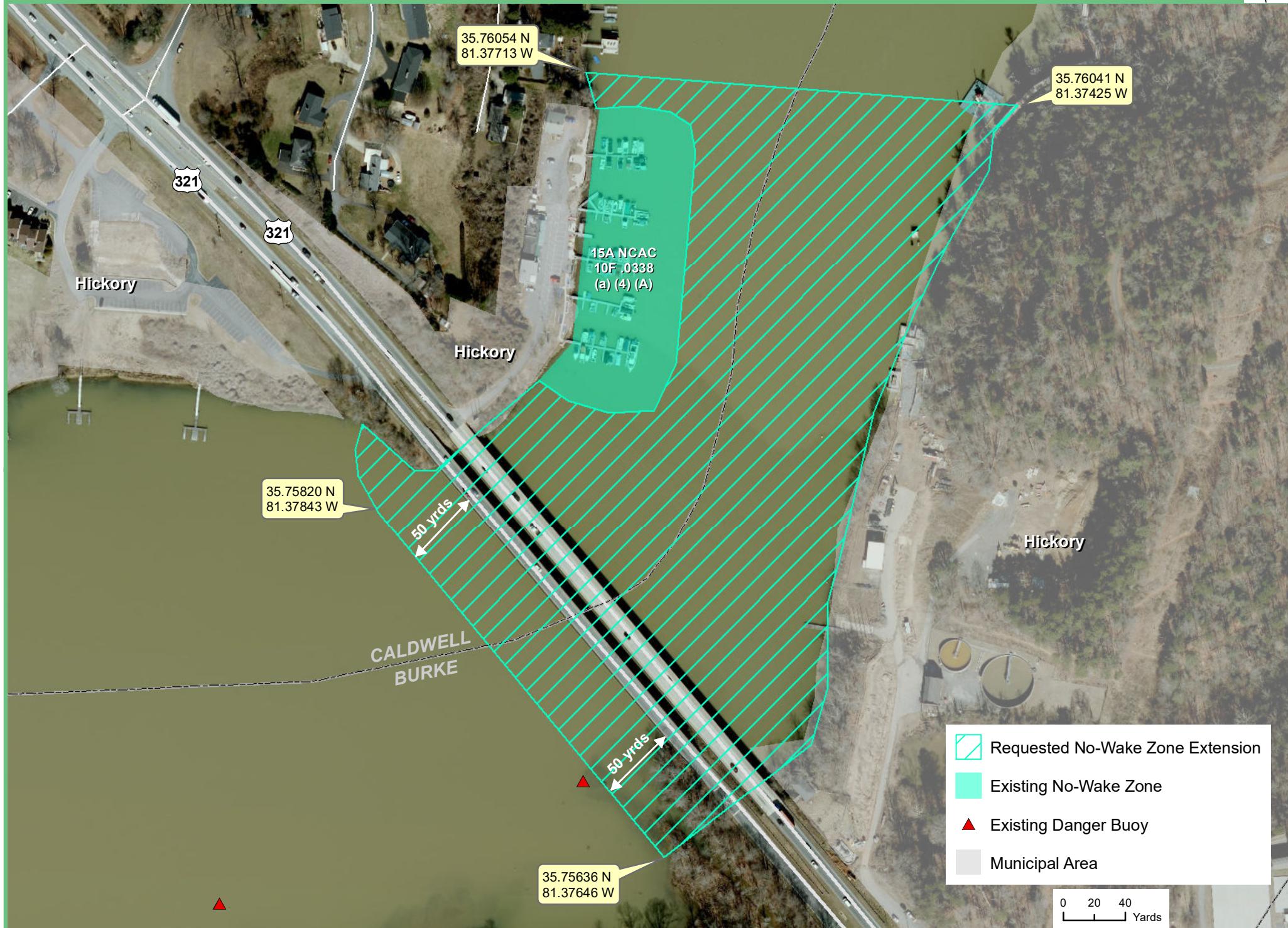
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*High Rock Lake*

Raven  
Point

15A NCAC 10F .0338 - Requested No-Wake Zone Extension by the City of Hickory  
Lake Hickory Marina and Boat Rental docks, Lake Hickory, Burke and Caldwell Counties



15A NCAC 10F .0338 - Requested No-Wake Zone

Deputy Adam W. Klutz Bridge, Gunpowder Creek, Lake Hickory, Caldwell County



1 15A NCAC 10F .0338 is amended with changes as published in 40:05 NCR 464 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10F .0338 CALDWELL COUNTY**

4 (a) Regulated Areas. This Rule ~~shall apply~~ applies to the following waters in Caldwell County:

5 (1) ~~Catawba River;~~

6 (2)(1) Lake Rhodhiss:

