



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

February 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman John Litton Clark*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Tim Spear*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner Tom Berry*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY - North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(e) mandates that the Commission Chair shall remind all Commissioners of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Chapter, and that the chair also inquire as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict, to notify the Chair of the same. *Chairman Clark*

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2016 MINUTES - Take action on the December 8, 2016 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

ADMINISTRATION

Financial Status Report - Receive a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund – *Erik Christofferson, Deputy Director of Operations* (**EXHIBIT B**)

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2016 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR COMMISSIONERS WES SEEGARS, NAT HARRIS, AND TOMMY FONVILLE - *Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15(c), any actual or potential conflict of interest by a public servant sitting on a board and cited by the Ethics Commission under NCGS 138A-24(e) is required to be read into the minutes of the applicable board.* Read into the Minutes relevant portions of the evaluation by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2016 Statements of Economic Interest for Wes Seegars and Nat Harris, Governor Appointees; and Tommy Fonville, House Speaker Appointee – *Betsy Haywood, Ethics Liaison* (**EXHIBIT C**)

RECOGNITION – EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS – Recognize and present service awards to Wildlife Resources Commission Employees - *Executive Director Gordon Myers*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Small Game and Wild Turkey Committee Report – *Brian White, Vice Chair*

Land Use and Access Committee Report – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee December 12, 2016 Meeting Report – *Mark Craig, Chair*

HNGES Committee Report February 15, 2017 – *Mark Craig, Chair*

Boating Safety Committee Report – *Mark Craig*

Big Game Committee Report – *Neal Hanks, Chair*

Committee of the Whole Report – *John Litton Clark, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – A Game Land Conflict: An Effort in Collaboration-
Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Section Chief

WILDLIFE EDUCATION DIVISION

Education Update – Receive an update on the activities of the Wildlife Education Division – *Kris Smith, Wildlife Education Division Chief*

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

Fisheries Update – Receive an update on the activities of the Inland Fisheries Division – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

Summary of Public Comments - Receive summary of public comments on proposed changes to inland fisheries regulations received from statewide district public hearings held in January, from WRC internet portal and correspondence – *Christian Waters (EXHIBIT D-1)*

Rulemaking – Review and consider adoption of proposed changes in the 2017-2018 inland fishing regulations – *Christian Waters (EXHIBIT D-2)*

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Wildlife Management Update – Receive an update on the activities of the Wildlife Management Division – *Dr. David Cobb, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

Summary of Public Comments - Receive summary of public comments on proposed changes to wildlife management regulations received from statewide district public hearings held in January, from WRC internet portal and correspondence – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT E-1)*

Rulemaking – Review and consider adoption of proposed changes in the 2017-2018 wildlife management regulations – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT E-2)*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS SECTION

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase I Land Acquisitions - Consider approval for staff to work with State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Section Chief (EXHIBIT F)*

- ALCOA Tuckertown Tracts – Davidson/Montgomery County

Phase II Land Acquisitions - Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Brian McRae (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2, G-3)*

- Galloway Phase I Tract – Rockingham County (G-1)
- Mills River Depot Tract – Transylvania County (G-2)
- Shoe Heel Tract – Johnston County (G-3)

Annexation – Consider staff recommendation for voluntary annexation of the new Columbia Depot site in Tyrrell County – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT H)*

Lease Request – Reconsider a request from Cumberland-Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department for long term lease of state property to support recreation development within the City of Fayetteville – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT I)*

Easement Request – Consider a request from the City of Fayetteville Public Works Commission for permanent and temporary construction easements to facilitate installation of sanitary sewer lines in Cumberland County – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT J)*

Easement Request – Consider a request from Duke Energy for an easement to facilitate relocation of an existing powerline at the Norwood Boating Access Area on Lake Tillery in Stanly County – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT K)*

Easement Request – Consider accepting easements from Dominion North Carolina Power for boating and fishing access areas on Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Lake in Halifax, Northampton, and Warren counties – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT L)*

Summary of Public Comments - Receive summary of public comments on proposed changes to game lands management regulations, received from statewide district public hearings held in January 2017, from WRC internet portal and correspondence – *Isaac Harrold, Lands Program (EXHIBIT M-1)*

Rulemaking – Review and consider adoption of proposed changes in the 2017-2018 game land management regulations – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT M-2)*

HABITAT CONSERVATION DIVISION RULEMAKING

Notice of Text for Rulemaking for Changes to State Species Listings – Consider approval to publish Notice of Text in the NC Register with an open comment period, for proposed changes to the rule for state wildlife species listings – *Shannon Deaton, Habitat Conservation Section Chief (EXHIBIT N)*

Fiscal Note Review – Consider adoption of the Fiscal Note for the rule for state wildlife species listings – *Shannon Deaton (EXHIBIT O)*

ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RULEMAKING – INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

Summary of Public Comments – Receive summary of public comments on proposed rules for the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact received from statewide district public hearings held in January 2017, from WRC internet portal and correspondence – *Colonel Jon Evans, Enforcement Division Chief (EXHIBIT P-1)*

Rulemaking – Review and consider adoption of proposed rules for the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact – *Jon Evans (EXHIBIT P-2)*

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Notice of Text, No-Wake Zones on Lake James - Mc Dowell County – Consider request from McDowell County for the waters of Lake James, to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* and hold one public hearing, for amendments to 15A NCAC 10F. 0339 to extend the no-wake zone shore to shore in the vicinity of the Marion Moose Lodge; to establish a no-wake zone within 50 yards of the peninsula at Waterglyn Shores Subdivision; to better define the no-wake zone in Plantation Point Cove; and to establish a no-wake zone within 50 yards of the Hidden Cove Boating Access Area. Remove from NCAC the amendment for a no-wake zone at Goodman’s Campground, as the campground, swim area and boat docks do not exist; and remove the amendment for the no-wake zone at Deerfield Campground as the waters there are not navigable and not enforceable – *Betsy Haywood, No Wake Zone Coordinator (EXHIBIT Q)*

Notice of Text, No-Wake Zone - Beaufort County – Consider a request from Beaufort County to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* and hold one public hearing for an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0303, to establish a no-wake zone shore to shore in the waters of Little Creek, a tributary of Blount’s Creek – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT R)*

Final Adoption, No-Wake Zones - Carteret County – Consider final adoption of amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0330 – Carteret County, for a permanent rule that replaces a temporary rule for the waters of Taylor’s Creek in the Town of Beaufort; and for a no-wake zone in a portion of the canal, shore to shore, in Dolphin Bay Estates in the Town of Cedar Point – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT S)*

Final Adoption, No-Wake Zone Rule Technical Changes – New Hanover County – Consider final adoption of amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0314 – New Hanover County, for technical changes to clarify text, correct marker numbers, and add GPS coordinates – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT T)*

Final Adoption, No-Wake Zone – Montgomery County – Consider final adoption of an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0327, for a no-wake zone on the waters of Lake Tillery, shore to shore, in the vicinity of Lilly’s Bridge Boating Access Area and the Route 1110 bridge – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT U)*

2016 PERIODIC REVIEW OF RULES READOPTION SCHEDULE - Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBIT V)

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – John Litton Clark

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Gordon Myers

ADJOURN

EXHIBIT A

February 16, 2017



MINUTES

December 8, 2016

N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina

Chairman John Litton Clark called the December 8, 2016 N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters in Raleigh. Clark reminded everyone that the meeting audio is streamed live and will be available on the Wildlife Resources Commission website. He asked everyone to silence cell phones. Commissioners Jim Cogdell and Richard Edwards were absent.

Commissioner Tom Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Garry Spence gave the invocation.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Mike Johnson
Wes Seegars
Mark Craig
John Coley IV
Landon Zimmer
Tommy Fonville

John Stone
Tom Berry
Tim Spear
Ray Clifton
Brian White
Garry Spence

Dean Proctor
Joe Budd
John Litton Clark
Neal Hanks
Nat Harris

VISITORS

Fred Harris – NC Wildlife Federation
Mikey Nye - LTCNC

Travis Morehead – LTCNC

WELCOME AND MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY

Chairman John Clark welcomed guests present. Chairman Clark advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as presented in the agenda.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2016 MEETING

On a motion by Tim Spear and second by Nat Harris, the Commission approved the October 6, 2016 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes, presented in **Exhibit A-1**. The October 6, 2016 Minutes are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2016 TELEPHONIC MEETING

On a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Garry Spence, the Commission approved the October 18, 2016 telephonic meeting minutes, presented in **Exhibit A-2**. The October 18, 2016 telephonic meeting minutes are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Financial Status Report – Lindsey Riddick, *Budget Director*, presented in **Exhibit B** a financial status report on the 2017 fiscal year Wildlife Operating Funds and the Wildlife Endowment Fund as of October 31, 2016. Year to date receipts were \$29,983,922.37. Year to date expenditures were \$31,606,446.44. The Endowment Fund market value was \$124,277,462.30 with \$25,998,618.32 of that expendable interest. **Exhibit B** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS RECOGNITION – *Executive Director* Gordon Myers presented service awards to WRC employees Joe Fuller, *Wildlife Management Division* – 25 years, and Marla Chambers, *Habitat Conservation Division* – 30 years. Not present but also receiving service awards were Diane Renzi, *Wildlife Management Division* – 15 years; Rupert Medford, *Wildlife Management Division* – 10 years; Thomas Nixon, *Information Technology* – 15 years; and Ann Williams, *Finance* – 25 years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Division Report – Tommy Fonville, *Co-Chair*, reported that the Education Committee met on December 7, 2016. Carissa Shelton, *Western Outreach Manager*, provided updates on rule changes for hunter skills tournaments. Tommy Fonville gave a report about efforts in Wake and Mecklenburg counties to increase hunter education opportunities. Chet Clark, *Eastern Outreach Manager*, gave a report about the history of the Hunter Education Program since the early 1990s. Clark noted that since the early 1990s there has been an increase in the number of hunting licenses and decrease in the number of accidents. Commissioner Jim Cogdell expressed concern about the lack of the firearm safety component in the hunter education classes. There is an agency desire to have a state-of-the-art safety program for youth. Director Gordon Myers agreed to set up a committee to study a follow-up safety program to enhance the Hunter Education classes. Myers will report the results of the study to the Education Committee.

Land Use and Access Committee Report - Tom Berry, *Chair*, reported that the LUAC met on December 7, 2016. Brian McRae, *Land and Water Access Section Chief*, presented seven Phase I land acquisition requests and two Phase II acquisition requests for discussion. The committee reviewed a request by Cumberland County for the lease of land at Lake Rim and requested a business model for use of the land, for discussion at the February meeting. Chris Goudreau, *Hydropower and Special Projects Coordinator*, discussed conservation decision support tools. Staff provided updates about agency involvement in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew and in fighting wild fires in the mountains. The committee received an update about Cumberland Farms in Fayetteville. Staff will provide a report about Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson funding for land use and access.

Boating Safety Committee Report – Ray Clifton, *Chair*, reported that the Boating Safety Committee met briefly on December 7, 2016. The committee reviewed four requests for water safety rulemaking in Perquimans, Clay, Burke, and Pender counties. The entire Commission will consider the requests later in the meeting.

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee Report – Landon Zimmer, *Vice Chair*, reported that the HNGES Committee met on December 7, 2016. Allen Boynton, *Wildlife Diversity Program Coordinator*, provided updates about the Alligator Task Force and Alligator Forums. Shannon Deaton, *Habitat Conservation Division Chief*, announced that the HNGES Committee will meet on December 12 and 13, 2016 to review the state protected species list for listing updates in 2017.

Committee of the Whole Report - *Chairman* John Litton Clark reported that the Committee of the Whole met on December 7, 2016. David Viker, *USFWS National Wildlife Refuge System Chief, Southeast Region*, gave an update about plans for expansion of the Alligator River and Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuges in North Carolina and an update about the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge hydrology. Director Gordon Myers reviewed the Outdoor Heritage Trust Fund program plan for consideration by the Commission in the meeting today. Myers gave a short update on rules proposals for state listings.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – SANDHILLS GAME LAND – THE FORESTRY AND FAUNA

Brady Beck, *Southern Piedmont Management Biologist*, gave a spotlight about the Sandhills Game Land, a 65,000-acre tract that is one of the best remaining examples of the longleaf pine ecosystem in North Carolina. The game land is used for hunting, fishing, field trials, military training, timber management, and other wildlife related outdoor recreation. The Sandhills Game Land is home to 170 groups of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, a federally endangered species. Each group of woodpeckers requires up to 500 acres of frequently burned habitat to thrive. The forestry program uses timber thinning and controlled burns to maintain a healthy longleaf pine forest and to manage for numerous species of rare and common wildlife, including the Red-cockaded Woodpecker.

Beck also reported on other Wildlife Action Plan species that thrive on the Sandhills Game Land. He specifically mentioned the Carolina Gopher Frog, which can travel up to 2.4 miles from its breeding pond each year to return to a particular stump hole. Beck also discussed the Bachman's Sparrow and indicated that it moves on the ground and requires ground cover that responds to controlled burns every two to three years. He lastly mentioned two other rare species that live on the game land - the Pine Barrens Treefrog and Carolina Pygmy Rattlesnake.

INLAND FISHERIES

Fisheries Update - Christian Waters, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, gave an update about the activities of the Inland Fisheries Division. He reported that there were no fish kills from Hurricane Matthew. The extreme drought in the mountains has resulted in the lowest waters there in 84 years. Waters stated that 23,000 fish have been moved from the Setzer Fish Hatchery to other locations.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Wildlife Management Update – Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, reported on the activities of the *Wildlife Management Division*. Cobb reported that the 2016 deer harvest data shows that there is an average 15 percent decline in the harvest statewide. The bear harvest data shows that there is a 27 percent increase except in the mountains, which shows a 22 percent decrease. Cobb reported that there is an average 50-55 percent reporting rate for bear tooth submissions. The annual report will be sent to the Commissioners. Cobb also reported that the two depredation orders for cormorants will not be renewed by the USFWS. Migratory bird take permits for cormorants will not be issued unless there is a public health or safety threat.

EDUCATION

Kris Smith, *Wildlife Education Division Chief*, reported on the activities of the Education Division. Smith reported that 46,000 visitors came through the Wildlife exhibit at the State Fair. The exhibit highlighted the Wildlife Action Plan and mussels. He reported that agency's Thanksgiving Day social media post alone reached 250,000 people with shares, likes, and impressions. Ongoing activities and events of the Education Division include youth hunts with BB Gillen, collegiate shooting competition, and Swan Days which will be held at Lake Mattamuskeet on December 10.

PROPERTY MATTERS

Phase I Land Acquisitions – Upon a motion by Garry Spence and second by Nat Harris, the Commission approved staff working to develop plans for acquisition of seven properties, presented by Brian McRae, *Land and Water Access Section Chief* in **Exhibits C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, and C-7**. **Exhibits C-1 through C-7** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting:

- Galloway Tract (revised) - Rockingham County
- Godwin Bear Garden Tract – Pender County
- Godwin II Tract – Scotland County
- Herrin Tract – Ashe County
- Range 17 Tract – Camden County
- Usher Tract – Scotland County
- Waccamaw Campbell Tract (revised) – Columbus County

Adoptions of Phase II Acquisitions – Upon a motion by Garry Spence and a second by Mike Johnson, the Commission gave final approval for the acquisition of two properties as presented in **EXHIBITS D-1 and D-2**. **Exhibits D-1 and D-2** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting:

- Cunningham Tract – Swain County
- Melton Tract – McDowell County

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Fiscal Note for Proposed No-Wake Zone Rulemaking for Yeopim Creek – Perquimans County – On a motion by Ray Clifton and second by Brian White, the Commission adopted the Fiscal Note review of the projected cost to Perquimans County of no-wake markers in a portion of Yeopim Creek at Heritage Shores North in Perquimans County. **Exhibit E-1** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Permanent Rulemaking – Yeopim Creek, Perquimans County – On a motion by Ray Clifton and second by Brian White, the Commission adopted a request by Perquimans County, presented in **Exhibit E-2**, to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* and hold one public hearing for an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0355(a)(3)(E), to establish a no-wake zone in the waters of Yeopim Creek at Heritage Shores North in Perquimans county. **Exhibit E-2** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Fiscal Note for Proposed No-Wake Zone Rulemaking for Shooting Creek on Lake Chatuge, Clay County – On a motion by Tim Spear and second by John Coley, the Commission adopted the Fiscal Note review of the projected cost to Clay County of a no-wake marker to extend the no-wake zone in Shooting Creek on Lake Chatuge in Clay County. **Exhibit F-1** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Permanent Rulemaking – Shooting Creek on Lake Chatuge, Clay County – On a motion by John Coley and second by Mike Johnson, the Commission adopted a request by Clay County, presented in **Exhibit F-2**, to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* and hold one public hearing to promulgate rulemaking under 15A NCAC 10F .0308, to extend the no-wake zone in Shooting Creek on Lake Chatuge in Clay County. **Exhibit F-2** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Permanent Rulemaking – Lake James, Burke County – Upon a motion by Mike Johnson and second by John Coley, the Commission approved proceeding with permanent rulemaking under 15A NCAC 10F .0323 to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* and hold one public hearing, for a no-wake zone in the waters of Sherman’s Hollow Cove shore to shore and contiguous with the waters within 50 yards of Linville Point on Lake James in Burke County. **Exhibit G** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Fiscal Note for Proposed No-Wake Zone Rulemaking for Deep Creek in the Town of Surf City, Pender County – On a motion by Brian White and second by John Coley, the Commission adopted the Fiscal Note review of the projected cost to the Town of Surf City for no-wake markers for the channel known as Deep Creek along the Town of Surf City waterfront. **Exhibit H-1** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Permanent Rulemaking – Town of Surf City – Pender County – Upon a motion by Ray Clifton and second by John Coley, the Commission adopted a request by the Town of Surf City, presented in **Exhibit H-2**, to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* and hold one public hearing to promulgate rulemaking under 15A NCAC 10F .0321, for a no-wake zone in the channel known as Deep Creek, along the Surf City waterfront in Pender County. **Exhibit H-2** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

OUTDOOR HERITAGE TRUST FUND PLAN

Executive Director Gordon Myers presented in **Exhibit I** a plan for the Outdoor Heritage Trust Fund for Youth Outdoor Heritage Promotion, which was established in 2015 by the N.C. General Assembly. The Plan was developed by a joint committee comprised of Commissioners and Councilmembers. Primary funding of the trust fund is through check-off donations on transactions processed by the Commission and other donations that are tax-deductible. The Fund stands now at over 50 thousand dollars. Myers stated that the Fund will expand opportunities for youth to participate in outdoor recreational activities and develop life-long interest in passing North Carolina's outdoor heritage to future generations. Myers also stated that the Fund is a living document and the committee worked diligently to keep the Plan simple and flexible. The Fund will be administered by the Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council. On a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Nat Harris, the Commission approved the Outdoor Heritage Trust Fund Plan. **Exhibit I** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman John Litton Clark thanked Commissioners, Director Myers, and agency staff for their time and efforts to make the meeting successful. Clark wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Gordon Myers thanked the 19 Commissioners and the employees for their hard work. Myers mentioned the Wildlife Leadership Development Program and thanked Commissioner Garry Spence for his assistance in planning the program. Sixty-six employees have applied and submitted essays for an anonymous review. Fifteen people will be chosen to go through the initial program. Myers announced that employee town hall meetings will be held in the spring of 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Wildlife Resources Commission will be held in Raleigh on Thursday, February 16, 2017. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Clark at 10:40 a.m.

All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.

