



TEMPORARY RULE-MAKING FINDINGS OF NEED

[Authority G.S. 150B-21.1]

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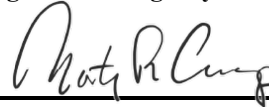
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1 Note: The Wildlife Resources Commission requests the addition of a new section to Subchapter 10B of Chapter 10 of
2 Title 15A of the Administrative Code to be titled as follows: Section .0500 Chronic Wasting Disease Management.

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4 15A NCAC 10B .0501 is adopted under temporary procedures as follows:

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6 **15A NCAC 10B .0501 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

7 (a) The rules in this Section apply to any area of the State where Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been
8 detected, as determined by the Commission.

9 (b) The following definitions shall apply to rules in this Section:

- 10 (1) "Cervid" means all animals in the Family Cervidae not otherwise regulated by the NC
11 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- 12 (2) "Cervid Health Cooperator" means an individual authorized to collect CWD samples on behalf
13 of the Commission.
- 14 (3) "Chronic Wasting Disease" or "CWD" means the transmissible spongiform encephalopathy prion
15 disease affecting species within the deer (Cervidae) Family.
- 16 (4) "CWD Management Area" means the area delineated by the Commission where CWD has been
17 determined to be endemic and the rules of this Section apply.
- 18 (5) "Primary Surveillance Area" or "PSA" means a county delineated by the Commission for
19 CWD surveillance where a confirmed CWD positive cervid has been found.
- 20 (6) "Sample" means the cervid head and at least three inches of the neck.
- 21 (7) "Secondary Surveillance Area" or "SSA" means a county adjacent to or near a PSA delineated
22 by the Commission for CWD surveillance.
- 23 (8) "Submit" means to deliver a sample to a cervid health cooperator or qualified Commission
24 employee or deposit in a Commission CWD Testing Drop-off Station.
- 25 (9) "Surveillance Area" means the PSA and SSA collectively.

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1 15A NCAC 10B .0502 is adopted under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0502 CWD SURVEILLANCE AREAS DEFINED**

4 (a) The following Counties are Primary Surveillance Areas:

5 (1) Cumberland County;

6 (2) Stokes County;

7 (3) Surry County;

8 (4) Wilkes County; and

9 (5) Yadkin County.

10 (b) The following Counties are Secondary Surveillance Areas:

11 (1) Alexander County;

12 (2) Alleghany County;

13 (3) Ashe County;

14 (4) Bladen County;

15 (5) Davie County;

16 (6) Forsyth County;

17 (7) Guilford County;

18 (8) Harnett County;

19 (9) Hoke County;

20 (10) Iredell County;

21 (11) Robeson County;

22 (12) Rockingham County; and

23 (13) Sampson County.

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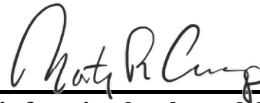
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1 15A NCAC 10B .0503 is amended under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0503 SURVEILLANCE AREA**

4 (a) Inside a surveillance area, placement of minerals or salt licks to purposefully congregate wildlife shall be
5 prohibited. Placement of bait, food, or food product to purposefully congregate wildlife shall be prohibited from
6 January 2 through August 31 each year inside a Surveillance Area, except that bird feeders *specifically designed for*
7 *nongame birds* and other activities specifically permitted by the Commission shall be allowed. Placement of bait,
8 food, or food products for the purpose of hunting during the urban archery season shall be allowed within the
9 established season in participating municipalities.

10 (b) *White-tailed deer fawn rehabilitation is prohibited in a Surveillance Area.*

11 (c) *White-tailed deer fawns originating from within a Surveillance Area shall not be transported outside the*
12 *Surveillance Area.*

13 (d) *No cervid carcass or carcass parts originating from inside a Primary Surveillance Area or Secondary*
14 *Surveillance Area shall be transported outside of the county of origin, except:*

15 ~~(b) *It is unlawful to export a live cervid, cervid carcass, or carcass parts originating from inside a Surveillance Area*~~
16 ~~*except:*~~

17 (1) meat that has been boned out such that no pieces or fragments of bone remain;

18 (2) caped hides with no part of the skull or spinal column attached;

19 (3) antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates, or skulls free from meat or brain tissue;

20 (4) cleaned lower jawbones with teeth or cleaned teeth;

21 (5) finished taxidermy products and tanned hides; and

22 (6) carcass or carcass parts permitted by the Commission for disposal outside of the Surveillance Area.

23 (7) *carcass or carcass parts originating inside a PSA may be transported into contiguous PSA(s) or*
24 *outside of the PSA as specified in Subparagraphs (d)(1) through (6) of this Rule; and*

25 (8) *carcass or carcass parts originating inside a SSA may be transported into contiguous SSA(s) or*
26 *PSA(s) or outside of the SSA as specified in Subparagraphs (d)(1) through (6) of this Rule.*

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30 (e) No person shall possess or use any substance or material that contains or is labeled as containing any excretion
31 collected from a cervid, including feces, urine, blood, gland oil, or other bodily fluid for the purposes of taking or
32 attempting to take, attracting, or scouting wildlife inside a surveillance area. This prohibition shall not apply to the
33 following substances:

34 (1) products containing synthetic analogs of cervid excretions and labeled as such;

35 (2) natural substances collected from facilities within North Carolina that have a valid Farmed Cervid
36 License from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and are labeled
37 as such;

1 (3) natural deer urine products containing excretions from facilities within North Carolina that have a
2 valid Farmed Cervid License from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer
3 Services and are labeled as such; and

4 (4) natural deer urine products containing excretions from facilities that meet all the following
5 requirements and are labeled as such:

6 (A) determined to be free of chronic wasting disease (CWD) based on testing by an
7 independent laboratory using a method that may help detect the presence of CWD prions;

8 (B) complies with a federally approved CWD herd certification program and any federal CWD
9 protocols; and

10 (C) participates in additional herd management requirements as specified by the Wildlife
11 Resources Commission.

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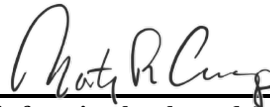
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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0504 PRIMARY SURVEILLANCE AREA**

4 (a) Any hunter who harvests a cervid from the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through the 3rd Sunday thereafter in
5 PSA counties listed in 10B .0203(a)(1)(C) or (E) shall submit a sample from that cervid no later than 2 weeks
6 following the harvest for CWD testing.

7 (b) Any hunter who harvests a cervid from the Saturday 12 days prior to Thanksgiving Day through the 3rd
8 Sunday thereafter in PSA counties listed in 10B .0203(a)(1)(A) or (B) shall submit a sample from that cervid no
9 later than 2 weeks following the harvest for CWD testing.

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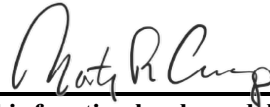
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