7 (A) within 50 yards of the marina facilities at Castle Bridge Marina, 6131 Castle Bridge Drive  
8 in Granite Falls;

9 (B) within 50 yards of the Castle Bridge Boating Access Area, 6131 Connelly Springs Road in  
10 Granite Falls; and

11 (C) within 50 yards of the Conley Creek Boating Access Area, 5475 Waterworks Road in  
12 Granite Falls ~~Falls; and~~

13 (3) ~~Little Gunpowder Lake; and~~

14 (4)(2) Lake Hickory:

15 (A) ~~within 30 yards of the docks at the Lake Hickory Marina and Boat Rentals, on Limbaugh~~  
16 ~~Lane in the City of Hickory;~~

17 (A) the waters shore to shore beginning 50 yards southwest of the U.S. Highway 321 Bridge,  
18 from a line at a point on the east shore of Lake Hickory at 35.75636 N, 81.37646 W to a  
19 point on the west shore at 35.75820 N, 81.37843 W, northeast past River Walk on the east  
20 shore and Lake Hickory Pub and Marina on the west shore, ending at a line from a point  
21 on the east shore at 35.76041 N, 81.37425 W to a point on the west shore at 35.76054 N,  
22 81.37713 W in the City of Hickory;

23 (B) within 50 yards of the Gunpowder Boating Access Area, at 5450 Hurricane Hill Road in  
24 Granite Falls; ~~and~~

25 (C) within 50 yards of the Lovelady Boating Access Area, at 5682 Rocky Mount Road in  
26 Granite Falls. ~~Falls; and~~

27 (D) the waters of Gunpowder Creek shore to shore, within 50 yards northeast and 50 yards  
28 southwest of the Adam W. Klutz Bridge on Grace Chapel Road in Granite Falls.

29 (b) Speed limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within any regulated area described  
30 in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

31 (e) ~~Speed Limit in Mooring Areas. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed while within a~~  
32 ~~marked mooring area on the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.~~

33 (d) ~~Swimming Areas. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter any~~  
34 ~~marked public swimming area on the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.~~

35 (e) ~~(d)(c) Placement of Markers. The following agencies shall place or place and maintain the markers implementing~~  
36 ~~this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and United States Army Corps of Engineers:~~

(1) the Board of Commissioners of Caldwell County shall place the markers implementing Subparagraphs (a)(1) and (a)(3), and Part (a)(2)(A) of this Rule;

(2) the City of Hickory shall place the markers implementing Part (a)(4)(A) of this Rule; and

(3) the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall place and maintain the markers implementing Parts (a)(2)(B), (C), and (a)(4)(B), (C) of this Rule.

(1) the Board of Commissioners of Caldwell County shall be the designated agency implementing Subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Rule;

(2) the City of Hickory shall be the designated agency implementing Part (a)(2)(A) of this Rule; and

(3) the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shall be the designated agency implementing Parts (a)(1)(B) and (C) and (a)(2)(B) through (D) of this Rule.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;

*Eff. August 23, 1981;*

*Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December 6, 2016;*

*Amended Eff. February 1, 2026; February 1, 2024; July 1, 2018.*

1 15A NCAC 10G .0402 is readopted with changes as published in 40:04 NCR 436 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10G .0402 APPOINTMENT OF WILDLIFE SERVICE AGENTS**

4 (a) Wildlife Service Agents are official license and vessel agents of the Commission who are authorized, pursuant to  
5 individual Wildlife Service Agent Agreements, to issue hunting, fishing, and other licenses, permits, applications,  
6 vessel registrations, and other items authorized by the Commission. [authorized to issue hunting, fishing and other  
7 licenses, permits, applications, vessel registrations, and items pursuant to G.S. 113-270.1, the Wildlife Service Agent  
8 Agreement and the Rules of this Section.]

9 (b) Any An individual authorized to act on behalf of a business operating from a fixed location in North Carolina may  
10 apply to the Commission for appointment as a Wildlife Service Agent by completing an application provided by the  
11 Commission. Agent by completing the Wildlife Service Agent application available at ncwildlife.gov. Information  
12 required from the applicant shall include:

13 (1) business name, physical address, email, county, phone number, agent type, description of services,  
14 and operational dates and hours; and  
15 (2) business owner name, address, date of birth, driver's license number, and length of business  
16 ownership.

17 (b) Application. Applications for Wildlife Service Agent appointment shall contain the business name, address,  
18 county agent contact information, bank account information, business hours, and any other information requested by  
19 the Commission that is reasonably necessary to determine the fitness of the applicant to serve as a Wildlife Service  
20 Agent.