John Litton Clark, Chairman

Date

Gordon Myers, Executive Director

Date

Exhibit B

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Financial Status Report

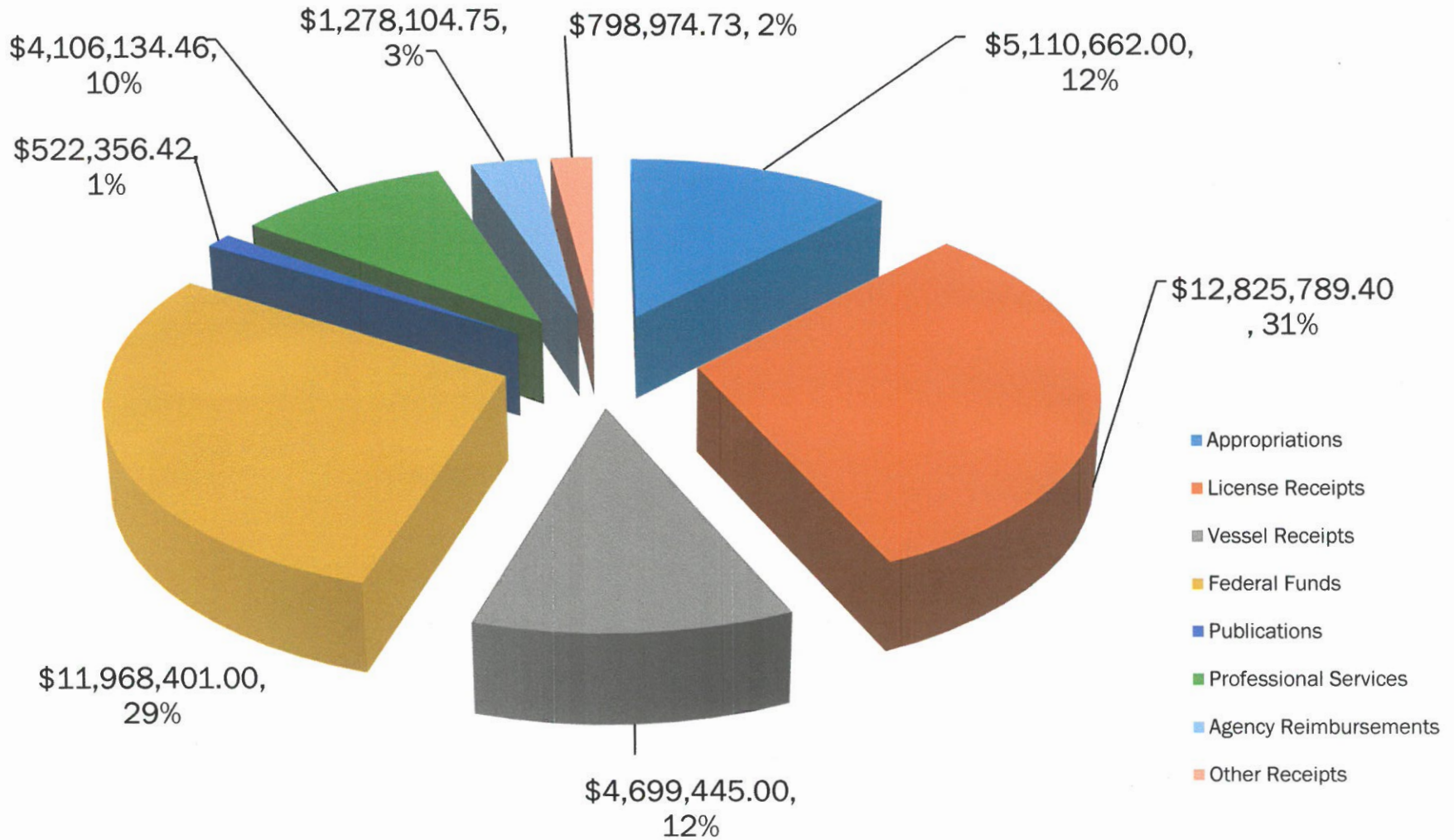


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*Lindsey Riddick
Budget Analyst*

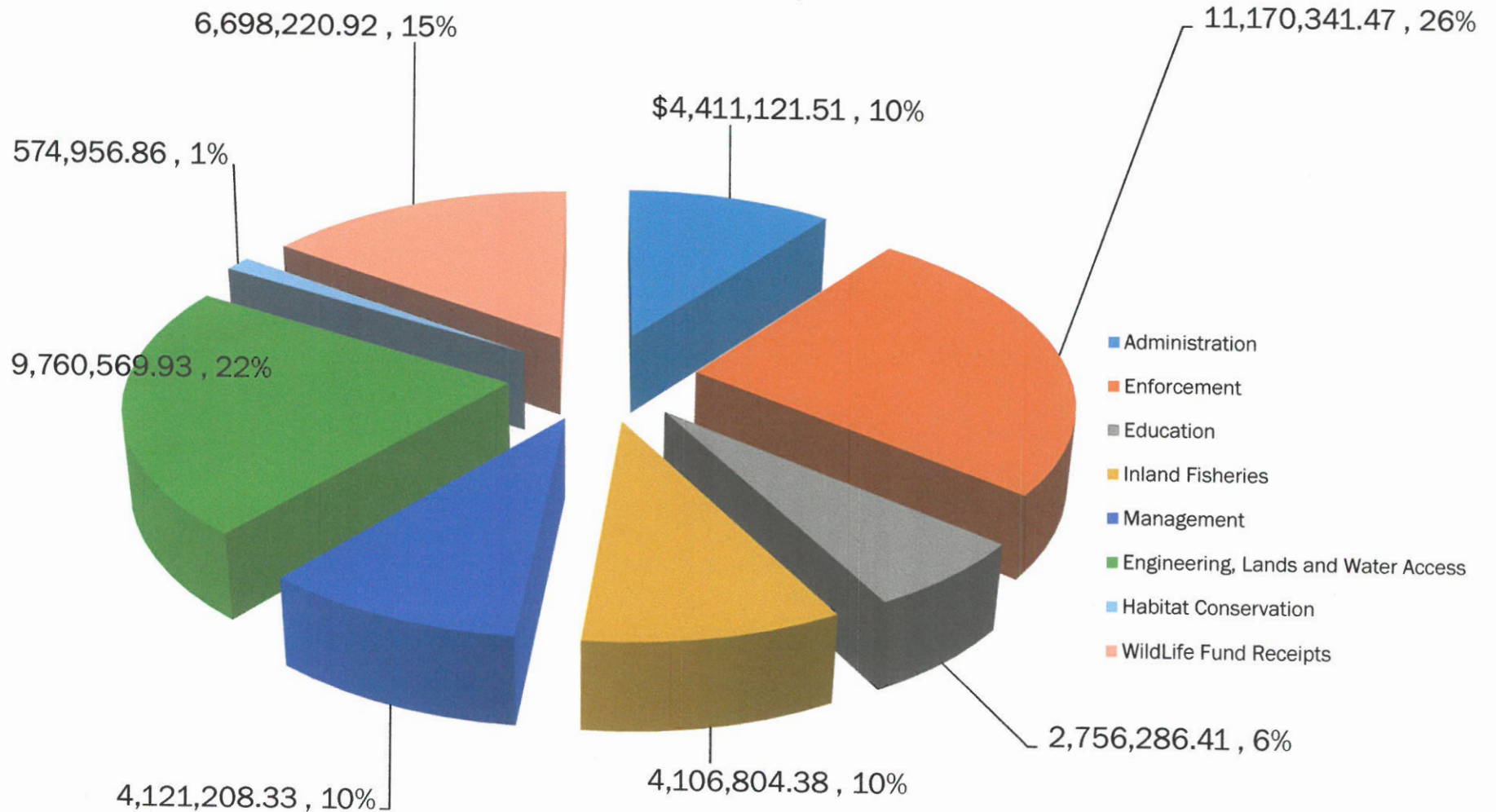
YEAR TO DATE SFY 2017 RECEIPTS \$41,309,867.76

December 2016 Receipts YTD



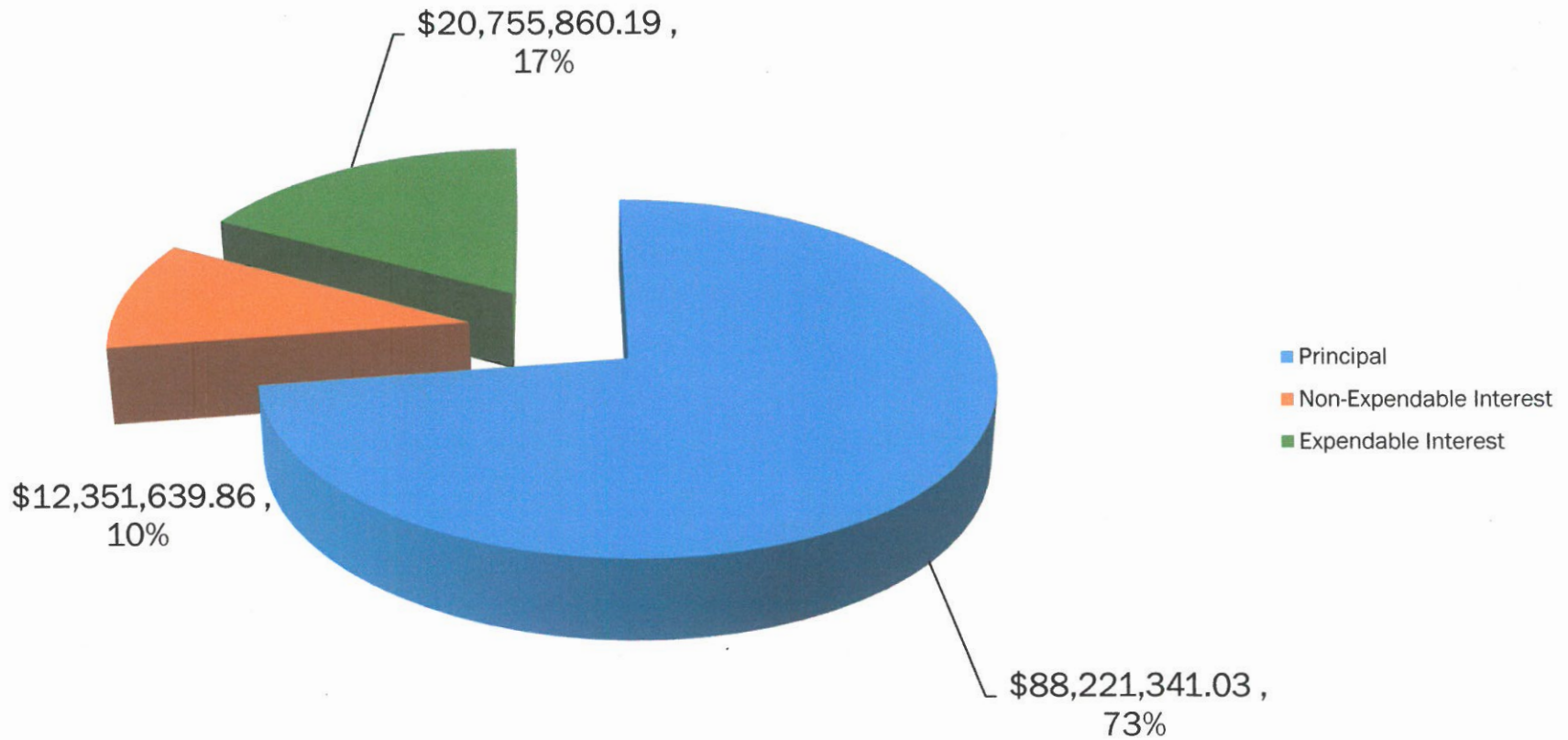
YEAR TO DATE SFY 2017 EXPENDITURES \$43,599,509.81

December 2016 Expenditures YTD



DECEMBER 2016 ENDOWMENT FUND VALUE

Endowment Value (Market) \$121,328,841.08



NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Summary and Analysis of Agency Operating Cash Balance - Code 14350, 24350, 24351 and 24352

Exhibit B

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| | December, 2015 | | |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| Cash Balance July 1 | | \$ 11,302,064.79 | |
| | 2015-2016 Authorized Budget | Actual | % of |
| Appropriations | | | |
| Appropriations | \$ 10,153,623.00 | \$ 5,274,705.00 | 51.95% |
| Total | \$ 10,153,623.00 | \$ 5,274,705.00 | 51.95% |
| Receipts | | | |
| License Receipts | \$ 18,313,775.50 | \$ 13,594,216.85 | 74.23% |
| Vessel Receipts | 11,720,816.32 | 4,895,940.00 | 41.77% |
| Federal Funds | 27,104,387.74 | 13,541,059.00 | 49.96% |
| Publications | 9,523,163.26 | 451,492.11 | 4.74% |
| Professional Services | 2,930,204.08 | 4,107,380.23 | 140.17% |
| Agency Reimbursements | 2,930,204.08 | 1,514,036.13 | 51.67% |
| Other Receipts | 732,551.02 | 828,613.71 | 113.11% |
| Total | \$ 73,255,102.00 | \$ 38,932,738.03 | 53.15% |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Administration | \$ 8,341,518.00 | \$ 4,415,686.61 | 52.94% |
| Enforcement | 21,746,447.00 | 10,752,061.20 | 49.44% |
| Education | 4,484,277.00 | 2,500,427.88 | 55.76% |
| Inland Fisheries | 9,208,953.00 | 3,982,642.88 | 43.25% |
| Wildlife Management | 8,930,868.00 | 3,515,287.31 | 39.36% |
| Engineering Services | 22,572,584.00 | 12,240,346.08 | 54.23% |
| Habitat Conservation | 874,671.00 | 463,754.73 | |
| W/Life Fund Receipts | 9,028,375.00 | 3,800,024.10 | 42.09% |
| Total | \$ 85,187,693.00 | \$ 41,670,230.79 | 48.92% |
| Cash Balance December 31 | | \$ 13,839,277.03 | |

| | December, 2016 | | |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| | | \$ 11,106,479.31 | |
| | 2016-2017 Authorized Budget | Actual | % of |
| Appropriations | | | |
| Appropriations | \$ 10,516,660.00 | \$ 5,110,662.00 | 48.60% |
| Total | \$ 10,516,660.00 | \$ 5,110,662.00 | 48.60% |
| Receipts | | | |
| License Receipts | \$ 18,035,598.00 | \$ 12,825,789.40 | 71.11% |
| Vessel Receipts | 9,888,706.00 | 4,699,445.00 | 47.52% |
| Federal Funds | 27,437,355.00 | 11,968,401.00 | 43.62% |
| Publications | 488,906.00 | 522,356.42 | 106.84% |
| Professional Services | 7,712,986.00 | 4,106,134.46 | 53.24% |
| Agency Reimbursements | 2,446,067.00 | 1,278,104.75 | 52.25% |
| Other Receipts | 3,331,337.00 | 798,974.73 | 23.98% |
| Total | \$ 69,340,955.00 | \$ 36,199,205.76 | 52.20% |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Administration | \$ 8,733,528.00 | \$ 4,411,121.51 | 50.51% |
| Enforcement | 22,248,810.00 | 11,170,341.47 | 50.21% |
| Education | 5,116,017.00 | 2,756,286.41 | 53.88% |
| Inland Fisheries | 8,639,261.00 | 4,106,804.38 | 47.54% |
| Wildlife Management | 8,535,531.00 | 4,121,208.33 | 48.28% |
| Engineering Services | 22,128,940.00 | 9,760,569.93 | 44.11% |
| Habitat Conservation | 1,231,924.00 | 574,956.86 | 46.67% |
| W/Life Fund Receipts | 8,432,703.00 | 6,698,220.92 | 79.43% |
| Total | \$ 85,066,714.00 | \$ 43,599,509.81 | 51.25% |
| Cash Balance December 31 | | \$ 8,816,837.26 | |

EXHIBIT C

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Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15(c), any actual or potential conflict of interest by a public servant sitting on a board and cited by the Ethics Commission under NCGS 138A-24(e) is required to be read into the minutes of the applicable board. Read into the Minutes relevant portions of the evaluation by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2011 Statements of Economic Interest and 2012-2016 No Change Forms for Neal W. Seegars, District 3 Commissioner appointed by Governor Pat McCrory for a term ending April 25, 2017 and Nat T. Harris, Jr., District 5 Commissioner for a term ending June 30, 2021; and the 2016 Statement of Economic Interest for Thomas L. Fonville, At-Large Commissioner appointed by House Speaker Tim Moore for a term ending June 30, 2017.

Neal W. Seegars

We did not find an actual conflict of interest, but found the potential for a conflict of interest. The potential conflict identified does not prohibit service on this entity.

Mr. Seegars fills the role of a representative of Wildlife District 3 on the Commission. He has disclosed that he is President of Seegars Fence Company, Inc. He also has an ownership interest in an LLC which owns and leases real estate; such land may be subject to Commission regulations. Thus, he may have the potential for a conflict of interest. Mr. Seegars should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties should issues involving his company's real estate holdings come before the Commission.

Nat T. Harris, Jr.

We did not find an actual conflict of interest, but found the potential for a conflict of interest. The potential conflict identified does not prohibit service on this entity.

Mr. Harris fills the role of a representative of Wildlife District 5 on the Commission. He is Owner/President of Harris Crouch Long Scott & Miller, Inc., a financial/investment services provider, and has additional business interests in the insurance and manufacturing sectors. He has disclosed that he is a member of "Club Limited," a hunting/fishing club. Thus, Mr. Harris may have the potential for a conflict of interest. Mr. Harris should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties should issues involving the Club come before the Commission.

Thomas L. Fonville

We did not find an actual conflict of interest, but found the potential for a conflict of interest. The potential conflict identified does not prohibit service on this entity.

Mr. Fonville fills the role of an at large member appointed by the House of Representatives on the Commission. He has disclosed that he is the President of Community Properties, Inc., and a partner/member of multiple real estate-related companies that may hold properties subject to Commission regulations. With these interests, Mr. Fonville may have the potential for a conflict of interest and should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties should issues involving his companies, or his employees, business partners, or customers, come before the Commission for official action or otherwise seek to conduct business with the Commission.



EXHIBIT D-1

February 16, 2017

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Inland Fisheries Regulations for 2017-2018

| Proposal | Proposed Text | Position Count | Comment Types |
|----------|---|----------------------------|--|
| F1 | Designate all undesignated waters on Stone Mountain State Park in Alleghany and Wilkes counties as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Wild Trout Waters. Reclassify Harris Creek from Catch and Release Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters to Wild Trout Waters. The portions of Stone Mountain Creek and East Prong Roaring River currently classified as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters will remain unchanged. The proposed change will add approximately 30 miles of stream to Public Mountain Trout Waters. | 144 :Agree 3 :Disagree | 16 :Online 130 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F2 | Designate all waters on Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Wild Trout Waters. The proposed change will add approximately 10 miles of stream to Public Mountain Trout Waters. | 139 :Agree 3 :Disagree | 13 :Online 128 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F3 | Designate approximately 1.0 mile of Basin Creek in Wilkes County from S.R. 1730 bridge to the confluence with Lovelace Creek as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. | 137 :Agree 2 :Disagree | 12 :Online 126 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F4 | Modify the lower boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Cove Creek in Watauga County adding approximately 1.8 miles of stream to Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to the S.R. 1214 bridge at Sherwood. | 135 :Agree 2 :Disagree | 11 :Online 125 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F5 | Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Middle Fork New River in Watauga County removing approximately 1.0 mile of stream from Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1539 and U.S. 321 to the South Fork New River. | 119 :Agree 15 :Disagree | 10 :Online 123 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F6 | Modify the upper boundary of Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters on Laurel Creek in Watauga County and exclude all tributaries removing approximately 9.5 miles of stream from Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the confluence of North and South Fork Laurel creeks to Elk Creek, excluding tributaries. | 102 :Agree 26 :Disagree | 6 :Online 121 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F7 | Remove 7.4 miles of Dugger Creek in Watauga and Wilkes counties from Public Mountain Trout Waters. | 91 :Agree 37 :Disagree | 6 :Online 121 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |

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| F8 | Amend the definition of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters to more clearly indicate that only lures having one single hook may be used. | 143 :Agree 4 :Disagree | 18 :Online 128 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F9 | Define youth as a person under 18 years of age. | 148 :Agree 42 :Disagree | 24 :Online 164 :Comment Card 2 :Letter/Email |
| F10 | Modify the exception to the general statewide regulation for black bass in Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County by increasing the minimum size limit of 14 inches to 16 inches and allowing only one fish greater than 20 inches to be possessed. The daily creel limit will remain 5 fish. | 142 :Agree 10 :Disagree | 14 :Online 137 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F11 | Modify the exception to the general statewide regulation for Striped Bass in inland fishing waters of the Neuse, Pungo and Tar-Pamlico rivers by increasing the minimum size limit of 18 inches to 26 inches. The daily creel limit (2 per day) and harvest season (October 1 – April 30) will not change. | 187 :Agree 61 :Disagree | 85 :Online 151 :Comment Card 12 :Letter/Email |
| F12 | Modify the exception to the general statewide regulation for crappie in Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County by increasing the minimum size limit of 8 inches to 10 inches. The daily creel limit will remain 20 fish. | 146 :Agree 16 :Disagree | 16 :Online 145 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F13 | Modify the general statewide regulations for White Bass by establishing a minimum size limit of 14 inches and reducing the daily creel limit from 25 fish to 10 fish. | 146 :Agree 25 :Disagree | 20 :Online 150 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F14 | Clarify that the taking of nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in inland waters using specific equipment only requires a license that authorizes basic fishing privileges. | 148 :Agree 12 :Disagree | 18 :Online 141 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F15 | Prohibit the use of Archery Equipment for taking nongame fishes on Lake James from Black Bear Boating Access Area to the NC-221 Business bridge crossing on the Catawba River and the S.R. 1553 (Cannon Rd.) bridge crossing on the North Fork Catawba River in McDowell County from March 1 through May 31. | 119 :Agree 54 :Disagree | 19 :Online 153 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| F16 | Allow bank angling on Lake Calderwood in Graham County under the reciprocal fishing license agreement between North Carolina and Tennessee. | 154 :Agree 5 :Disagree | 15 :Online 143 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| O | Propose a Regulation (Fishing) | | 8 :Online 17 :Comment Card 6 :Letter/Email |
| O | Propose a Regulation (General) | | 0 :Online 1 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |

Letter and Petitions Received During the Public Comment Period for the
2017-2018 Regulatory Cycle
Inland Fisheries Division

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following letters representing an organization*:

- 1) Supports changes to black bass size limits in Lake Mattamuskeet (F10)
Pamlico Albemarle Wildlife Conservationists, signed by Attila Nemezc, President
- 2) Supports changes to striped bass regulations in Neuse, Pungo and Tar-Pamlico rivers (F11)
Pamlico Albemarle Wildlife Conservationists, signed by Attila Nemezc, President
- 3) Supports changes to crappie size limits in Lake Mattamuskeet (F12)
Pamlico Albemarle Wildlife Conservationists, signed by Attila Nemezc, President
- 4) Supports changes to striped bass regulations in Neuse, Pungo and Tar-Pamlico rivers (F11)
North Carolina Wildlife Federation, signed by Tim Gestwicki, CEO
- 5) Supports defining youth as a person under 18 years of age (F9)
North Carolina Wildlife Federation, signed by Tim Gestwicki, CEO

*Complete letters provided electronically. Hard copies available upon request.

EXHIBIT D-2

February 16, 2017



PROPOSED CHANGES IN INLAND FISHERIES REGULATIONS FOR 2017-2018 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- F1) Designate all undesignated waters on Stone Mountain State Park in Alleghany and Wilkes counties as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Wild Trout Waters. Reclassify Harris Creek from Catch and Release Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters to Wild Trout Waters. The portions of Stone Mountain Creek and East Prong Roaring River currently classified as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters will remain unchanged. The proposed change will add approximately 30 miles of stream to Public Mountain Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10C.0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (pages 5, 11 and 12)
- F2) Designate all waters on Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Wild Trout Waters. The proposed change will add approximately 10 miles of stream to Public Mountain Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10D.0104 Fishing on Game Lands (page 13)
- F3) Designate approximately 1.0 mile of Basin Creek in Wilkes County from S.R. 1730 bridge to the confluence with Lovelace Creek as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Hatchery Supported Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10C.0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 11)
- F4) Modify the lower boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Cove Creek in Watauga County adding approximately 1.8 miles of stream to Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to the S.R. 1214 bridge at Sherwood.
15A NCAC 10C.0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 11)
- F5) Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Middle Fork New River in Watauga County removing approximately 1.0 mile of stream from Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1539 and U.S. 321 to the South Fork New River.
15A NCAC 10C.0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 11)

- F6) Modify the upper boundary of Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters on Laurel Creek in Watauga County and exclude all tributaries removing approximately 9.5 miles of stream from Public Mountain Trout Waters. The designated reach will be from the confluence of North and South Fork Laurel creeks to Elk Creek, excluding tributaries.
15A NCAC 10C.0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 11)
- F7) Remove 7.4 miles of Dugger Creek in Watauga and Wilkes counties from Public Mountain Trout Waters.
15A NCAC 10C.0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (pages 10 and 11)
- F8) Amend the definition of Delayed Harvest Trout Waters to more clearly indicate that only lures having one single hook may be used.
15A NCAC 10C.0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 4)
- F9) Define youth as a person under 18 years of age.
15A NCAC 10C.0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 4)
15A NCAC 10C .0316 Trout (page 23)
- F10) Modify the exception to the general statewide regulation for black bass in Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County by increasing the minimum size limit of 14 inches to 16 inches and allowing only one fish greater than 20 inches to be possessed. The daily creel limit will remain 5 fish.
15A NCAC 10C .0305 Black Bass (page 14)
- F11) Modify the exception to the general statewide regulation for Striped Bass in inland fishing waters of the Neuse, Pungo and Tar-Pamlico rivers by increasing the minimum size limit of 18 inches to 26 inches. The daily creel limit (2 per day) and harvest season (October 1 – April 30) will not change.
15A NCAC 10B .0314 Striped bass (page 16)
- F12) Modify the exception to the general statewide regulation for crappie in Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County by increasing the minimum size limit of 8 inches to 10 inches. The daily creel limit will remain 20 fish.
15A NCAC 10C .0306 Crappie (page 17)
- F13) Modify the general statewide regulations for White Bass by establishing a minimum size limit of 14 inches and reducing the daily creel limit from 25 fish to 10 fish.
15A NCAC 10C .0318 White bass (page 18)
- F14) Clarify that the taking of nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in inland waters using specific equipment only requires a license that authorizes basic fishing privileges.
15A NCAC 10C.0402 Taking Nongame Fishes for Bait or Personal Consumption (page 19)
- F15) Prohibit the use of Archery Equipment for taking nongame fishes on Lake James from Black Bear Boating Access Area to the NC-221 Business bridge crossing on the Catawba River and the S.R. 1553 (Cannon Rd.) bridge crossing on the North Fork Catawba River in McDowell County from March 1 through May 31.
15A NCAC 10C.0404 Special devices (page 21)

- F16) Allow bank angling on Lake Calderwood in Graham County under the reciprocal fishing license agreement between North Carolina and Tennessee.
15A NCAC 10C .0203 Reciprocal license agreements (page 22)

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0205 PUBLIC MOUNTAIN TROUT WATERS**

2 (a) For purposes of this Rule, the following definitions apply:

- 3 (1) "Natural bait" means any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared
4 substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell.
- 5 (2) "Artificial lure" means a fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance that
6 attracts fish by the sense of taste or smell.
- 7 (3) "Youth anglers" are individuals under ~~18~~ 16 years of age.

8 (b) For purposes of this Rule, 15A NCAC 10C .0316, and 15A NCAC 10D .0104, the following classifications apply:

- 9 (1) "Public Mountain Trout Waters" are all waters included in this Rule and so designated in 15A NCAC
10 10D .0104.
- 11 (2) "Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where
12 only artificial flies having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed or harvested
13 while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 14 (3) "Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where
15 only artificial lures having one single hook may be used. No trout may be possessed or harvested
16 while fishing these streams. Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 17 (4) "Delayed Harvest Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where between October 1 and
18 one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday of the following June it is unlawful
19 to possess natural bait, use more than one a single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or possess
20 trout while fishing. From 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June until noon that same day only youth
21 anglers may fish and these waters have no bait or lure restrictions. From noon on the first Saturday
22 in June until October 1 anglers of all ages may fish and these waters have no bait or lure restrictions.
23 Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 24 (5) "Hatchery Supported Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters that have no bait or lure
25 restrictions. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 26 (6) "Special Regulation Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where watercourse-specific
27 regulations apply. Waters designated as such do not include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 28 (7) "Wild Trout Waters" are Public Mountain Trout Waters which are identified as such in this Rule or
29 15A NCAC 10D .0104. Only artificial lures having only one single hook may be used. No person
30 shall possess natural bait while fishing these waters. Waters designated as such do not include
31 tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 32 (8) "Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait" are Public Mountain Trout Waters where all artificial lures and
33 natural baits, except live fish, may be used provided they are fished using only one single hook.
34 Waters designated as such include tributaries unless otherwise noted.
- 35 (9) "Undesignated Waters" are all other waters in the State. These waters have no bait or lure
36 restrictions. Trout may not be possessed while fishing these waters from March 1 until 7:00 a.m.
37 on the first Saturday in April.

38 (c) Seasons, creel and size limits. Seasons, creel and size limits for trout in all waters are listed in Rule .0316 of this
39 Subchapter.

40 (d) Classifications. This Paragraph designates waters in each county that have a specific classification. Waters on
41 game lands are so designated in 15A NCAC 10D .0104, unless otherwise indicated in this Paragraph. All other waters
42 are classified as Undesignated Waters.

- 43 (1) Alleghany
 - 44 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
45 Little River (S.R. 1133 bridge to 275 yards downstream of the intersection of S.R. 1128
46 and S.R. 1129 [marked by a sign on each bank])
 - 47 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
48 Big Pine Creek
49 Bledsoe Creek
50 Brush Creek (N.C. 21 bridge to confluence with Little River, except where posted against
51 trespassing)
52 Cranberry Creek
53 (Big) Glade Creek
54 Little River (275 yards downstream from the intersection of S.R. 1128 and S.R. 1129
55 [marked by a sign on each bank] to McCann Dam)
56 Meadow Fork

- 1 Pine Swamp Creek
2 Piney Fork
3 Prathers Creek
4 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
5 All waters located on Stone Mountain State Park
6 ~~Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
7 ~~Stone Mountain Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
8 (2) Ashe County
9 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
10 Big Horse Creek (Virginia state line to Mud Creek at S.R. 1363, excluding tributaries)
11 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
12 Big Horse Creek (S.R. 1324 bridge to North Fork New River)
13 Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River)
14 South Fork New River (upstream end of Todd Island to the SR 1351 bridge)
15 Trout Lake
16 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
17 Beaver Creek (N.C. 221 to South Fork New River)
18 Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at S.R. 1363 to S.R. 1324 bridge)
19 Big Laurel Creek (S.R. 1315 bridge to confluence with North Fork New River)
20 Buffalo Creek (S.R. 1133 bridge to N.C. 194-88 bridge)
21 Cranberry Creek (Alleghany Co. line to South Fork New River)
22 Nathans Creek
23 North Fork New River (Watauga Co. line to Sharp Dam)
24 Old Fields Creek (N.C. 221 to South Fork New River)
25 Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)
26 Roan Creek
27 Three Top Creek
28 (3) Avery County
29 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:
30 Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond)
31 Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)
32 (B) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
33 Wilson Creek (game land portion)
34 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
35 Boyde Coffey Lake
36 Elk River (S.R. 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the Tennessee state
37 line)
38 Linville River (Land Harbor line [below dam] to the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line,
39 except where posted against trespassing)
40 Milltimber Creek
41 North Toe River — upper (Watauga St. to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and Family
42 Recreational Park, except where posted against trespassing)
43 North Toe River — lower (S.R. 1164 to Mitchell Co. line, except where posted against
44 trespassing)
45 Squirrel Creek
46 Wildcat Lake
47 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
48 Birchfield Creek
49 Cow Camp Creek
50 Cranberry Creek (headwaters to U.S. 19E/N.C. 194 bridge)
51 Gragg Prong
52 Horse Creek
53 Kentucky Creek
54 North Harper Creek
55 Plumtree Creek
56 Roaring Creek

- 1 Rockhouse Creek
2 Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)
3 South Harper Creek
4 Webb Prong
- 5 (4) Buncombe County
6 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
7 Carter Creek (game land portion)
8 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
9 Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)
10 Cane Creek (headwaters to S.R. 3138 bridge)
11 Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)
12 Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)
13 Ivy Creek (Ivy River) (Dillingham Creek to U.S. 19-23 bridge)
14 Lake Powhatan
15 Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to U.S. 19-23 bridge, except where posted against
16 trespassing)
17 Rich Branch (downstream from the confluence with Rocky Branch)
18 Stony Creek
19 Swannanoa (S.R. 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue bridge [intersection of
20 N.C. 81 and U.S. 74A in Asheville], except where posted against trespassing)
- 21 (5) Burke County
22 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
23 Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)
24 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
25 Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)
26 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
27 Carroll Creek (game land portion above S.R. 1405)
28 Henry Fork (lower South Mountain State Park line downstream to S.R. 1919 at Ivy Creek)
29 Linville River portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness area and portion below Lake
30 James powerhouse from upstream bridge on S.R. 1223 to Muddy Creek)
31 (D) Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows:
32 Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam)
33 (E) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
34 All waters located on South Mountains State Park, except those waters identified in parts
35 A and B of this Subparagraph
- 36 (6) Caldwell County
37 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
38 Wilson Creek (game land portion below Lost Cove Creek to Philips Branch)
39 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
40 Boone Fork Pond
41 Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)
42 Joes Creek (first falls upstream of S.R. 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)
43 Wilson Creek (Phillips Branch to Brown Mountain Beach Dam, except where posted
44 against trespassing)
45 Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to S.R. 1515)
46 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
47 Buffalo Creek (Watauga Co. line to Long Ridge Branch including game land tributaries)
48 Joes Creek (Watauga Co. line to first falls upstream of the end of S.R. 1574)
49 Rockhouse Creek
- 50 (7) Cherokee County
51 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
52 Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)
53 Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)
54 Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)
55 Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Hwy [S.R. 1325] bridge to Tennessee state line)
56 Valley River (S.R. 1359 to U.S. 19 Business bridge in Murphy)

- 1 (B) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
2 Bald Creek (game land portion)
3 Dockery Creek (game land portion)
4 North Shoal Creek (game land portion)
5 (8) Clay County
6 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
7 Fires Creek (USFS Rd. 340A to the foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area)
8 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
9 Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of U.S. 64 bridge)
10 Fires Creek (foot bridge in the USFS Fires Creek Picnic Area to S.R. 1300)
11 Tusquitee Creek (Compass Creek to lower S.R. 1300 bridge)
12 (9) Graham County
13 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
14 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS footbridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Rd. 2579)
15 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
16 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
17 Cheoah Reservoir
18 Panther Creek (confluence of Stand Creek and Rock Creek to Lake Fontana)
19 Santeetlah Creek (Johns Branch to Lake Santeetlah)
20 (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS Road 2579 to S.R. 1127 bridge)
21 Stecoah Creek (upper game land boundary to Lake Fontana)
22 Tulula Creek (S.R. 1201 to lower bridge on S.R. 1275)
23 West Buffalo Creek
24 Yellow Creek (Lake Santeetlah hydropower pipeline to Cheoah River)
25 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
26 Little Buffalo Creek
27 South Fork Squally Creek
28 Squally Creek
29 (D) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
30 Deep Creek
31 Franks Creek
32 Long Creek (game land portion)
33 (10) Haywood County
34 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
35 West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake
36 Logan)
37 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
38 Cold Springs Creek (Fall Branch to Pigeon River)
39 Jonathan Creek (upstream S.R. 1302 bridge to Pigeon River, except where posted against
40 trespassing)
41 Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to upstream U.S. 19-23 bridge)
42 Richland Creek (Russ Avenue [U.S. 276] bridge to U.S. 19 bridge)
43 West Fork Pigeon River (Tom Creek to Queen Creek, including portions on game lands,
44 except Middle Prong)
45 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
46 Hemphill Creek
47 Hurricane Creek
48 (11) Henderson County
49 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
50 North Fork Mills River (game land portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam)
51 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
52 (Rocky) Broad River (end of S.R. 1611 to Rutherford County line)
53 Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream of S.R. 1551 bridge to U.S. 25 bridge)
54 Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to S.R. 1582)
55 Green River (Lake Summit powerhouse to game land boundary)
56 (Big) Hungry River

- 1 (12) Jackson County
2 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
3 Flat Creek
4 Tuckasegee River (upstream from the Clark property)
5 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
6 Tuckasegee River (downstream N.C. 107 bridge to the falls located 275 yards upstream of
7 the U.S. 23-441 bridge [marked by a sign on each bank])
8 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
9 Balsam Lake
10 Bear Creek Lake
11 Cedar Cliff Lake
12 Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)
13 Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scott Creek)
14 Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on S.R. 1370 to Savannah Creek)
15 Savannah Creek (Shell Branch to Cagle Branch)
16 Scott Creek (Dark Ridge Creek to Tuckasegee River, except where posted against
17 trespassing)
18 Tanasee Creek Lake
19 Tuckasegee River — upper (John Brown Branch to the downstream N.C. 107 bridge)
20 Tuckasegee River — lower (falls located 275 yards upstream of U.S. 23-441 bridge
21 [marked by a sign on each bank] to S.R. 1534 bridge at Wilmot)
22 Wolf Creek Lake
23 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
24 Gage Creek
25 North Fork Scott Creek
26 Tanasee Creek
27 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
28 Wolf Creek (except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)
29 (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
30 Buff Creek
31 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to the South Carolina state line)
32 Lower Fowler Creek (game land portion)
33 Scotsman Creek (game land portion)
34 (13) Macon County
35 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
36 Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)
37 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
38 Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)
39 Cartoogechay Creek (downstream U.S. 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)
40 Cliffside Lake
41 Cullasaja River (Sequoyah Dam to U.S. 64 bridge near junction of S.R. 1672)
42 Nantahala River — upper (Dicks Creek to Whiteoak Creek)
43 Nantahala River — lower (Nantahala hydropower discharge canal to Swain Co. line)
44 Queens Creek Lake
45 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
46 Chattooga River (S.R. 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)
47 Jarrett Creek (game land portion)
48 Kimsey Creek
49 Overflow Creek (game land portion)
50 Park Creek
51 Tellico Creek (game land portion)
52 Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)
53 (14) Madison County
54 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
55 Big Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge to the U.S. 25-70 bridge)
56 Shelton Laurel Creek (N.C. 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)

- 1 Spring Creek (N.C. 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews
2 Ave.)
- 3 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
4 Big Laurel Creek (Mars Hill watershed boundary to the S.R. 1318 [Big Laurel Rd.] bridge
5 downstream of Bearpen Branch)
6 Big Pine Creek (S.R. 1151 bridge to French Broad River)
7 Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence
8 with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)
9 Max Patch Pond
10 Meadow Fork Creek (S.R. 1165 to Spring Creek)
11 Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)
12 Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)
13 Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to N.C. 208 bridge at Belva)
14 Shut-in Creek
15 Spillcorn Creek
16 Spring Creek (junction of N.C. 209 and N.C. 63 to USFS Rd. 223)
17 West Fork Shut-in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East Fork Shut-
18 in Creek)
- 19 (C) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
20 Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary)
- 21 (15) McDowell County
22 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
23 Newberry Creek (game land portion)
24 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
25 Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)
26 Curtis Creek (game land portion downstream of the USFS boundary at Deep Branch)
27 Mill Creek (U.S. 70 bridge to I-40 bridge)
28 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
29 Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)
30 Catawba River (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)
31 Little Buck Creek (game land portion)
32 Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to U.S. 70 bridge, except where posted against
33 trespassing)
34 North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to North Cove School at S.R. 1569 bridge)
- 35 (16) Mitchell County
36 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
37 Cane Creek (N.C. 226 bridge to S.R. 1189 bridge)
38 North Toe River (U.S. 19E bridge to N.C. 226 bridge)
39 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
40 Big Rock Creek (headwaters to N.C. 226 bridge at S.R. 1307 intersection)
41 Cane Creek (S.R. 1219 to N.C. 226 bridge)
42 East Fork Grassy Creek
43 Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)
44 Little Rock Creek (Green Creek bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where posted against
45 trespassing)
46 North Toe River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1121 bridge)
47 (C) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
48 Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek bridge, except where posted against trespassing)
49 Little Rock Creek (above Green Creek bridge, including all tributaries, except where
50 posted against trespassing)
51 Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
- 52 (17) Polk County
53 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
54 Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the confluence with Cove Creek)
55 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
56 Green River (Mouth of Cove Creek to the natural gas pipeline crossing)

- 1 North Pacolet River (Joels Creek to N.C. 108 bridge)
2 (18) Rutherford County
3 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
4 (Rocky) Broad River (Henderson Co. line to U.S. 64/74 bridge, except where posted
5 against trespassing)
6 (19) Stokes County
7 (A) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
8 Dan River (Virginia state line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of S.R. 1421)
9 (20) Surry County
10 (A) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
11 Ararat River (portion adjacent to the Ararat River Greenway)
12 Mitchell River (.6 mile upstream of the end of S.R. 1333 to the S.R. 1330 bridge below
13 Kapps Mill Dam)
14 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
15 Ararat River (S.R. 1727 bridge downstream to the N.C. 103 bridge)
16 Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of N.C. 268 bridge to a point 265 yards
17 downstream of N.C. 268 [marked by a sign on each bank])
18 Fisher River (Cooper Creek) (Virginia state line to I-77 bridge)
19 Little Fisher River (Virginia state line to N.C. 89 bridge)
20 Lovills Creek (U.S. 52 Business bridge to Ararat River)
21 Pauls Creek (Virginia state line to .3 miles below S.R. 1625 bridge)
22 (21) Swain County
23 (A) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:
24 Tuckasegee River (U.S. 19 bridge to Slope Street bridge)
25 (B) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
26 Alarka Creek (game land boundary to Fontana Reservoir)
27 Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee state line)
28 Cheoah Reservoir
29 Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)
30 Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park Boundary line to Tuckasegee River)
31 Nantahala River (Macon Co. line to existing Fontana Lake water level)
32 (22) Transylvania County
33 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:
34 Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass Creek
35 and Grogan Creek)
36 (B) Delayed Harvest Waters Trout Waters are as follows:
37 East Fork French Broad River (Glady Fork to French Broad River)
38 Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)
39 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
40 Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower USFS boundary)
41 French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork) French
42 Broad River to the Island Ford Rd. [S.R. 1110] Access Area
43 Middle Fork French Broad River (upstream U.S. 178 bridge to French Broad River)
44 West Fork French Broad River (Camp Cove Branch to confluence with North Fork French
45 Broad River)
46 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
47 All waters located on Gorges State Park
48 Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina state line)
49 (E) Wild Trout Waters/Natural Bait are as follows:
50 North Fork French Broad River (game land portion downstream of S.R. 1326)
51 Thompson River (S.R. 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against
52 trespassing)
53 (23) Watauga County
54 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
55 ~~Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club)~~