21 (d)(c) Qualifications and Requirements. Applicants Business owners shall meet the following requirements to  
22 qualifications in order to be appointed qualify as a Wildlife Service Agent. Agent unless otherwise approved by the  
23 Executive Director or his or her designee to maintain adequate service to the public in a geographic area:

24 (1) Businesses shall operate from a fixed location in North Carolina and shall sell a minimum of one  
25 thousand dollars (\$1,000) in transaction sales annually. This minimum requirement may be waived  
26 by the Executive Director if he finds the applicant's services necessary to maintain adequate agent  
27 services to the public in that geographic area.

28 (2)(1) An applicant shall have a minimum of one year's experience in operating the business for which the  
29 application is made or other equivalent business experience or training. experience; In those cases  
30 where other equivalent business experience or training is accepted in lieu of the minimum one year's  
31 experience, the applicant shall submit financial statements of the business so that the solvency of  
32 the business can be judged.

33 (3)(2) Applicants shall provide a bank account for the purpose of transferring net proceeds from all  
34 Wildlife Service Agent transactions to the Commission's account in the State Treasury every week  
35 via an electronic transfer of funds. Commission; and

36 (3) no criminal convictions for financial crimes within the five years prior to application.

1        ~~(d) The qualifications as provided by Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule shall be met prior to appointment. Failure~~  
2        ~~to comply with the qualifications and requirements as provided by Paragraph (c) of this Rule, throughout the term of~~  
3        ~~the appointment, may result in termination of the agent appointment. All agents are subject to monitoring of their~~  
4        ~~performance by the Customer Support Section of the Commission.~~

5        (d) Upon approval of the application by the Commission, Wildlife Service Agents shall:

- 6            (1) have a computer, [printer] printer, and internet access at their business location;
- 7            (2) provide a voided check or withdrawal slip for the bank account to be used to transfer funds to the  
8            Commission;
- 9            (3) complete online training provided by the Commission or a contracted third-party vendor; and
- 10          (4) sign and submit the Wildlife Service Agent Agreement.

11        (e) Wildlife Service Agent Agreements and appointments are non-transferable and valid only for the owner and  
12        business named on the executed agreement.

13        *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.1;*

14        *Eff. April 1, 1997;*

15        *Amended Eff. September 1, 2011; May 1, 2007; July 1, 1998. 1998;*

16        *Readopted Eff. February 1, 2026.*

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1 15A NCAC 10G .0406 is adopted with changes as published in 40:04 NCR 439 as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10G .0406 APPOINTMENT TERMINATION**

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5 (a) The Commission may audit Wildlife Service Agent transactions. Agents shall comply with Commission requests

6 for records and information within 10 business days of the request.

7 (b) The Commission may suspend or terminate a Wildlife Service Agent appointment for violation [of provisions] of

8 G.S. 113-270.1, the rules of this Section, or the Wildlife Service Agent Agreement. The determination of whether to

9 suspend or revoke appointment shall be based on the severity and frequency of the violation. [violation, and may

10 include failure to:

11     (1) operate as a public convenience as specified in the Agreement;

12     (2) provide correct information about wildlife transactions to customers as documented by customer

13 complaints or agency inspections;

14     (3) submit or return required documentation for transactions;

15     (4) comply with the terms and conditions specified in Rule .0405 of this Section;

16     (5) deposit sufficient funds to cover electronic transfers; and

17     (6) meet the five thousand dollar (\$5,000) annual Agent transaction requirement.]

18 (c) Upon termination of appointment, a Wildlife Service Agent shall return consigned equipment and supplies to the

19 Commission and settle the agent financial account within 10 business days of receipt of written [ef] termination notice

20 from the Commission.

21 (d) Individuals denied appointment or whose appointment is terminated shall not reapply for appointment for two

22 years from the date of receiving written notice from the Commission. [years.]

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24 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.1;*

25 *Eff. February 1, 2026.*

## Burgos, Alexander N

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**From:** Wiggs, Travis C  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 4, 2026 5:14 PM  
**To:** Casola, William  
**Cc:** Burgos, Alexander N  
**Subject:** RRC Meeting Jan 2026-Request for Technical Changes  
**Attachments:** 01\_2026-Wildlife Resources Commission-Request for Technical Changes.docx

Good afternoon,

I'm the attorney who reviewed the rules submitted by the Wildlife Resources Commission for the January 2026 RRC meeting. The RRC will formally review these rules at its meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be a hybrid of in-person and WebEx attendance, and an evite should be sent to you as we get close to the meeting. If there are any other representatives from your agency who want to attend virtually, please let me know prior to the meeting, and we will get evites out to them as well.

Attached is the Request for Changes Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.10. Please submit the revised rules to me via email, no later than 5 p.m. on January 16<sup>th</sup> [01\\_2026-Wildlife Resources Commission-Request for Technical Changes.docx](#), 2026. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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