- 1 Laurel Creek (confluence of North and South Fork Laurel creeks to Elk Creek, excluding
2 tributaries) (~~portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain~~
3 ~~Development~~)
4 Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Rd. bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffee
5 Lake)
6 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
7 Lake Coffey
8 Watauga River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1557 and S.R. 1558 to N.C. 105 bridge and
9 S.R. 1114 bridge to N.C. 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)
10 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
11 Beaverdam Creek (confluence of Beaverdam Creek and Little Beaverdam Creek to an
12 unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of S.R. 1201 and S.R. 1203)
13 Beech Creek
14 Buckeye Creek (Buckeye Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap Creek)
15 Buckeye Creek Reservoir
16 Cove Creek (S.R. 1233 bridge at Zionville to S.R. ~~1214~~ ~~1233~~ bridge at Sherwood)
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18 Dutch Creek (second bridge on S.R. 1134 to mouth)
19 Elk Creek (S.R. 1510 bridge at Triplett to Wilkes Co. line, except where posted against
20 trespassing)
21 Laurel Creek (S.R. 1123 bridge at S.R. 1157 intersection to Watauga River)
22 Meat Camp Creek (S.R. 1340 bridge at S.R. 1384 intersection to N.C. 194)
23 Middle Fork New River (adjacent to intersection of S.R. 1539 and U.S. 321) (~~Lake Chetola~~
24 ~~dam~~ to South Fork New River)
25 Norris Fork Creek
26 South Fork New River (canoe launch 70 yards upstream of U.S. 421 bridge to lower
27 boundary of Brookshire Park)
28 Stony Fork (S.R. 1500 bridge at S.R. 1505 intersection to Wilkes Co. line)
29 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
30 Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on S.R. 1134)
31 Howard Creek
32 Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)
33 North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe Co. line)
34 Watauga River (Avery Co. line to S.R. 1580 bridge)
35 Winkler Creek (lower bridge on S.R. 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)
36 (24) Wilkes County
37 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters are as follows:
38 ~~Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain club)~~
39 ~~Harris Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
40 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
41 East Prong Roaring River (Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone Mountain State Park
42 lower boundary)
43 Elk Creek — upper (Watauga Co. line to lower boundary of the Blue Ridge Mountain
44 Club)
45 Elk Creek — lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)
46 Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with the Yadkin
47 River)
48 Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Alleghany Co. line to confluence with East Prong
49 Roaring River and Bullhead Creek)
50 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
51 Basin Creek (S.R. 1730 bridge to confluence with Lovelace Creek)
52 Bell Branch Pond
53 Cub Creek (.5 mile upstream of S.R. 2460 bridge to S.R. 1001 bridge)
54 Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River) (downstream ford on S.R. 1569 to confluence
55 with North Fork Reddies River)
56 East Prong Roaring River (Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary to S.R. 1002 bridge)

- 1 Fall Creek (S.R. 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork, except where
 2 posted against trespassing)
 3 Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong) (headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1580)
 4 Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to bridge on S.R. 1736)
 5 North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek) (headwaters to Union School bridge on S.R.
 6 1559)
 7 Pike Creek
 8 Pike Creek Pond
 9 South Fork Reddies River (S.R. 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle Fork Reddies
 10 River)
 11 South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to S.R. 1155 bridge)
 12 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
 13 ~~Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
 14 ~~Garden Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
 15 ~~Widow Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)~~
 16 All waters located on Stone Mountain State Park, except East Prong Roaring River from
 17 Bullhead Creek downstream to the Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary where
 18 Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply, and Stone Mountain Creek from falls at
 19 Alleghany County line to confluence with East Prong Roaring River and Bullhead Creek
 20 in Stone Mountain State Park where Delayed Harvest Trout Waters regulations apply
 21 (25) Yancey County
 22 (A) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters are as follows:
 23 South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek)
 24 Upper Creek
 25 (B) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are as follows:
 26 Cane River (Blackberry Ridge Rd. to downstream boundary of Cane River County Park)
 27 (C) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are as follows:
 28 Bald Mountain Creek (except where posted against trespassing)
 29 Cane River (Bee Branch [S.R. 1110] to Bowlens Creek)
 30 Price Creek (junction of S.R. 1120 and S.R. 1121 to Indian Creek)
 31 South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey Co. Recreation Park,
 32 except where posted against trespassing)
 33 (D) Wild Trout Waters are as follows:
 34 Cattail Creek (bridge at Mountain Farm Community Rd. to N.C. 197 bridge)
 35 Lickskillet Creek
 36 Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
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38 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-272; 113-292;*
 39 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
 40 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;*
 41 *October 1, 1992;*
 42 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*
 43 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
 44 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*
 45 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*
 46 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 6/21/01 and 04/18/02);*
 47 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
 48 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*
 49 *2003);*
 50 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013;*
 51 *August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1,*
 52 *2006; June 1, 2005.*

1 **15A NCAC 10D .0104 FISHING ON GAME LANDS**

2 (a) Generally. Except as otherwise indicated herein, fishing on game lands which are open to fishing shall be in
3 accordance with the statewide rules. All game lands are open to public fishing except restocked ponds when posted
4 against fishing, Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge, Grogan Creek in Transylvania County, and in the case of
5 private ponds where fishing may be prohibited by the owners thereof. No trotline or set-hook or any net, trap, gig,
6 bow and arrow, or other special fishing device of a type mentioned in 15A NCAC 10C .0404(b),(c),(d), and (f) may
7 be used in any impounded waters located entirely on game lands. Bow and arrow may be used to take nongame
8 fishes in impounded waters located entirely on game lands with the exception of those waters mentioned in 15A
9 NCAC 10C .0404(a). Blue crabs taken by hook and line (other than set-hooks) in designated waterfowl
10 impoundments located on game lands must have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) and the
11 daily possession limit is 50 per person and 100 per vessel.

12 (b) Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters

13 (1) Fishing Hours. It is unlawful to fish in designated public mountain trout waters on any game land
14 and in all waters on the Dupont State Forest Game Land from one-half hour after sunset to one-
15 half hour before sunrise, except in Hatchery Supported Trout waters as stated in 15A NCAC 10C
16 .0305(a), Delayed Harvest waters as stated in 15A NCAC 10C .0205(a)(5), game lands sections of
17 the Nantahala River located downstream from the Swain County line, and in the sections of Green
18 River in Polk County located on Green River Game Lands from Cove Creek downstream to the
19 natural gas pipeline crossing.

20 (2) Location. All waters located on the game lands listed in this Subparagraph are designated public
21 mountain trout waters except Cherokee Lake, Grogan Creek, Big Laurel Creek downstream from
22 the US 25-70 bridge to the French Broad River, Pigeon River downstream of Waterville Reservoir
23 to the Tennessee state line, Nolichucky River, Mill Ridge Pond, Cheoah River downstream of
24 Santeetlah Reservoir, Little River from 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls downstream to the
25 Dupont State Forest boundary, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense, Lake Alfred, Lake Julia, Fawn Lake,
26 North Fork Catawba River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong Creek, Green River
27 downstream of the natural gas pipeline crossing, and Spring Creek below US Forest Service road
28 223.

29 Dupont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties.

30 Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County.

31 Nantahala National Forest Game Lands in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon,
32 Swain, and Transylvania counties.

33 Pisgah National Forest Game Lands in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood,
34 Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, and Yancey counties.

35 Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Wilkes County.

36 Toxaway Game Land in Transylvania County.

37 South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.

38 Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County.

39 Green River Game Land in Henderson and Polk counties.

40 Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County.

41 Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County

42 (3) All designated public mountain trout waters located on the game lands listed in Subparagraph
43 (b)(1) of this Rule are wild trout waters unless classified otherwise. [See 15A NCAC 10C
44 .0205(d)]

45 (c) Ponds. In all game lands ponds, it is unlawful to take channel, white or blue catfish (forked tail catfish) by
46 means other than hook and line and the daily creel limit for forked tail catfish is six fish in aggregate.

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48 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-272; 113-292; 113-305;*
49 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
50 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;*
51 *July 1, 1992;*
52 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*
53 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*
54 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
55 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009;*
56 *August 1, 2004.*

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0305 BLACK BASS**

2 (a) The daily creel limit for Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass — collectively known as Black Bass - is five
3 fish, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this Rule. There is no minimum size limit for these
4 fish, but only two of them may be less than 14 inches except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f),
5 (g), (h), (i), (j), (k) and (l) of this Rule. There is no closed season, except for waters identified in Paragraph (l) of this
6 Rule.

7 (b) In Lake Cammack in Alamance County, and Lake Holt in Granville County the daily creel limit for Largemouth
8 Bass is 10 fish and no more than two fish greater than 14 inches may be possessed.

9 (c) In Lake Santeetlah in Graham County, there is no daily creel limit for Black Bass less than 14 inches. The daily
10 creel limit for Black Bass greater than 14 inches is five fish.

11 (d) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit for Black Bass is 10 fish, the minimum size limit for
12 Largemouth Bass is 12 inches, and there is no minimum size limit for Smallmouth Bass and Spotted Bass.

13 (e) The minimum size limit for Black Bass is 14 inches in the following:

14 (1) Lake Raleigh in Wake County;

15 ~~(2) Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County;~~

16 ~~(2)(3)~~ Pungo Lake in Washington and Hyde counties;

17 ~~(3)(4)~~ New Lake in Hyde County; and

18 ~~(4)(5)~~ Currituck, Roanoke, Croatan, Albemarle sounds, and all their tributaries including Roanoke River
19 downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam, Chowan River, Yeopim River, Pasquotank River,
20 Perquimans River, North River, Northwest River, Scuppernong River, and Alligator River
21 (including the Alligator/Pungo Canal east of the NC Hwy 264/45 bridge).

22 (f) In Cane Creek Lake in Union County, and Buckhorn Reservoir in Wilson and Nash counties, the minimum size
23 limit for Largemouth Bass is 16 inches.

24 (g) In Lake Phelps in Tyrrell and Washington counties, the minimum size limit is 14 inches, and no fish between 16
25 and 20 inches may be possessed.

26 (h) In Shearon Harris Reservoir and Lake Hampton in Yadkin County, there is no minimum size limit for Black Bass,
27 but only two Black Bass less than 14 inches and no Black Bass between 16 and 20 inches may be possessed.

28 (i) In Randleman Reservoir, there is no minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass, but only two Largemouth Bass less
29 than 14 inches and only one Largemouth Bass greater than 20 inches may be possessed.

30 (j) In Lake Thom-A-Lex in Davidson County, the minimum size limit for Black Bass is 18 inches.

31 (k) In the Alleghany County portion of New River downstream of Fields Dam (Grayson County, Virginia) there is
32 no minimum size limit for Black Bass, but no fish between 14 and 22 inches in length may be possessed and only one
33 Black Bass greater than 22 inches may be possessed.

34 (l) In Sutton Lake, the minimum size limit for Black Bass is 14 inches and no Black Bass may be possessed from
35 December 1 through March 31.

36 (m) In Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County, the minimum size limit for Largemouth Bass is 16
37 inches and only one Largemouth Bass greater than 20 inches may be possessed.

38 ~~(m)~~ (n) For purposes of this Rule, creel limits apply to Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass in aggregate unless
39 otherwise specified.

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41 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;*

42 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

43 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 10, 1990, for a period of 180 days to expire on November 1, 1990;*

44 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 22, 1990, for a period of 168 days to expire on November 1, 1990;*

45 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 1991, for a period of 180 days to expire on November 1, 1991;*

46 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; October 1, 1992;*

47 *Temporary Amendment Eff. December 1, 1994 for a period of 180 days or until the permanent rule*
48 *becomes effective, whichever is sooner;*

49 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995;*

50 *Temporary Amendment Eff. November 1, 1998;*

51 *Amended Eff. April 1, 1999;*

52 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*

53 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

54 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*

55 *Temporary Amendment Eff. March 8, 2002 [This rule replaces the rule proposed for permanent*
56 *amendment effective July 1, 2002 and approved by RRC in May 2001];*

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*Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC in April 2002);
Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;
Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,
2003);
Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; November 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; March 1, 2012;
August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; July 1, 2008; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1,
2006; June 1, 2005.*

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0314 STRIPED BASS**

2 (a) The daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is four fish in the aggregate, except in waters identified in
3 Paragraphs (b), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. The minimum size limit for these fish is 20 inches, except in
4 waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule. There is no closed season,
5 except for waters identified in Paragraphs (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) of this Rule.

6 (b) In the Dan River upstream from its confluence with Bannister River to the dam at Union Street in Danville, VA
7 and in John H. Kerr Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is two in the aggregate and the
8 minimum size limit is 24 inches from October 1 through May 31. From June 1 through September 30, the daily
9 creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate with no minimum size limit.

10 (c) In Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoir, the minimum size limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is 20
11 inches from October 1 through May 31. There is no minimum size limit for these fish from June 1 through
12 September 30.

13 (d) In Lake Norman, Arrowhead Lake (Anson Co.), High Rock Pond (Caswell Co.), Moss Lake, Mountain Island
14 Reservoir, Oak Hollow Lake, Lake Thom-A-Lex, Lake Townsend, and Salem Lake the minimum size limit for
15 Striped Bass and its hybrids is 16 inches.

16 (e) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit is 15 in the aggregate. There is no minimum size limit,
17 but only two may be greater than 22 inches.

18 (f) In Lake Mattamuskeet, and in the Pee Dee River and its tributaries downstream from the Blewett Falls Dam to
19 the South Carolina state line, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is three fish in the aggregate, and
20 the minimum size limit is 18 inches.

21 (g) In the inland fishing waters of Neuse, Pungo, and Tar Pamlico rivers and their tributaries extending upstream to
22 the first impoundment of the main course on the river or its tributaries, and in all other inland fishing waters east of
23 Interstate 95 not specified in Paragraphs (f), (h), (i), and (j) of this Rule, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its
24 hybrids is two fish in the aggregate. The minimum size limit is 26 inches. ~~18 inches but no Striped Bass or hybrids~~
25 ~~between the lengths of 22 inches and 27 inches shall be possessed.~~ In these waters, the season for taking and
26 possessing Striped Bass is closed from May 1 through September 30.

27 (h) In the inland fishing waters of the Cape Fear River and its tributaries downstream of Buckhorn Dam, the season
28 for taking and possessing Striped Bass is closed year-round.

29 (i) In the inland and joint fishing waters [as identified in 15A NCAC 10C .0107(1)(e)] of the Roanoke River Striped
30 Bass Management Area, which includes the Roanoke, Cashie, Middle, and Eastmost rivers and their tributaries, the
31 open season for taking and possessing Striped Bass and its hybrids is March 1 through April 30 from the joint-
32 coastal fishing waters boundary at Albemarle Sound upstream to Roanoke Rapids Lake dam. During the open
33 season, the daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is two fish in the aggregate, and the minimum size limit
34 is 18 inches. No fish between 22 inches and 27 inches in length shall be possessed in the daily creel limit. Only one
35 fish larger than 27 inches may be possessed in the daily creel limit.

36 (j) In designated inland fishing waters of Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Albemarle Sound, Chowan River,
37 Currituck Sound, Alligator River, Scuppernong River, and their tributaries (excluding the Roanoke River and Cashie
38 River and their tributaries), Striped Bass fishing season, size limits and creel limits are the same as those established
39 by rules or proclamations of the Marine Fisheries Commission in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.

40 (k) In accordance with G.S. 113-292, the Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend, or extend the hook-
41 and-line season for Striped Bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful to
42 violate the provisions of any proclamation issued under this authority.

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45 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;
46 Eff. November 1, 2013;
47 Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014.

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0306 CRAPPIE**

2 (a) There is no daily creel limit for Crappie, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this
3 Rule. There is no minimum size limit for these fish, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (d) and (e). There is
4 no closed season.

5 (b) In Buckhorn Reservoir in Wilson and Nash counties, the daily creel limit is 20 fish.

6 (c) In Lake Chatuge in Clay County, the daily creel limit is 30 fish.

7 (d) In the following waters, the daily creel limit is 20 fish and the minimum size limit is 10 inches:

- 8 (1) B. Everett Jordan Reservoir;
9 (2) Roanoke River and its tributaries downstream of Roanoke Rapids dam;
10 (3) Cashie River and its tributaries;
11 (4) Middle River and its tributaries; ~~and~~
12 (5) Eastmost River and its ~~tributaries; and tributaries.~~
13 (6) Lake Mattamuskeet and associated canals in Hyde County

14 (e) In the following waters, the daily creel limit is 20 fish and the minimum size limit is eight inches:

- 15 (1) Pee Dee River from Blewett Falls Dam to the South Carolina state line;
16 (2) Badin Lake;
17 (3) Falls Lake (Stanly and Montgomery counties);
18 (4) Lake Tillery;
19 (5) Blewett Falls Lake;
20 (6) Lake Norman;
21 (7) Lake Hyc0;
22 (8) Lake Ramseur;
23 (9) Cane Creek Lake;
24 (10) Lake Hampton (Yadkin County);
25 (11) Tar River downstream of Tar River Reservoir Dam;
26 (12) Neuse River downstream of Falls Lake Dam;
27 (13) Haw River downstream of Jordan Lake Dam;
28 (14) Deep River downstream of Lockville Dam;
29 (15) Cape Fear River;
30 (16) Waccamaw River downstream of Lake Waccamaw Dam;
31 (17) Lumber River including Drowning Creek;
32 (18) all other public fishing waters east of Interstate 95, except Tar River Reservoir in Nash County,
33 Sutton Lake in New Hanover County, and waters listed in Paragraph (d) of this Rule; and
34 (19) all public waters west of Interstate 77, except Lake Chatuge.

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36 For waters in Subparagraphs (11) through (19), the restrictions apply to all tributaries.

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38 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;
39 Eff. November 1, 2013;
40 Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015.

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0318 WHITE BASS**

2 The daily creel limit for White Bass is 10 ~~25~~ fish. There is a 14-inch ~~no~~ minimum size limit for these fish. There is
3 no closed season for White Bass.

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5 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;
6 Eff. November 1, 2013.
7 Amend Eff. August 1, 2017

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0402 TAKING NONGAME FISHES FOR BAIT OR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION**

2 (a) It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in the inland waters of North Carolina using
3 equipment other than:

- 4 (1) a net of dip net design not greater than six feet across;
- 5 (2) a seine of not greater than 12 feet in length (except in Lake Waccamaw in Columbus County
6 where there is no length limitation) and with a bar mesh measure of not more than one-fourth inch;
- 7 (3) a cast net;
- 8 (4) a bow net for the seasons and waters in which the use of bow nets is authorized in 15A NCAC
9 10C .0407;
- 10 (5) a dip net when used in conjunction with a licensed hand-crank electrofisher where authorized by
11 session laws of the NC General Assembly;
- 12 (6) a gig (except in Public Mountain Trout Waters);
- 13 (7) up to three traps for the seasons and waters in which the use of traps is authorized in 15A NCAC
14 10C .0407;
- 15 (8) up to two eel pots;
- 16 (9) a spear gun for the seasons and waters in which the use of a spear gun is authorized in 15A NCAC
17 10C .0407;
- 18 (10) minnow traps not exceeding 12 inches in diameter and 24 inches in length, with funnel openings
19 not exceeding one inch in diameter, and that are under the immediate control and attendance of the
20 individual operating them;
- 21 (11) a hand-held line with a single bait attached;
- 22 (12) a single, multiple-bait line for taking crabs not to exceed 100 feet in length, marked on each end
23 with a solid float no less than five inches in diameter, bearing legible and indelible identification
24 of the user's name and address, and under the immediate control and attendance of the person
25 using the device, with a limit of one line per person and no more than one line per vessel; or
26 (13) a collapsible crab trap with the largest open dimension not greater than 18 inches and that by
27 design is collapsed at all times when in the water, except when it is being retrieved or lowered to
28 the bottom, with a limit of one trap per person.

29 (b) The use of equipment under this Rule only requires a valid license that provides basic inland fishing privileges.

30 (c) ~~(b)~~ It is unlawful to sell nongame fishes or aquatic animals taken under this Rule.

31 (d) ~~(c)~~ Game fishes taken while netting for bait shall be returned unharmed to the water, except white perch may be
32 taken when captured in a cast net being used to collect nongame fishes for bait or personal consumption in all
33 impounded waters west of I-95 and in the Tar River Reservoir (Nash County).

34 (e) ~~(d)~~ No person shall take or possess during one day more than 200 nongame fish in aggregate for bait or personal
35 consumption subject to the following restrictions:

- 36 (1) No more than 25 eels, none of which may be less than 9 inches in length, shall be taken from or
37 possessed, regardless of origin, while boating on or fishing in inland fishing waters;
- 38 (2) While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no river herring (alewife and
39 blueback) that are greater than six inches in total length shall be taken, and no such river herring
40 shall be possessed regardless of origin:
 - 41 (A) Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam;
 - 42 (B) Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam;
 - 43 (C) Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam;
 - 44 (D) Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam;
 - 45 (E) Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam;
 - 46 (F) Lumber River including Drowning Creek;
 - 47 (G) the tributaries to the rivers listed above; and
 - 48 (H) all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95.
- 49 (3) No more than 50 crabs per person per day or 100 per vessel per day with a minimum carapace
50 width of five inches (point to point) shall be taken.

51 (f) ~~(e)~~ Any fishes taken for bait purposes are included within the daily possession limit for that species.

52 (g) ~~(f)~~ It is unlawful to take nongame fish for bait or any other fish bait from designated public mountain trout
53 waters and from the bodies of water specified for the following counties:

- 54 (1) Chatham County:
55 Deep River
56 Rocky River

- 1 Bear Creek
- 2 (2) Lee County:
- 3 Deep River
- 4 (3) Moore County:
- 5 Deep River
- 6 (4) Randolph County:
- 7 Deep River below the Coleridge Dam
- 8 Fork Creek

9 (h) ~~(g)~~ In the waters of the Little Tennessee River, including all the tributaries and impoundments thereof, and on
10 adjacent shorelines, docks, access ramps, and bridge crossings, it is unlawful to transport, possess, or release live
11 river herring (alewife and blueback herring).

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13 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-135; 113-135.1; 113-272; 113-272.3; 113-292;
14 Eff. February 1, 1976;
15 Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989;
16 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;
17 Amended Eff. July 18, 2002;
18 Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;
19 Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July
20 17, 2003);
21 Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013;
22 August 1, 2010; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006.

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0404 SPECIAL DEVICES**

2 (a) Archery equipment. The use of archery equipment, as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0116, as a licensed special
3 device is authorized for taking nongame fishes at any time from all inland fishing waters other than impounded
4 waters located on the Sandhills Game ~~Land~~ Land, Lake James from Black Bear Boating Access Area to the NC 221
5 Business bridge crossing on the Catawba River and the SR 1553 (Cannon Rd) bridge crossing on the North Fork
6 Catawba River, McDowell County from March 1 through May 31, and designated public mountain trout waters.

7 Unless prohibited by Marine Fisheries Commission's rules in 15A NCAC 03, bow and arrow may be used in joint
8 fishing waters.

9 (b) Nets. Where authorized, manually operated nets, including seines and bow, cast, dip, gill, drift, and fyke nets
10 may be used under the special device license. No fixed gill net or other stationary net which may be authorized as a
11 special device may be more than 100 yards in length, nor shall any such net be placed within 50 yards of any other
12 fixed net. Fixed nets must be set so that they run parallel to the nearest shoreline. No fixed or drift gill nets shall be
13 used unless such net is marked for the protection of boat operators. A net shall be deemed so marked when there is
14 attached to it at each end two separate yellow buoys that shall be of solid foam or other solid buoyant material no
15 less than five inches in its smallest dimensions. The owner shall be identified on a buoy on each end either by using
16 engraved buoys or by attaching engraved metal or plastic tags to the buoys. Such identification shall include one of
17 the following:

- 18 (1) owner's N.C. motor boat registration number;
- 19 (2) owner's U.S. vessel documentation name; or
- 20 (3) owner's last name, first and middle initials.

21 It is unlawful to attach gill nets to any wire, rope, or similar device extended across any navigable watercourse.

22 (c) Traps. Baskets and traps, excluding collapsible crab traps, may be used under the special device license. Such
23 devices when set and left unattended shall be affixed with a card or tag furnished by the license holder and upon
24 which his name and address shall be legibly and indelibly inscribed. No fish trap may exceed 60 inches in length or
25 30 inches in depth or width. No lead nets, wing nets, or other device designed to guide or herd fish may be attached
26 to the trap or used or set within 25 feet of the trap.

27 (d) Spears. Manually operated gigs or under-water spear or harpoon guns may be used under the special device
28 license in the inland waters having a season for their use specified in Rule .0407 of this Section.

29 (e) Crab pots. It is unlawful to use crab pots in inland fishing waters, except by persons owning property adjacent
30 to the inland fishing waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries who are permitted to set two crab pots to be
31 attached to their property and not subject to special device license requirements.

32 (f) Eel pots. It is unlawful to use pots with mesh sizes smaller than one-half inch by one-half inch. Each pot must
33 be marked by attaching a floating buoy that shall be of solid foam or other solid buoyant material and no less than
34 five inches in diameter and no less than five inches in length. Buoys may be of any color except yellow. The owner
35 shall be identified on the attached buoy by using engraved buoys or by engraved metal or plastic tags attached to the
36 buoy. Such identification shall include one of the following:

- 37 (1) owner's N.C. motorboat registration number;
- 38 (2) owner's U.S. vessel documentation name; or
- 39 (3) owner's last name, first and middle initials.

40 (g) Hand-crank electrofisher. For the purposes of this Rule, a hand-crank electrofisher is any manually-operated
41 device which is capable of generating a low voltage electrical current not exceeding 300 volts for the taking of
42 catfish. Hand-crank electrofishers may be used only where authorized by local law and only in those waters
43 specified in 15A NCAC 10C .0407.

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45 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272.2; 113-276; 113-292;
46 Eff. February 1, 1976;
47 Amended Eff. July 1, 1999; July 1, 1996; December 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1,
48 1993;
49 Temporary Amendment Effective July 1, 2001;
50 Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; August
51 1, 2004; July 18, 2002.

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0203 RECIPROCAL LICENSE AGREEMENTS**

2 (a) Virginia. In accordance with a reciprocal license agreement between the States of Virginia and North Carolina,
3 all valid licenses and permits authorizing sport fishing and legally obtained from the Virginia Department of Game
4 and Inland Fisheries or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, or the duly authorized agents of either,
5 shall be reciprocally honored for fishing by means of rod and reel, hook and line, casting, or trotline in the Dan
6 River east of the Union Street Dam at Danville, and east of the mouth of Difficult Creek on the Staunton River arm
7 of Kerr Reservoir to the Gaston Dam on the Roanoke River, including all tributary waters lying in either Virginia or
8 North Carolina that are accessible by boat from the main bodies of the Kerr and Gaston Reservoirs, or from the
9 Island Creek subimpoundment. Senior citizen and juvenile license exemptions authorized by either state will be
10 honored by both states. In addition, all valid fishing licenses and permits legally obtained from the Virginia
11 Department of Game and Inland Fisheries or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, or the duly
12 authorized agents of either, shall be reciprocally honored for fishing with rod and reel, hook and line or by casting in
13 that portion of the New River between the confluence of the North and South forks of the New River in North
14 Carolina (Alleghany County) and the confluence of the New and Little Rivers in Virginia (Grayson County).

15 (b) Georgia. In accordance with a reciprocal license agreement between the States of North Carolina and Georgia,
16 all valid statewide fishing licenses, permits, and license exemptions required by and legally obtained from the North
17 Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission or the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, or duly authorized
18 agents of either, shall be reciprocally honored for the purposes of fishing with hook and line in all of Chatuge
19 Reservoir including all tributary waters lying in either Georgia or North Carolina that are accessible by boat from
20 the main body of Chatuge Reservoir. All persons fishing in the waters of Chatuge Reservoir beyond the bounds of
21 the state from which they hold a valid fishing license, shall be authorized to fish with said license only from boats
22 not anchored to the shore or to a pier or boat dock connecting to the shore.

23 (c) Tennessee. In accordance with a reciprocal license agreement between the States of North Carolina and
24 Tennessee, all valid statewide fishing licenses obtained from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission or
25 the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, or the duly authorized agents of either, shall be reciprocally honored for
26 the purposes of fishing with hook and line or fishing in designated mountain trout waters, in that portion of Slick
27 Rock Creek that coincides with the state line between North Carolina and Tennessee and in all of Calderwood
28 Reservoir. Reservoir, when fishing from boat.

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30 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-275; 113-304;*
31 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
32 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2014; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1991.*
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1 **15A NCAC 10C .0316 TROUT**

2 (a) The daily creel limit for trout in Hatchery-Supported Trout Waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit
3 for these fish. The open season is from 7 a.m. on the first Saturday in April until March 1, except for waters
4 designated in Paragraphs (d) and (g) of this Rule.

5 (b) The daily creel limit for trout in Wild Trout Waters and Wild Trout/Natural Bait Trout Waters is four fish. The
6 minimum size limit for these fish is seven inches. There is no closed season.

7 (c) No trout may be harvested from Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters or Catch and
8 Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters. Trout may not be possessed while fishing these waters.

9 (d) The daily creel limit for trout in Delayed Harvest Trout Waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit for
10 these fish. The Youth-only Delayed Harvest Trout Water Season is from 6 a.m. on the first Saturday in June until
11 12 p.m. that same day. During this season only individuals under the age of ~~18~~ 46 may fish. From 12 p.m. on the
12 first Saturday in June until September 30, the Delayed Harvest Trout Waters Season is open for all anglers. From
13 October 1 to one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday in June, trout may not be harvested or
14 possessed while fishing these waters. Delayed Harvest Trout Waters are closed to all fishing from one-half hour
15 after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday in June to 6 a.m. on the first Saturday in June.

16 (e) The daily creel limits, size limits, and seasons for trout in Special Regulation Trout Waters are as follows: in the
17 Catawba River (Burke County) from Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam the daily creel limit
18 is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit for these fish, but only one may be greater than 14 inches. There is no
19 closed season.

20 (f) The daily creel limit for trout in undesignated trout waters is seven fish. There is no minimum size limit for
21 these fish.

22 (g) There is no closed season on taking trout from Linville River within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area and the
23 impounded waters of power reservoirs and municipally-owned water supply reservoirs open to the public for
24 fishing.

25 (h) In designated Public Mountain Trout Waters the season for taking all species of fish is the same as the trout
26 fishing season.

27 (i) All trout water designations and manners of take are set forth in 15A NCAC 10C .0205.

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29 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292;
30 Eff. November 1, 2013;
31 Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2015.
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EXHIBIT E-1

February 16, 2017

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Wildlife Management Regulations for 2017-2018

| Proposal | Proposed Text | Position Count | Comment Types |
|----------|---|----------------------------|---|
| H1 | Create a third archery season segment in the Western deer season to open the Sunday immediately following the last day of gun season and close January 1 for antlered bucks only. | 264 :Agree 54 :Disagree | 137 :Online 180 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| H2 | Define youth as a person under 18 years of age. | 162 :Agree 87 :Disagree | 60 :Online 186 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email |
| H3 | Extend the bear hunting season in Brunswick and Columbus counties. Under this proposal, Brunswick and Columbus counties would be moved into the bear hunting season that begins on the second Monday in November and extends to January 1. | 173 :Agree 23 :Disagree | 38 :Online 157 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| H4 | Allow the use of unprocessed food as bait to take bears during the entirety of the bear seasons in the Coastal Plain Bear Management Unit for all hunters. Allow the use of unprocessed food as bait to take bears during the first split (the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving) of the bear season in the Mountain Bear Management Unit. The use of unprocessed foods as bait is allowed on private lands only. | 194 :Agree 35 :Disagree | 61 :Online 166 :Comment Card 2 :Letter/Email |
| H5 | Limit the size of snapping turtles that may be collected or possessed to those that are 11 inches or larger. | 150 :Agree 32 :Disagree | 24 :Online 151 :Comment Card 7 :Letter/Email |
| H6 | Clarify that crows cannot be hunted on Sundays. | 162 :Agree 38 :Disagree | 41 :Online 158 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| H7 | Eliminate the use of paper Big Game Harvest Record sheets. Hunters would report big game harvests via electronic means, either phone or Internet. Clarify that any hunter validating a deer harvest with a Commission-issued DMAP tag shall record and maintain the issued authorization number to serve as proof of registration. | 179 :Agree 65 :Disagree | 63 :Online 179 :Comment Card 2 :Letter/Email |
| H8 | Allow trappers to use unused tags purchased in one season during the next season. | 170 :Agree 17 :Disagree | 28 :Online 158 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| O | Propose a Regulation (Hunting) | | 62 :Online 58 :Comment Card 6 :Letter/Email |
| O | Propose a Regulation (General) | | 0 :Online 1 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |

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| H6 | <p>Position Count: 5 : Agree 0 : Disagree</p> <p>Comment Types: 0 : Online 5 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email</p> | <p>Position Count: 10 : Agree 2 : Disagree</p> <p>Comment Types: 4 : Online 8 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email</p> | <p>Position Count: 13 : Agree 4 : Disagree</p> <p>Comment Types: 6 : Online 11 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email</p> | <p>Position Count: 6 : Agree 1 : Disagree</p> <p>Comment Types: 1 : Online 6 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email</p> | <p>Position Count: 12 : Agree 0 : Disagree</p> <p>Comment Types: 3 : Online 8 : Comment Card 1 : Letter/Email</p> | <p>Position Count: 20 : Agree 3 : Disagree</p> <p>Comment Types: 8 : Online 15 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email</p> | <p>Position Count: 0 : Agree 5 : Disagree</p> <p>Comment Types: 3 : Online 2 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email</p> | <p>Position Count: 37 : Agree 4 : Disagree</p> <p>Comment Types: 4 : Online 37 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email</p> | <p>Position Count: 59 : Agree 18 : Disagree</p> <p>Comment Types: 11 : Online 66 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email</p> | <p>Position Count: 0 : Agree 1 : Disagree</p> <p>Comment Types: 1 : Online 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email</p> |

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Letter and Petitions Received During the Public Comment Period for the
2017-2018 Regulatory Cycle
Wildlife Management Division

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following letters representing an organization*:

- 1) Supports size limits for snapping turtles (H5)
Pamlico Albemarle Wildlife Conservationists, signed by Attila Nemezc, President
- 2) Opposed to hunting bear with the use of unprocessed foods as bait (H4)
Pamlico Albemarle Wildlife Conservationists, signed by Attila Nemezc, President
- 3) Opposed to hunting bear with the use of unprocessed foods as bait (H4)
North Carolina Wildlife Federation, signed by Tim Gestwicki, CEO
- 4) Supports defining youth as a person under 18 years of age (H2)
North Carolina Wildlife Federation, signed by Tim Gestwicki, CEO
- 5) Supports the elimination of paper Big Game Harvest Record sheets (H7)
North Carolina Wildlife Federation, signed by Tim Gestwicki, CEO

*Complete letters provided electronically. Hard copies available upon request.

EXHIBIT E-2

February 16, 2017



PROPOSED CHANGES IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR 2017-2018 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- H1) Create a third archery season segment in the Western deer season to open the Sunday immediately following the last day of gun season and close January 1 for antlered bucks only.
15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-Tailed) (page 4)
- H2) Define youth as a person under 18 years of age.
15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-Tailed) (page 4)
15A NCAC 10B .0209 Turkey (page 7)
- H3) Extend the bear hunting season in Brunswick and Columbus counties. Under this proposal, Brunswick and Columbus counties would be moved into the bear hunting season that begins on the second Monday in November and extends to January 1.
15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear (page 8)
- H4) Allow the use of unprocessed food as bait to take bears during the entirety of the bear seasons in the Coastal Plain Bear Management Unit for all hunters. Allow the use of unprocessed food as bait to take bears during the first split (the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving) of the bear season in the Mountain Bear Management Unit. The use of unprocessed foods as bait is allowed on private lands only.
15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear (page 8)
- H5) Limit the size of snapping turtles that may be collected or possessed to those that are 11 inches or larger.
15A NCAC 10B .0119 Wildlife Collectors (page 10)
15A NCAC 10H .1302 Possession of reptiles and amphibians (page 11)
- H6) Clarify that crows cannot be hunted on Sundays.
15A NCAC 10B .0215 Crows (page 12)
- H7) Eliminate the use of paper Big Game Harvest Record sheets. Hunters would report big game harvests via electronic means, either phone or Internet. Clarify that any hunter validating a deer harvest with a Commission-issued DMAP tag shall record and maintain the issued authorization number to serve as proof of registration.
15A NCAC 10B .0113 Big Game Kill Reports (page 13)

H8) Allow trappers to use unused tags purchased in one season during the next season.
15A NCAC 10B .0406 Misuse of Tags (page 14)

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0203 DEER (WHITE-TAILED)**

2 (a) Open Seasons (All Lawful Weapons) for hunting deer:

3 (1) Deer With Visible Antlers. Deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished
4 from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, may be taken during the following seasons:

5 (A) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen,
6 Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus*, Cumberland, Craven, Currituck,
7 Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke,
8 Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton,
9 Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond**, Robeson, Sampson,
10 Scotland**, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.
11 *Unlawful to hunt or kill deer in Lake Waccamaw or within 50 yards of its shoreline.
12 **Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and
13 Sandhills Game Lands.

14 (B) Saturday before Thanksgiving through January 1 in all of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe,
15 Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes*, and
16 Yadkin counties.

17 *Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove Game Land.

18 (C) Monday of Thanksgiving week through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day in all
19 of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson,
20 Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey
21 counties.

22 (D) Two Saturdays before Thanksgiving through January 1 in all of Alamance, Anson,
23 Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg,
24 Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union
25 counties.

26 (E) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates,
27 and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; in those
28 parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National
29 Wildlife Refuge; in that part of Hyde county known as Lake Mattamuskeet National
30 Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Dare and Hyde counties known as Alligator River
31 National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the
32 Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in that part of Currituck County known as the
33 Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

34 (F) Monday of Thanksgiving week through January 1 in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford
35 counties, except for South Mountain Game Land.

36 (2) Deer of Either Sex. Except on Game Lands, deer of either sex may be taken during the open seasons
37 and in the counties and portions of counties listed in Parts (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of this
38 Subparagraph: (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for either-sex deer seasons on Game Lands). Deer
39 of either sex may be taken during the open season identified in Part (H) of this Subparagraph.

40 (A) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
41 during the period from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those
42 parts of Camden, Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National
43 Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the
44 Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties
45 known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in those parts of Currituck County
46 known as the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge and the Mackay Island National Wildlife
47 Refuge.

48 (B) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the appropriate military commands
49 during the period from Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in that part of
50 Brunswick County known as the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, in that part of
51 Craven County known and marked as Cherry Point Marine Base, in that part of Onslow
52 County known and marked as the Camp Lejeune Marine Base, on Fort Bragg Military
53 Reservation, and on Camp Mackall Military Reservation.

54 (C) Youth either-sex deer hunts. First Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer hunting
55 by permit only on a portion of Belews Creek Steam Station in Stokes County designated
56 by agents of the Commission; the third Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer

1 hunting by permit only on Mountain Island State Forest in Lincoln and Gaston counties;
2 and the second Saturday in November for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on
3 apportion of Warrior Creek located on W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkes County designated
4 by agents of the Commission. A youth is defined as a person under 18.46 years of age.

5 (D) The last open day of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1)
6 of this Rule in all of Buncombe*, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania
7 counties.

8 ***Except for that part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers,
9 west of US 25, and north of NC 280

10 **Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for either-sex deer seasons on game lands that differ
11 from the days identified in this Subparagraph

12 (E) The last six open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph
13 (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, and Yancey
14 counties.

15 (F) The first six open days and the last seven open days of the Deer with Visible Antlers season
16 described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford
17 counties.

18 (G) All the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1)
19 of this Rule in and east of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln, and
20 Gaston counties and in the following parts of counties: Buncombe: That part east of NC
21 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC
22 280; and

23 Henderson; That part east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280.

24 (H) The fourth Saturday in September, subject to the following restriction: only persons under
25 the age of 18.46 years may hunt.

26 (b) Open Seasons (Bow and Arrow) for hunting deer:

27 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph and the bag
28 limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer ~~of either sex~~ may be taken with bow and arrow
29 during the following seasons:

30 (A) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday thereafter in the counties and parts
31 of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (A) of
32 Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and
33 Sandhills Game Lands.

34 (B) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday before Thanksgiving in the
35 counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer with Visible Antlers
36 specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule except for that portion of Buffalo
37 Cove Game Land in Wilkes County.

38 (C) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the Sunday prior to the opening of the blackpowder
39 firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule; and the Sunday
40 immediately following the closing of blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season
41 identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the counties
42 and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by
43 Part (C) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule and in Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford
44 counties.

45 (D) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving in the
46 counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers
47 specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek,
48 Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.

49 (E) Sunday immediately following the closing of the open season for Deer With Visible
50 Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(C) of the Rule through January 1 in the counties and parts
51 of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part
52 (a)(1)(C) of this Rule.

53 (2) Restrictions

54 (A) Dogs may not be used for hunting deer during the bow and arrow season, except a single
55 dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-
56 291.1(k).

- (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer may be used during the bow and arrow deer hunting season.
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken during bow and arrow seasons specified by Parts (A), (B), (C), and (D) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule.
- (D) Only deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, shall be taken during the bow and arrow season specified by Part (E) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule.

(c) Open Seasons (Blackpowder Firearms and Bow and Arrow) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, deer may be taken only with blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow during the following seasons:
 - (A) The Saturday on or nearest October 1 to the Friday of the second week thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.
 - (B) The third Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week thereafter in the counties* and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
*Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove game land.
 - (C) Monday on or nearest October 1 to the Saturday of the second week thereafter in Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties and in the counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part C of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
 - (D) The fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week thereafter in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.
- (2) Restrictions
 - (A) Deer of either sex may be taken during blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season in and east of the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga, and Ashe. Deer of either sex may be taken on the last day of this season only in all other counties.
 - (B) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow seasons, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
- (3) As used in this Paragraph, blackpowder firearms means "Any firearm - including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system - manufactured in or before 1898; any replica of this type of firearm if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; and any muzzle-loading rifle, muzzle-loading shotgun, or muzzle-loading handgun that is designed to use blackpowder, blackpowder substitute, or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle and that cannot use fixed ammunition."

(d) Open Season (Urban Season) for hunting deer:

- (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (3) of this Paragraph and the bag limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow in participating cities in the State, as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), from the second Saturday following January 1 to the fifth Saturday thereafter. Deer shall not be taken on any game land or part thereof that occurs within a city boundary.
- (2) Participation. Cities that intend to participate in the urban season shall send a letter to that effect no later than April 1 of the year prior to the start of the urban season to the Executive Director or his designee at 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1722. Cities must also submit a map of the city's boundaries within which the urban season shall apply.
- (3) Restrictions:
 - (A) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the urban season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).
 - (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer shall be used during the urban season.

1 (e) Bag limits. In and east of Vance, Franklin, Wake, Harnett, Moore, and Richmond counties, the possession limit
2 is six deer, up to four of which may be deer with visible antlers. In all other counties of the state the possession limit
3 is six deer, up to two of which may be deer with visible antlers. The season limit in all counties of the State, is six
4 deer. In addition to the bag limits described above, a hunter may obtain multiple bonus antlerless deer harvest report
5 cards from the Wildlife Resources Commission or any Wildlife Service Agent to allow the harvest of two additional
6 antlerless deer per card on lands others than lands enrolled in the Commission's game land program during any open
7 deer season in all counties and parts of counties of the State identified in Part (G) of Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.
8 Antlerless deer harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not count as part of the
9 possession and season limit. Hunters may also use the bonus antlerless harvest report cards for deer harvested during
10 the season described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule within the boundaries of participating municipalities, except on
11 State-owned game lands. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as
12 distinguished from spikes protruding through the skin. The bag limits described above do not apply to deer harvested
13 in areas covered in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) as described in G.S. 113-291.2(e) for those
14 individuals using Commission-issued DMAP tags and reporting harvest as described on the DMAP license. Season
15 bag limits shall be set by the number of DMAP tags issued and in the hunters' possession. All deer harvested under
16 this program, regardless of the date of harvest, shall be tagged with these DMAP tags and reported as instructed on
17 the DMAP license. The hunter does not have to validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card provided with the hunting
18 license for deer tagged with the DMAP tags. Any deer harvested on lands enrolled in the DMAP and not tagged with
19 DMAP tags may only be harvested during the regularly established deer seasons subject to all the restrictions of those
20 seasons, including bag limits, and reported using the big game harvest report card or the bonus antlerless harvest report
21 card.
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23 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;
24 Eff. February 1, 1976;
25 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996, July 1, 1995; December 1, 1994; July 1,
26 1994; July 1, 1993;
27 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
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29 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;
30 Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (Approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);
31 Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;
32 Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,
33 2003);
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35 August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; July 10, 2010; June 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1,
36 2005.
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1 **15A NCAC 10B .0209 WILD TURKEY**

2 (a) Open Seasons:

- 3 (1) Spring Wild Turkey Season is from the second Saturday in April through the Saturday of the fourth
4 week thereafter on bearded or male turkeys only in all counties statewide.
- 5 (2) Spring Youth Only Wild Turkey Season is from the first Saturday in April until the Friday thereafter
6 on bearded or male wild turkeys only. The bag limit during the Spring Youth Only Wild Turkey
7 season is one bird. For purposes of this Subparagraph a youth hunter is younger than 18 ~~16~~ years
8 of age. Each youth hunting during this season shall be accompanied by a properly licensed adult at
9 least 21 years of age. The adult must remain in close enough proximity to monitor the activities of,
10 and communicate with, the youth at all times.

11 (b) Bag Limits: The daily bag limit is one bird and the annual bag limit shall be two birds. Possession limit is two
12 birds.

13 (c) Dogs: The use of dogs for hunting wild turkeys is prohibited.

14 (d) Kill Reports. The kill shall be validated at the site of kill and the kill reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B
15 .0113.

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17 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.5;*
18 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
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20 *July 1, 1992;*
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22 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
23 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*
24 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*
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26 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
27 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*
28 *2003);*
29 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; January 1, 2013; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2007; November 1, 2005.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

2 (a) Open Seasons for hunting bear shall be from the:

- 3 (1) Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Monday after
4 Thanksgiving to January 1 in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Cleveland counties.
5 (2) Second Monday in November to January 1 in ~~all of~~ Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus,
6 Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, and Sampson counties.
7 (3) First Monday in December to the third Saturday thereafter in ~~Brunswick, Columbus, and Robeson~~
8 County. counties.
9 (4) Second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third Monday after Thanksgiving
10 to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in ~~all of~~ Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Craven, Dare,
11 Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pitt,
12 Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.
13 (5) Saturday preceding the second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third
14 Monday after Thanksgiving to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in Bertie, Currituck, Gates,
15 Hertford, and Perquimans counties.
16 (6) Concurrent with the open season for all lawful weapons for hunting deer as specified in 15A
17 NCAC 10B .0203(a)(1) in Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham,
18 Davie, Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell,
19 Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph,
20 Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Vance, ~~Warren,~~ Wake, Warren,
21 and Yadkin counties.

22 (b) Restrictions

- 23 (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain,
24 fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw
25 components.
26 (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:
27 (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or
28 product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum,
29 candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease;
30 (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph;
31 (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph,
32 including any extracts of those substances; or
33 (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.
34 ~~(3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday~~
35 ~~before Thanksgiving in the counties in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.~~
36 ~~(4)(3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in~~
37 ~~Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this Rule. from the first open Monday through the~~
38 ~~following Saturday only in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5) of this Rule. In~~
39 ~~counties with a season split into two or more segments, this Subparagraph applies only to the first~~
40 ~~segment.~~
41 ~~(5)(4) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.~~
42 ~~(5) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in~~
43 ~~Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.~~
44 (6)(5) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate
45 85, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth,
46 Gaston, Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85,
47 Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other
48 counties and parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the
49 vicinity of bait.

50 (c) No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear
51 sanctuaries:

- 52 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only
53 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary
54 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary
55 Brunswick ~~County~~ and Columbus counties --Green Swamp bear sanctuary
56 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary

- 1 Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary
- 2 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary
- 3 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary
- 4 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary
- 5 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 6 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary
- 7 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary
- 8 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary
- 9 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary
- 10 Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary
- 11 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary
- 12 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary
- 13 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary
- 14 McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 15 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary
- 16 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

17 (d) The daily bag limit is one, the possession limit is one, and the season limit is one.

18 (e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B .0113.

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

20 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

21 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;*

22 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*

23 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

24 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*

25 *Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;*

26 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;*

27 *Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;*

28 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012;*

29 *August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*

30 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 31, 2016*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0119 WILDLIFE COLLECTORS**

2 (a) Collection Licenses. The Executive Director may license qualified individuals to take or collect any species of
3 wildlife resources except that endangered, threatened and special concern species may not be taken or collected
4 except under a special permit issued by the Executive Director for research purposes, unless there is an open season
5 for the species. If an open season exists for the species then the appropriate hunting, fishing or trapping license
6 serves as the authorization for take. This Rule does not prohibit an individual from killing an endangered,
7 threatened, or special concern species in defense of his own life or the lives of others without a permit. Individuals
8 who annually collect fewer than five reptiles or fewer than 25 amphibians that are not on the endangered, threatened
9 or special concern lists are exempted from this license ~~requirement.~~ requirement, except snapping turtles (*Chelydra*
10 *serpentina*) less than 11 inches (curved carapace length) shall not be collected at all. The license shall be issued
11 upon payment of a fee in accordance with G.S. 113-272.4, except that licenses shall be issued to representatives of
12 educational or scientific institutions or of governmental agencies without charge. The license shall be used in lieu of
13 any other hunting or trapping license required by law and shall authorize possession and transportation of the
14 wildlife incidental to the authorized taking, except that it shall not authorize the taking, possession or transportation
15 of any species of wildlife in violation of federal laws or regulations.

16 (b) Limits on collection. Individuals shall collect no more than 10 turtles from the family Chelydridae (snapping
17 turtles) per day and no more than 100 per calendar ~~year.~~ and these turtles shall have a curved carapace length greater
18 than 11 inches. Individuals shall collect no more than 10 turtles from the family Kinosternidae (mud and musk
19 turtles) per day and no more than 100 per calendar year.

20 (c) Qualifications of Licensees. In addition to representatives of educational and scientific institutions and
21 governmental agencies, the collection license may be issued to any individual for any purpose when it is not deemed
22 inimical to the efficient conservation of the species to be collected or to some other wildlife species that may be
23 dependent thereon.

24 (d) Methods of Taking. The manner of taking wildlife resources under a collection license may be specified by the
25 Executive Director pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(d) and need not be restricted to the usual methods of hunting or
26 trapping.

27 (e) Term of License. The Executive Director may, pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(c), impose time limits and other
28 restrictions on the duration of any collection license, but unless so restricted the license shall be valid from January 1
29 through December 31 of the applicable year.

30 (f) Report of Collecting Activity. Each individual licensed under this Rule shall submit a written report to the
31 Executive Director within 15 days following the date of expiration of the license. The report shall be on a form
32 supplied by the Wildlife Resources Commission and shall show the numbers of each species taken under the license
33 and the use or disposition thereof. The Executive Director may require additional information for statistical
34 purposes such as the dates and places of the taking and the sex, size, weight, condition, and approximate age of each
35 specimen taken. The additional information may be required on the form of report or by a separate writing
36 accompanying the form.

37 (g) Other Requirements and Restrictions. The Executive Director may, pursuant to G.S. 113-272.4(d), impose such
38 other requirements and restrictions on persons licensed under this Rule as he may deem to be necessary to the
39 efficient administration of the wildlife conservation statutes and rules.

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41 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272.4;*
42 *Eff. January 1, 1981;*
43 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; January 1, 2013; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; April 1, 2001;*
44 *February 1, 1994; November 1, 1990; September 1, 1989.*
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1 **15A NCAC 10H .1302 POSSESSION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS**

2 (a) Permits required. Possession permits are required for the possession, importation, transportation, purchase and
3 sale of:

- 4 (1) 25 or more individuals of any combination of native amphibian species;
5 (2) five or more individuals of native reptile species.

6 (b) Permits not required. Possession permits are not required for the possession, importation, transportation,
7 purchase and sale of: 24 or fewer individuals of any combination of native amphibian species and four or fewer
8 individuals of native reptile species, except snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) less than 11 inches (curved
9 carapace length) shall not be possessed. Individuals in possession of snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) less
10 than 11 inches (curved carapace length) prior to May 1, 2017 are exempt from this restriction.

11 ~~(b)(c)~~ Unauthorized activities. Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to authorize the collection of any wildlife
12 resources from the wild or the taking, possession, transportation, sale, purchase or release to the wild of any wildlife
13 resources or their parts in violation of state or federal laws or regulations. At no time shall permitted animals be
14 released to the wild, except under situations of research or rehabilitation with written permission from the Wildlife
15 Resources Commission,

16 ~~(c)(d)~~ Denial of possession permits. Circumstances for which and persons to whom a possession permit shall not be
17 issued include:

- 18 (1) for the purpose of holding reptiles and amphibians that were acquired unlawfully;
19 (2) for the purpose of holding reptiles and amphibians for unlawful sale or trade;
20 (3) for the purpose of possessing or selling snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) less than 11 inches
21 (curved carapace length) however, individuals in possession of snapping turtles (*Chelydra*
22 *serpentina*) less than 11 inches (curved carapace length) prior to May 1, 2017 are exempt from this
23 restriction;
24 ~~(4)(3)~~ to persons who collect five or more individual native turtles or terrapins from the families
25 Emydidae or Trionychidae from the wild in a given year, except those entities exempted from
26 collection in Paragraph (c) of Rule .1301 of this Section;
27 ~~(5)(4)~~ to persons who collect five or more individuals in aggregate from other native reptile families or
28 25 or more individual amphibians from the wild in a given year without first having secured a
29 valid Collection License;
30 ~~(6)(5)~~ to persons found to be in violation of Collection License, Endangered Species Permit, or
31 Possession Permit requirements;
32 (7) to persons who do not first obtain possession permits prior to acquiring the following wildlife
33 resources unless the acquisition of these animals was made prior to the enactment of this Rule and
34 a permit is acquired within 12 months of the rule's effective date:
35 (A) 25 or more individuals of any combination of native amphibian species; or
36 (B) five or more individuals of native reptile species.

37 ~~(d)(e)~~ Term of Permit. The permit shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of the applicable year.
38 Permittees who wish to extend the duration of their possession shall reapply for a possession permit.

39 ~~(e)(f)~~ Reports on Permitted Animals. Each individual permitted under this Rule shall submit a written report to the
40 Executive Director post-marked within 15 days following the date of expiration of the permit. The report shall be on
41 a form supplied by the Wildlife Resources Commission and shall show the numbers of each species held under the
42 permit and the use or disposition thereof. The Executive Director may require additional information for statistical
43 purposes such as the source and date of acquisition of additional animals and the sex, size, weight, condition,
44 reproductive success and approximate age of each animal in possession. Such additional information may be
45 required on the form of report or by a separate writing accompanying the form.

46 ~~(f)(g)~~ Other Requirements and Restrictions. The Executive Director may, pursuant to G.S. 113-274(c), impose such
47 other requirements and restrictions on persons permitted under this Rule as he may deem to be necessary to the
48 efficient administration of the wildlife conservation statutes and rules.

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50 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-274(c)(1c);*
51 *Eff. May 1, 2007;*
52 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; May 1, 2009.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0215 CROWS**

2 (a) Open seasons for hunting crows are as follows: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of each week from the first
3 Wednesday in June to the last day of February and on the following holidays: July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving,
4 Christmas, New Years and Martin Luther King, Jr. ~~days~~ except when those days occur on a Sunday.

5 Note: Federal law protects crows and limits state seasons to a maximum of 124 days per year.

6 (b) There are no bag limit restrictions on crows.

7 (c) Manner of Take. Hunters may use electronic calls.

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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 50 C.F.R. 20.133;*

10 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

11 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2009; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; July 1, 1991; July 1, 1987; July 1, 1984;*

12 *July 1, 1983;*

13 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 2011;*

14 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; January 1, 2012.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0113 BIG GAME KILL REPORTS**

2 (a) Upon killing a bear, deer or wild turkey and before moving the animal from the site of kill, the successful hunter
3 shall validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card furnished with the big game hunting license by cutting or punching
4 out the validation box that correctly identifies the big game animal harvested. In lieu of the Big Game Harvest
5 Report Card, antlerless deer may be recorded as outlined above on the Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Report Card
6 acquired from the Wildlife Resources Commission or a Wildlife Service Agent. Deer harvested under the Deer
7 Management Assistance Program (DMAP) program, not validated with either a Big Game Harvest Report Card or
8 Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Report Card, shall be validated by affixing a Commission-issued DMAP tag to the
9 deer as required by G.S. 113-291.2(e).

10 (b) Before any harvested bear, deer or wild turkey is skinned, dressed, or dismembered for consumption and within
11 24 hours of the kill, the animal must be registered ~~with a Wildlife Cooperator Agent or registered through the~~
12 ~~Electronic Big Game Reporting System. Deer harvested during the urban deer season specified in 15A NCAC 10B~~
13 ~~.0203(e) shall be registered through the Electronic Big Game Reporting System and shall not be registered with a~~
14 ~~Wildlife Cooperator Agent.~~ The hunter may field dress the animal at the site of kill or before registering it by
15 bleeding and removing the digestive, respiratory, and circulatory organs. However, the hunter may not further
16 process the carcass in a manner that obscures its species identity, age, or sex before registering the animal. When
17 the kill occurs in a remote area which prevents the animal from being transported as an entire carcass, the animal
18 may be skinned and quartered before being registered. When a hunter harvests a big game animal in a remote area
19 and plans to remain in the remote area for longer than a day, the 24-hour time limit to register the kill is extended
20 until the hunter leaves the area. Upon leaving the remote area, the hunter shall register the kill within 24 hours.

21 (c) When a hunter registers a kill ~~the Electronic Big Game Reporting System with a Wildlife Cooperator Agent, the~~
22 ~~Wildlife Cooperator Agent~~ shall issue an authorization number ~~that includes the date of kill~~ to the big game hunter.
23 The hunter shall record the authorization number ~~given by the Wildlife Cooperator Agent or~~ obtained through the
24 Electronic Big Game Reporting System in the space provided immediately adjacent to the validation box that has
25 been cut or punched out on the Big Game Harvest Report Card or the Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Report Card.
26 Any hunter validating a deer harvest with a Commission-issued DMAP tag shall record and maintain the issued
27 authorization number to serve as proof of registration. ~~The authorization number record entered on the Big game~~
28 ~~Harvest Report Card or the Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Report Card shall thereafter constitute authorization for~~
29 ~~the continued possession of the carcass. Possession of a harvested bear, deer or wild turkey without the validated~~
30 ~~Big Game Harvest Report Card or Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Report Card where applicable, including the~~
31 ~~authorization number obtained from a Wildlife Cooperator Agent or through the Electronic Big Game Reporting~~
32 ~~System, System is unlawful.~~

33 (d) Persons who kill a big game animal and leave it unattended shall identify the carcass with their name, their
34 hunting license number, and the date of kill. Once an unattended animal is registered the animal need only be
35 identified with the authorization number received by registering the kill. It is unlawful for a person to possess a Big
36 Game Harvest Report Card or Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Report Card on which the species validation box has
37 been cut or punched out, but on which the authorization number received by registering the kill has not been
38 recorded, or to possess a used or affixed Commission-issued DMAP tag without a valid authorization number,
39 unless the animal is in the person's possession or is identified as described in this Paragraph and not more than 24
40 hours have passed since the harvest.

41 (e) Persons who are by law exempt from the big game hunting license shall obtain a Big Game Harvest Report Card
42 or Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Report Card for License Exempt Hunters from a Wildlife Service ~~Agent.~~ Agent,
43 or possess a valid Commission-issued DMAP tag. Upon harvesting a bear, deer or wild turkey, the exempt person
44 shall validate ~~the Big Game Harvest Report Card or Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Report Card~~ and register the kill
45 as provided by this Rule.

46 (f) Persons who use special tags issued pursuant to G.S. 113-291.2(e) to validate the harvest of a deer shall follow
47 the tagging and reporting requirements set forth by statute and are not obligated to take any action under this Rule.

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49 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291
50 Eff. February 1, 1976;
51 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1989;
52 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
53 Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; June 1, 2009; May 1, 2007; May 1,
54 2004; July 1, 2000.
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1 **15A NCAC 10B .0406 MISUSE OF TAGS**

2 ~~(a)~~ It is unlawful for any person to use or affix a fur tag which is valid for one season to the carcass or pelt of any
3 bobcat, otter or fox taken or acquired during any subsequent season. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service repeals
4 its tagging requirements for otter and bobcat this Paragraph shall apply only to tagging foxes.

5 ~~(a)~~ ~~(b)~~ It is unlawful for any person to affix any fur tag to the carcass or pelt of any species of animal other than that
6 for which its use is authorized and it is unlawful to buy or sell any bobcat, otter or fox carcass or pelt which has an
7 unauthorized tag so affixed. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service repeals its tagging requirements for otter and
8 bobcat this Paragraph shall apply only to tagging foxes.

9 ~~(b)~~ ~~(c)~~ It is unlawful for any person to sell or transfer any unused fox tag to any other person. It is unlawful for any
10 person to sell any unused fur tag for a price greater than the fee listed for such tag in Paragraph (c) of Rule .0403 of
11 this Section.

12 ~~(c)~~ ~~(d)~~ It is unlawful for any person to reuse a fur tag or to remove the same from the pelt to which affixed prior to
13 delivery to a manufacturer or fur processor.

14 ~~(d)~~ ~~(e)~~ It is unlawful to counterfeit or modify any fur tag.

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16 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-135; 113-135.1; 113-273; 113-276.1; 113-291.4;

17 Eff. November 14, 1978;

18 Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2010; January 1, 1992; December 1, 1981; October 1,
19 1980.

EXHIBIT F

February 16, 2017

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Chris Dawes

Date First Presented to WRC: February 16, 2017

Tract Name: ALCOA Tuckertown RSA Tracts

Acreage: 2,420 Acres

County: Davidson, Montgomery

Estimated Value: \$6.1 Mil (Staff Est.) \$8.5 Mil (RSA Value)

Property Owner or Representative: formerly ALCOA, now Cube Energy & The LandTrust for Central North Carolina, c/o Travis K. Morehead, Executive Director

Phone: 704-647-0302 (office)
704-439-6129 (mobile)

Address: 204 East Innes Street, Suite 280
Salisbury, North Carolina 28144

Email: travis@landtrustcnc.org

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant,
North Carolina and Virginia River and Waters Program (Duke Energy Coal
Ash Settlement Funds)

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): the 17 Tuckertown tracts all lie on the eastern side of the entire length of Tuckertown Reservoir, from below the High Rock Lake Dam to the Tuckertown Dam, a geographic distance of almost nine miles. Elevations across the project area range from 565 feet at the lake up to 950 feet (Bald Mountain). Several Natural Heritage Areas are noted, the most significant are Bald Mountain, Cabin Creek Hardwood Slopes, and Newsome Bluffs and Slopes. Most are regionally or county significant, have very good or prime integrity, and immediate threats are not eminent. However, except for the steepest slopes, much of this land has been converted to loblolly pine and much has been recently clearcut. Most of this pine is not commercial yet, though some is in need of a first thinning. In the future there will be timber management potential in pine stands (all or portions of six stands, ~970 acres), but mixed hardwood stands (bottomland and upland) should remain uncut. The highest elevation monadnock forest areas are mostly intact and have older growth forest. Many of these areas have extensive rock outcroppings and some unique plant communities. The bottomlands along the lake where there are lower elevation flats are typical of Piedmont NC vegetative assemblages. On some parcels with previous disturbance, common invasives were prolific, though they were largely absent at problematic levels on most parcels. Prescribed fire could be easily introduced on many tracts, and many of the timber stands should see fire.

Additional Comments: Most of this land is currently enrolled in the Game Lands Program through a lease agreement with ALCOA. The fate of the ALCOA Game Land is uncertain if this property is further subdivided and sold to private individuals.

Access to the parcels varies from boat only on many, to both land and water for some. There are not many state-maintained roads to provide public access to most of the larger acreage tracts. Public boating access is provided at the Bringle Ferry, Flat Creek, and Hwy. 49 boat ramps. Hunting potential is high on many tracts for forest game species, though moderate to low on others because of size or location. Fishing (lakeshore and boat) is extremely important here in the lake and in the tributary arms. A railroad grade parallels the lake for essentially the entire length of the reservoir, bisecting the western side of almost all of the parcels.

The permanent conservation of these lands is critical to maintaining landscape connectivity and ecosystem integrity in light of certain future surrounding developmental pressures and further habitat fragmentation.

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area Fishing Access Area
 None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):
Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

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| 29 of 30 |
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Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Focal Area) ALCOA Tuckertown RSA Tracts

| Criterion | Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands. | 5 <u>(preserve existing GL's)</u> |
| 2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities. | 5 <hr/> |
| 3. No conflicting surrounding land uses. | 4 <hr/> |
| 4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats. | 5 <hr/> |
| 5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei ("anchors") for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts. | 5 <hr/> |
| 6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources. | 5 <hr/> |
| 7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access? | <u>Yes (in GL's now)</u> |
| 8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000- 5,000 acre minimum)? | <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion? | <u>Yes</u> |
| TOTAL SCORE | <u><u>29 of 30</u></u> |

Tract Name **ALCOA Tuckertown RSA Tracts**
 Date **January 19, 2017**
 Staff Completing Form **C. Dawes, C. Baranski, B. Beck, D. Cox**

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| Species | 0.593 |
| | Terrestrial |
| Overall Biodiversity | 2 |
| SGCN Species | 2 |
| Game Species | 2 |
| | Wetland |
| Overall Biodiversity | 2 |
| SGCN Species | 1 |
| Game Species | 2 |
| | Aquatic |
| Overall Biodiversity | 2 |
| SGCN Species | 1 |
| Game Species | 2 |

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|----------------|--------------|
| Habitat | 0.722 |
| Size | 3 |
| Quality | 1 |
| Diversity | 2 |
| Rare/Important | 1 |
| Connectivity | 3 |
| Buffer | 3 |

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| Public Access | 1.000 |
| Hunting/Viewing | 3 |
| Fishing | 3 |
| Boating | 3 |

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| Wildlife Uses | 0.933 |
| Hunting | 3 |
| Viewing | 3 |
| Fishing | 3 |
| Boating | 3 |
| Education | 2 |

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Other Values | 0.778 |
| Timber Harvest | 2 |
| Local Economy | 2 |
| Quality of Life | 3 |

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|---|--------------|
| Feasibility & Logistics | 0.867 |
| Existing Infrastructure | 1 |
| Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract | 3 |
| Compatibility with Adjoining Land | 3 |
| Inholding/Corridor | 3 |
| Proximity to Users | 3 |

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| Restoration/Mitigation Potential | 0.583 |
| Species Restoration | 1 |
| Habitat Restoration | 2 |
| Access Improvement | 2 |
| Threat Mitigation | 2 |

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Threats | 0.333 |
| Number | 2 |
| Severity | 1 |
| Imminence | 1 |
| Manageability | 1 |
| Management Cost | 0 |

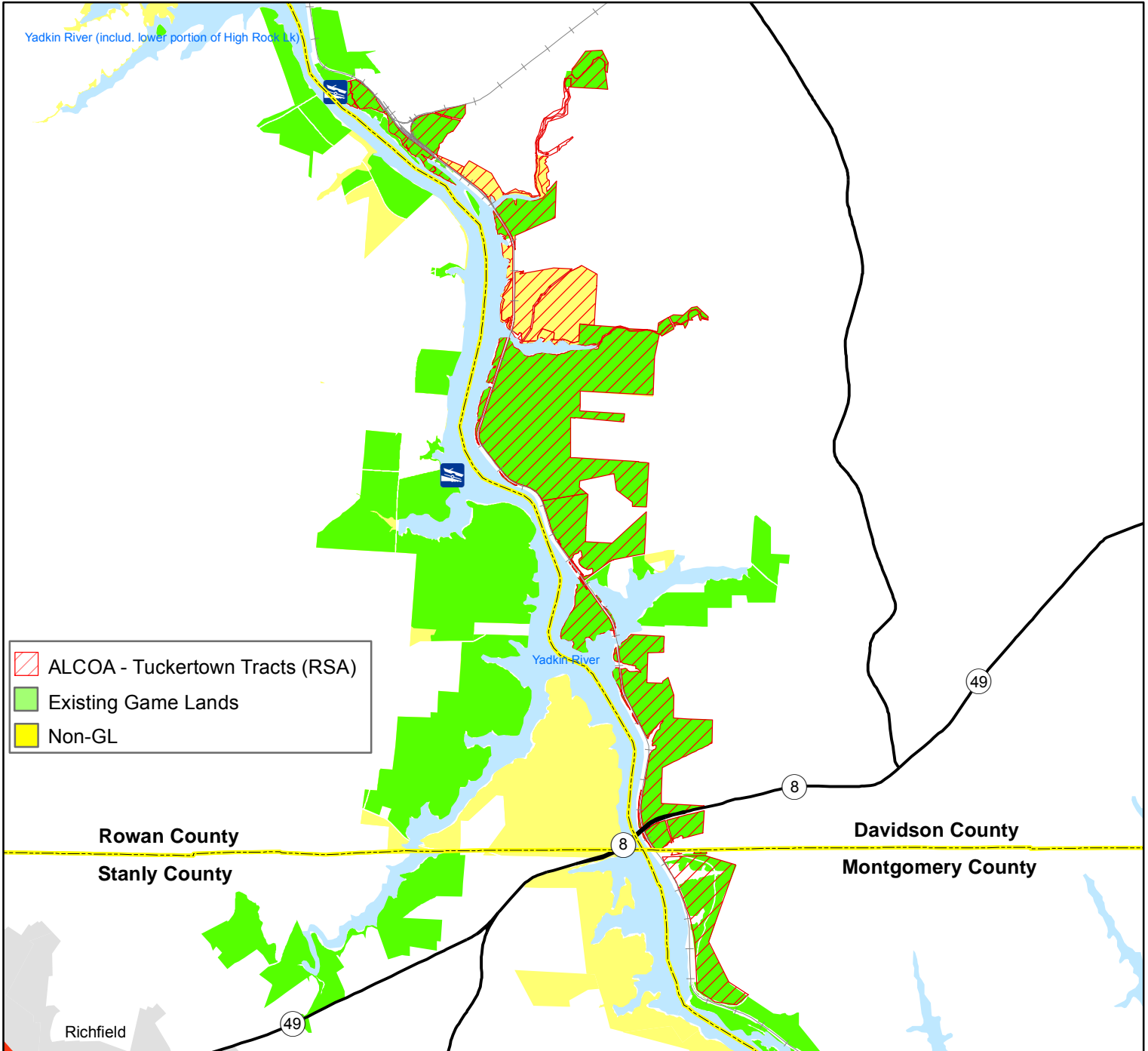
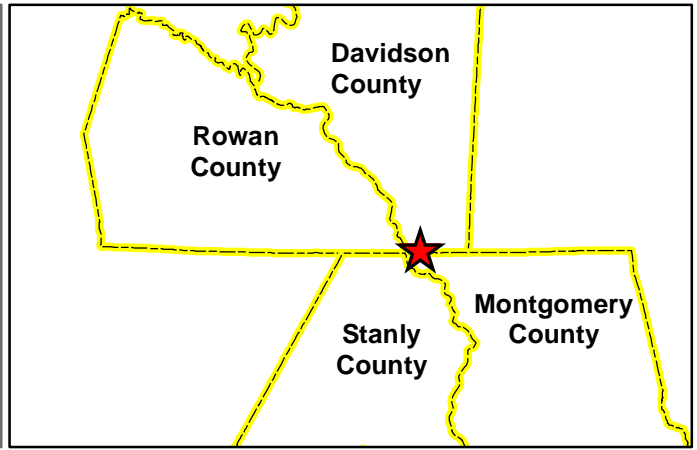
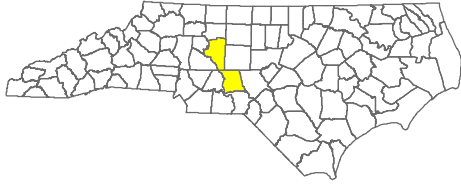
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| Overall Score | 5.143 |
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| Comments |
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ALCOA Tuckertown RSA Tracts - Priority Species

| SCIENTIFIC NAME | COMMON NAME | FED LISTED | STATE LISTED |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| AMPHIBIANS | | | |
| <i>Plethodon glutinosus</i> | Slimy Salamander | | |
| <i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i> | Dwarf Salamander | | SC |
| <i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i> | Four-toed Salamander | | SC |
| <i>Ambystoma talpoideum</i> | Mole Salamander | | SC |
| BIRDS | | | |
| <i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i> | Hooded Merganser | | |
| <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> | Least Bittern | | SC |
| <i>Accipiter striatus</i> | Sharp-shinned Hawk | | SR |
| <i>Falco sparverius</i> | American Kestrel | | |
| <i>Tyto alba</i> | Barn Owl | | SR |
| <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> | Loggerhead Shrike | | SC |
| <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i> | Grasshopper Sparrow | | |
| <i>Spiza americana</i> | Dickcissel | | |
| <i>Icterus galbula</i> | Baltimore Oriole | | |
| MAMMALS | | | |
| <i>Lasiurus cinereus</i> | Hoary Bat | | |
| <i>Lasiurus seminolus</i> | Seminole Bat | | |
| <i>Zapus hudsonius</i> | Meadow Jumping Mouse | | |
| REPTILES | | | |
| <i>Apalone spinifera aspera</i> | Gulf Coast Spiny Softshell | | |
| <i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i> | Slender Glass Lizard | | SR |
| <i>Cemophora coccinea</i> | Scarlet Snake | | |
| <i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i> | Scarlet Kingsnake | | |
| <i>Virginia valeriae</i> | Smooth Earth Snake | | |
| <i>Sistrurus miliarius</i> | Pygmy Rattlesnake | | SC |

Alcoa Tuckertown Tracts Davidson & Montgomery Co's 2,424 Acres



-  ALCOA - Tuckertown Tracts (RSA)
-  Existing Game Lands
-  Non-GL



January 15, 2017

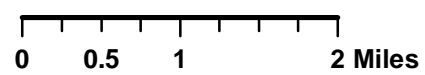


EXHIBIT G-1

February 16, 2017

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): February 11, 2016, December 8, 2016

Tract: Galloway Phase I Tract, Rockingham County, 660 of 1,768 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

Wildlife Resources - Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant \$ 1,000,000

Piedmont Land Conservancy - North Carolina and Virginia River
and Waters Program (Duke Energy Coal Ash Settlement Funds) \$ 586,640

Total Cost: \$ 1,586,640 (\$ 2,404/Acre)

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

| Requested by: | Appraiser | Effective Date | Appraised Value |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| WRC | Michael D. Smith | 11/4/2016 | \$ 2,400/Acre |
| WRC | Claire M. Aufrance | 11/7/2016 | \$ 2,358/Acre) |

Date of Appraisal: See above.

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures: \$:

Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue: \$:

Additional Comments: NA.

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

| STEWARDSHIP | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------|------|-----------|-------------------|
| Estimated Stewardship Expenditures | | | | | |
| Tract Name | Activity | Quantity | Unit | Unit Cost | Total Cost |
| Galloway Phase I | Boundary Establishment (WRC Staff) | 4.2 | mi. | \$200 | \$840.00 |
| | Establish Parking Areas | 2 | ea. | \$1,000 | \$2,000.00 |
| | Establish Gates | 3 | ea. | \$1,000 | \$3,000.00 |
| Total | | | | | \$5,840.00 |
| <i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i> | | | | | |

| REVENUE | | | | | |
|--|--------|----------|------|--------------|---------------|
| Estimated Revenue Projections | | | | | |
| Tract Name | Source | Quantity | Unit | Unit Revenue | Total Revenue |
| Galloway Phase I | NA | NA | NA | NA | \$ - |
| Total | | | | | \$ - |
| <i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i> | | | | | |

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION- (REVISED)

WRC Staff Contact: Todd Ewing & Shannon Deaton

Date First Presented to WRC: Originally presented February 11, 2016; revised strategy to reflect phased acquisition presented December 8, 2016

Tract Name: Galloway Tract (Dan River): PIN 796800534204

Acreage: Phase I 666 acres
Phase II 416 acres
Phase III 686 acres
Total 1,768 acres (~\$2,404/acre)

County: Rockingham

Estimated Value: \$4.25 million (based on Piedmont Land Conservancy option agreement and supported by Michael D. Smith appraisal; effective date July 1, 2015)

Property Owner or Representative: Whitt Family Farms, LLC
c/o Kevin Redding, Piedmont Land Conservancy

Phone: (336) 691-0088

Address: 1515 W Cornwallis Dr. # 205
Greensboro, NC 27408

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential:

Phase I - Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant (\$1 mil) and North Carolina and Virginia River and Waters Program Grant (\$600,000)

Phase II – NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund (\$1 mil)

Phase III - NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund (\$1 mil) and North Carolina and Virginia River and Waters Program Grant (\$650,000)

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): This tract is located in central Rockingham County, south of Eden. It has approximately 3.8 miles of frontage on the Dan River. Acquisition of this tract will help protect the federally-listed Roanoke Logperch, several State Listed species, and multiple Wildlife Action Plan species. This tract will offer angler

access to the Dan River, which contains a popular Largemouth Bass, Sunfish, and Channel Catfish fishery. Also, there is potential for canoe access area.

The vast majority of the uplands on this property have been converted in the last quarter century to extensive loblolly pine plantations, thus creating a large percentage of early successional habitat. The bottomlands and slopes, have also been clear-cut or severely high-graded in the last half century. Except for riparian buffer areas, there is very little mature or high quality forest remaining. (Riparian buffers on this tract total almost 530 acres.) However, the slopes have recovered somewhat and the bottomland second growth has returned to pole stage/pulpwood size.

There are approximately 72 acres of fields currently in agricultural production or at least being maintained as open, with considerable acreage, especially in the bottomlands that has been abandoned and has returned to typical floodplain forest species. One unique opportunity exists to create a managed waterfowl impoundment along the southwestern corner of the property between the slopes and the river. Site specifics and soil characteristics were not determined, but from topographical examination, an impoundment of 130-140 acres could possibly be built. There are a few old small "farm" ponds in various states of function, but these only total ~2.5 acres. Natural wetlands (semi-permanent impoundments) at the northern end of the property total ~12-15 acres in wet times.

This tract would provide excellent hunting opportunities for both big game and small game species. Deer and turkey hunting would likely need to be administered through the Permit Hunt Opportunities Program. Small game and migratory bird hunting should be monitored by Point-of-Sale Permitting. This tract has great potential for public dove field development, appears premier for rabbit hunting, offers good opportunity for squirrel and raccoon, likely still retains some Bobwhite Quail, and certainly holds good numbers of wintering woodcock and waterfowl during specific times of the year.

Prescribed burning opportunities are considerable on this tract. An extensive network of very well-maintained roads and trails, good access points, the presence of a major transmission powerline ROW, and the proximity to the river would allow very safe burning conditions and a minimal amount of significant fire line construction to eventually maintain the pine uplands.

Additional Comments: The tract offers ample public access via Riverside Road (SR 2108), Woodpecker Road (SR 2110), Buttercup Road (SR 2107), and NC Hwy 770.

Preliminary estimates of five-year stewardship expenditures include marking/maintaining ~14.5 miles of property boundary (\$2,900), installing 5 gates (\$5,000) and developing 1 small parking area (\$1000) for a total estimated cost of \$8,900.

No short-term revenue is projected from the tract. However, future timber management in extensive loblolly pine plantations will generate significant revenue, with first-thinnings, second-thinnings, and eventual final harvests. Currently, many of the loblolly pine stands are in need of first-thinning, as none are older than about 20 years of age.

Program Potential: Game Land (New) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal: state match rates):

P/R funds (75% Federal, 25% State) Sportfish Restoration funds - (75% Federal, 25% State),
State Wildlife Grants (65% Federal, 35% State)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Dan River) Galloway Tract (Rockingham County)

| Criterion | Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands. | <u>5</u> |
| 2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities. | <u>5</u> |
| 3. No conflicting surrounding land uses. | <u>5</u> |
| 4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats. | <u>5</u> |
| 5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts. | <u>5</u> |
| 6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources. | <u>5</u> |
| 7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access? | <u>Yes</u> |
| 8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)? | <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion? | <u>Yes</u> |
| TOTAL SCORE | <u><u>30</u></u> |

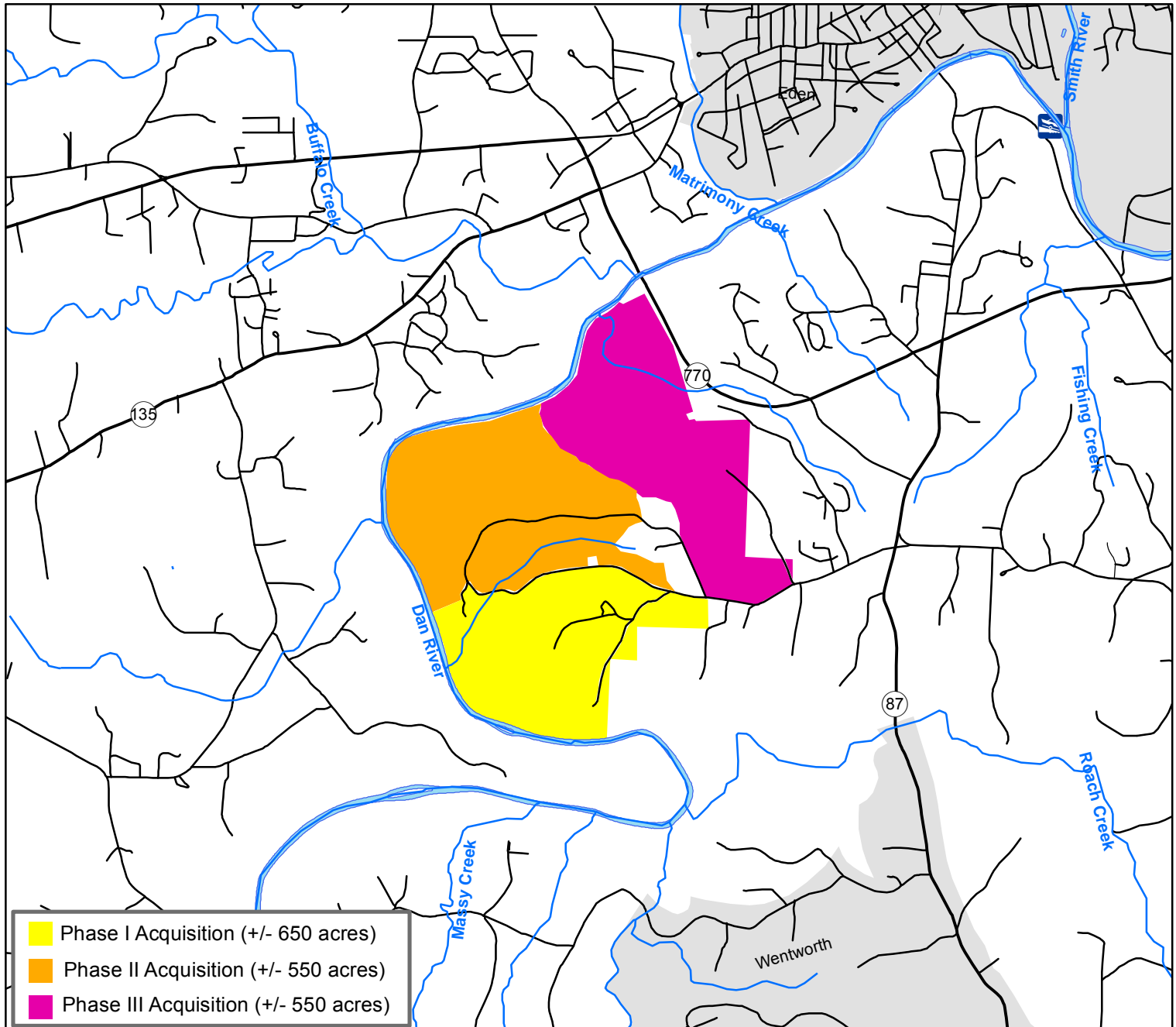
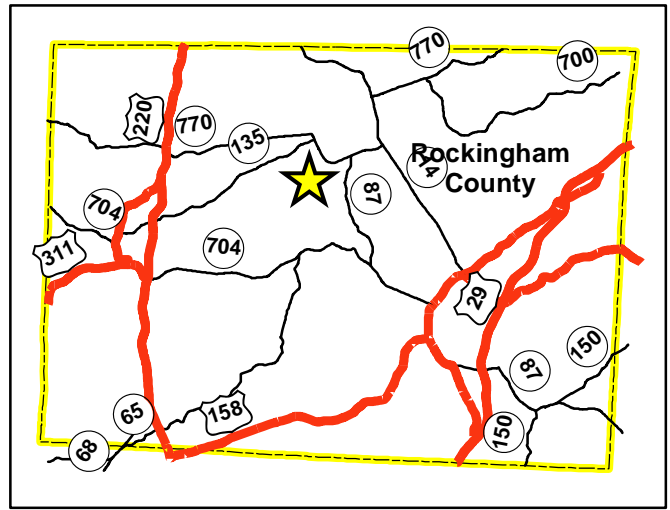
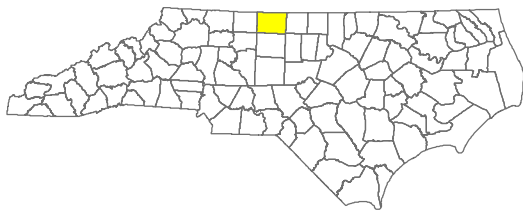
Galloway Tract (Rockingham County) - Wildlife Action Plan Priority Species

| SCIENTIFIC NAME | COMMON NAME | FED LISTED | STATE LISTED |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| MUSSELS | | | |
| <i>Lasmigona subviridis</i> | Green Floater | | E |
| <i>Villosa constricta</i> | Notched Rainbow | | SC |
| NONGAME FISH | | | |
| <i>Carpiodes cyprinus</i> | Quillback | | SR |
| <i>Cottus caeruleomentum</i> | Blue Ridge Sculpin | | SC |
| <i>Etheostoma podostemone</i> | Riverweed Darter | | SC |
| <i>Exoglossum maxillingua</i> | Cutlips Minnow | | SC |
| <i>Etheostoma vitreum</i> | Glassy Darter | | |
| <i>Hypentilium roanokense</i> | Roanoke Hogsucker | | SR |
| <i>Moxostoma ariommum</i> | Bigeye Jumprock | | T |
| <i>Moxostoma pappillosum</i> | V-lip Redhorse | | |
| <i>Percina rex</i> | Roanoke Logperch | E | E |
| AMPHIBIANS | | | |
| <i>Plethodon chorobryonis</i> | Atlantic Coast Slimy Salamander | | |
| <i>Hemidactylum scutatum</i> | Four-toed Salamander | | SC |
| <i>Ambystoma maculatum</i> | Spotted Salamander | | |
| <i>Ambystoma opacum</i> | Marbled Salamander | | |
| <i>Ambystoma talpoideum</i> | Mole Salamander | | SC |
| <i>Hyla versicolor</i> | Gray treefrog | | |
| BIRDS | | | |
| <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> | Least Bittern | | SC |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> | Bald Eagle | | T |
| <i>Circus cyaneus</i> | Northern Harrier | | |
| <i>Falco sparverius</i> | American Kestrel | | |
| <i>Tyto alba</i> | Barn Owl | | SR |
| <i>Setophaga (Dendroica) discolor</i> | Prairie Warbler | | |
| <i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i> | Red-headed Woodpecker | | |
| <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i> | Savannah Sparrow | | |
| <i>Accipiter cooperii</i> | Cooper's Hawk | | |
| <i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i> | Whip-poor-will | | |
| <i>Empidonax traillii</i> | Willow Flycatcher | | |
| <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i> | Wood Thrush | | |
| <i>Icterus spurius</i> | Orchard Oriole | | |
| <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> | Loggerhead Shrike | | SC |
| <i>Opornis formosus</i> | Kentucky Warbler | | |
| <i>Picoides villosus</i> | Hairy Woodpecker | | |
| <i>Sitta pusilla</i> | Brown-headed nuthatch | | |
| <i>Spizella pusilla</i> | Field Sparrow | | |
| <i>Sturnella magna</i> | Eastern Meadowlark | | |
| <i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i> | Eastern Kingbird | | |
| <i>Setophaga (Wilsonia) citrina</i> | Hooded Warbler | | |

Galloway Tract (Rockingham County) - Wildlife Action Plan Priority Species

| SCIENTIFIC NAME | COMMON NAME | FED LISTED | STATE LISTED |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| MAMMALS | | | |
| <i>Synaptomys cooperi</i> | Southern Bog Lemming | | |
| <i>Zapus hudsonius</i> | Meadow Jumping Mouse | | |
| <i>Lasiurus cinereus</i> | Hoary Bat | | |
| <i>Myotis austroriparius</i> | Southeastern bat | | SC |
| REPTILES | | | |
| <i>Cemophora coccinea</i> | Scarlet Snake | | |
| <i>Tantilla coronata</i> | Southeastern Crowned Snake | | |
| <i>Lampropeltis getula</i> | Eastern Kingsnake | | |
| <i>Lampropeltis calligaster</i> | Mole Kingsnake | | |
| <i>Terapene carolina</i> | Eastern Box Turtle | | |
| <i>Pantherophis (Elaphe) guttata</i> | Corn Snake | | |
| <i>Eumeces laticeps</i> | Broadhead Skink | | |
| <i>Virginia valeriae valeriae</i> | Eastern Smooth Earthsnake | | |

Galloway Tract Rockingham County 1,768 Acres



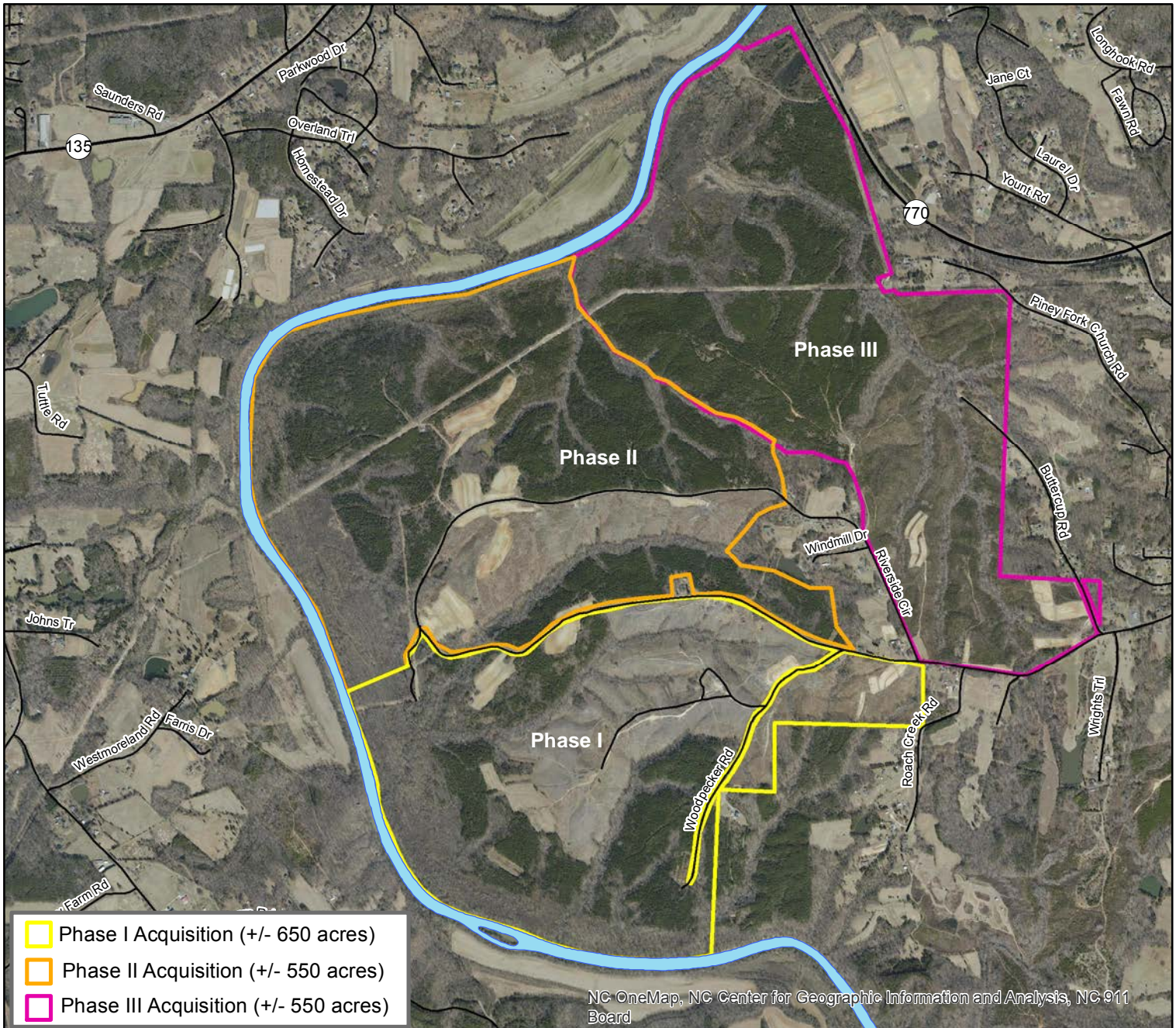
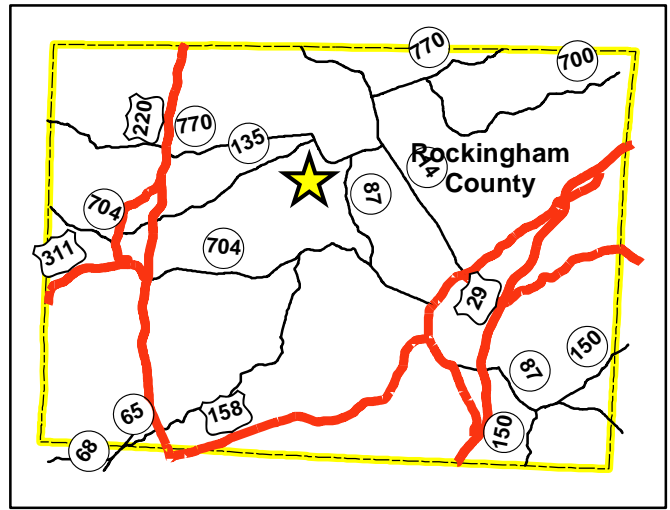
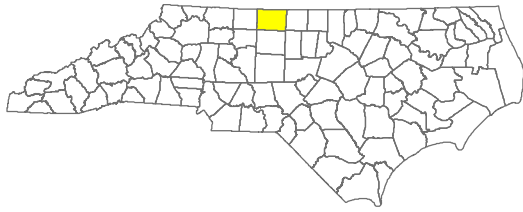
- Phase I Acquisition (+/- 650 acres)
- Phase II Acquisition (+/- 550 acres)
- Phase III Acquisition (+/- 550 acres)



November 20, 2016



Galloway Tract Rockingham County 1,768 Acres



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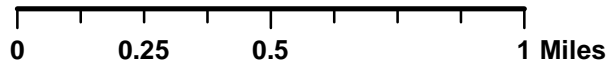


EXHIBIT G-2

February 16, 2017

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): October 6, 2016

Tract: Mills River Depot Tract, Transylvania County, 10.973 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant | \$ 712,500 |
| WRC | \$ 312,500 |
| Total Cost: | <u>\$ 1,025,000</u> |

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

| Requested by: | Appraiser | Effective Date | Appraised Value |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| WRC | Mike Moore | 11/17/16 | \$ 950,000 |
| WRC | Shaun R. McNeil | 12/8/16 | \$ 740,000 |

Note: Based upon an appraisal of \$950K, and the owner's provision of a recent bonafide purchase agreement in the amount of \$1.1 mil, NC State Property Office determined that the second appraisal of \$740K is too low and does not accurately reflect current market value.

Date of Appraisal: See above.

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

| | | |
|--|-----|---------|
| Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures: | \$: | Minimal |
| Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue: | \$: | NA |

Additional Comments: None

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Gordon Warburton/David Stewart/Jeff Ferguson

Date First Presented to WRC: October 6, 2016

Tract Name: Mills River Depot and Regional Hub, 5620 Asheville Hwy., Pisgah Forest NC 28768
PIN: 9508-67-6317-000

Acreage: 10.973 acres with a 7,825 square foot metal building

County: Transylvania

Estimated Value: \$ 1,100,000 (asking price)

Property Owner or Representative: George Bradshaw

Phone: (828) 674-8399

Address: 203 White Oak Dr. Hendersonville NC 28791

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant, WRC

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

The property and building, located at 5620 Asheville Highway, Pisgah Forest, NC, offer an outstanding opportunity to provide a much needed work depot for the recently established Mills River Crew. The metal building is in very good shape and would allow the crew to move in and begin operations immediately. Abundant office space is available. The property and facility will also allow for many other opportunities for Commission staff and programs in the region and therefore this proposed depot site will act as a regional hub for NCWRC (see below).

The property is adjacent to NC-HWY-280 (Asheville Hwy) at a location that is approximately 3.2 miles northeast of the intersection of NC-280 & US-64/276 near Brevard and 13 miles southeast of I-26 exit 40 (Asheville Regional Airport). This location is approximately 23 miles from the I-26 & I-40 interchange south of Asheville; a 30-minute drive under typical conditions. The property is centrally located for NCWRC management activities in the Pisgah National Forest, DuPont State Forest, Pisgah Education Center & Setzer Hatchery, and future Headwaters State Forest.

The property includes a metal building structure with a 60'-8"x 129' (7,825sf) footprint. Office space is located at the front (west) end of the building. The office space is on two floors with approximately 1,485sf of conditioned space on the first floor and 1,090sf on the top floor for an estimated total of 2,575sf. A 9'x40' covered porch runs along the west end of the building at the entrance. It is possible that part of this area could be enclosed to create additional office or work space. There are two large bays on the first floor separated by a full partition wall and both have epoxy floors. The center bay is roughly 60'L. x 47W.' (2,820sf) and is fully insulated. The center bay has large, roll-up doors 12'W. x 14'H. directly opposite of the end of the bay nearest to the partition. The area in the center bay that is adjacent to the office space measures approximately 27'W. x 60'L. (420sf) provides opportunities for use as a large meeting space and/or further partitioning for additional office or work spaces. The end bay measures 60'L. x 49'W (2,940sf). and is not insulated. The end bay provides space for work benches, repair and maintenance of equipment and vehicles, welding, and construction work.

The building is situated on 10.973 total acres. The building has a parking area in front. A large, asphalt paved lot (±2 acres) is next to the north side of the building. This lot, along with an additional ±1.8-acre grassed area, are surrounded on all but the east side by a 6' high chain link fence. The well for the building and the power transformer are located in this area. Overhead power lines run from the main line along NC-280 to a transformer adjacent to the northern driveway and office parking area. The existing well provides water to the building. Wastewater from the building flows to a lift station which then pumps to a septic tank and drain field. HVAC consists of two Trane heat pump units of unknown age. The office space area is wired for telephone and DSL. The building and property are in very good condition. For a detailed description of the property, refer to the attached initial assessment report.

Program Uses of the Proposed Mills River Depot and Regional Hub Property

All program supervisors in the Mountain Ecoregion were contacted regarding the potential uses of the proposed Mills River Depot property. All enthusiastically support this project and have important programmatic needs that can be met through acquisition of the building and property. The potential uses of the Mills River facility are listed below. Please see the accompanying concept map of the property showing locations for the various uses.

A fully functional Land and Water Access work depot. The building is ready for the Mills River Crew to move in immediately and to begin operations. All programs could access equipment, tools, bay space, etc. for repairs and maintenance of vehicles and other state equipment, construction projects, and other field operation's needs.

Staff Offices. There exists abundant office space for agency personnel wishing to locate to the depot, with the opportunity to create more office space if needed. This location could be used for staff that reside in the Asheville area and currently either have the Marion Regional Office, Balsam Depot or home as their duty station. We envision this location being developed into a true regional office in the future.

Smaller Conferences/Meetings. There is a 12-person conference room in the upstairs portion of the front of the depot.

Larger Conferences/Events. The center bay of the facility is insulated and has an epoxy floor. Therefore, it is set up to function as a multi-use area that could serve as a regional hub for meetings, conferences and presentations. This space could hold at least 100 persons and allow us to host small scale meetings and workshops. Having a large conference room available in the Asheville area would be very beneficial to the agency. We often have to scramble to find meeting space in the Asheville vicinity and this would definitely help. All programs have this need. Depending on the topic, the space could host public hearing or input meetings.

Training. The facility will provide a venue for all types of training.

Volunteers. The facility would be great for working with volunteers and partners on projects. There is already a long list of volunteers in the Brevard area who volunteer at the Pisgah Center.

Fish-For-Fun Location. We envision the construction of a dedicated Fishing Outreach location similar to what exists at the Marion State Fish Hatchery. We would create an excavated small pond, pavilion, ADA accessible pier, and benches that are fenced in and used exclusively for Inland Fisheries outreach events as well as the needs of the Pisgah Education Center. This pond size is a very functional size and can easily accommodate 50 children, which makes it nice for school groups. The relatively flat topography would allow the development of a fully ADA compliant facility, which is a challenge in the mountain region. Currently, we struggle to accommodate Fish-For-Fun events in D9 as does the Pisgah Education Center. In contrast, the Marion location has exceeded all expectations and is truly meeting our agency outreach objectives. This location would be ideal to serve both the Pisgah Education Center as well as those events coming out of Asheville and the eastern portion of D9. Its proximity to the Setzer State Fish Hatchery is also an advantage in terms of maintaining trout in the winter months to support events. It could also be easily supported by Table Rock State Fish Hatchery in the summer months.

Archery and shooting range: The property will allow development of 3D archery, BB gun and possibly small caliber rifle ranges as part of the Pisgah Educational Center programs for youth. PEC staff have identified this as a major need for their programs and they have been looking for a place for these facilities for some time.

Enforcement. The property could be used for District meetings, Platoon Meetings, and Area meetings. Enforcement could definitely use an office in the area. It could be used as storage/evidence locker. For several years, the WRC has leased a storage locker in Arden to store evidence and hunting/boating safety materials. This site would eliminate that need. Hunter Safety, NASP, Boating Safety and other Commission Programs could be conducted here, as well as district training. With proper signage, the location along Hwy 280 is well suited for advertising and bringing attention to Commission programs.

Secure equipment and materials storage. All field programs need storage space for equipment and supplies. DWM identified their primary use would be storage of bear traps and other equipment, and a place to maintain a freezer. Enforcement, Wildlife Diversity and Fisheries all have storage needs as well. There is plenty of room on the property to build pole sheds or other storage units.

Walk-in cooler/necropsy facility. The facility would host a walk-in cooler and facility to necropsy diseased animals. With all of the wildlife disease considerations presently, our agency needs these facilities spread across the state (e.g. CWD collections).

Lab space for biological analyses. We do not have any lab space in District 9 for any type of lab analysis (e.g. fish scale analysis, disease).

Management practice demonstration area. We will plant small demonstration areas showing warm season grasses, food plots, and other types of wildlife plantings that we recommend to landowners. Other ideas include a planted meadow/wildlife opening and a meadow/wildlife opening near the road that is maintained with fire inside the powerlines in the southern portion between the driveways.

Pollinator Garden and Viewing Area. Pollinators are currently a major conservation issue and the space in front of the building offers an opportunity to develop plantings for pollinators to demonstrate habitat techniques and to provide education regarding these species. This would tie in with the PEC programs on butterflies and insects.

Native horticulture program – There is sufficient space to propagate plantings for erosion control and streambank stabilization.

Seasonal exhibitions, demonstrations or educational programs and activities. The larger field could be a multipurpose area for various outdoor activities requiring safe, open space.

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area Boating Access Area
 Depot and Regional Facility

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal: state match rates):

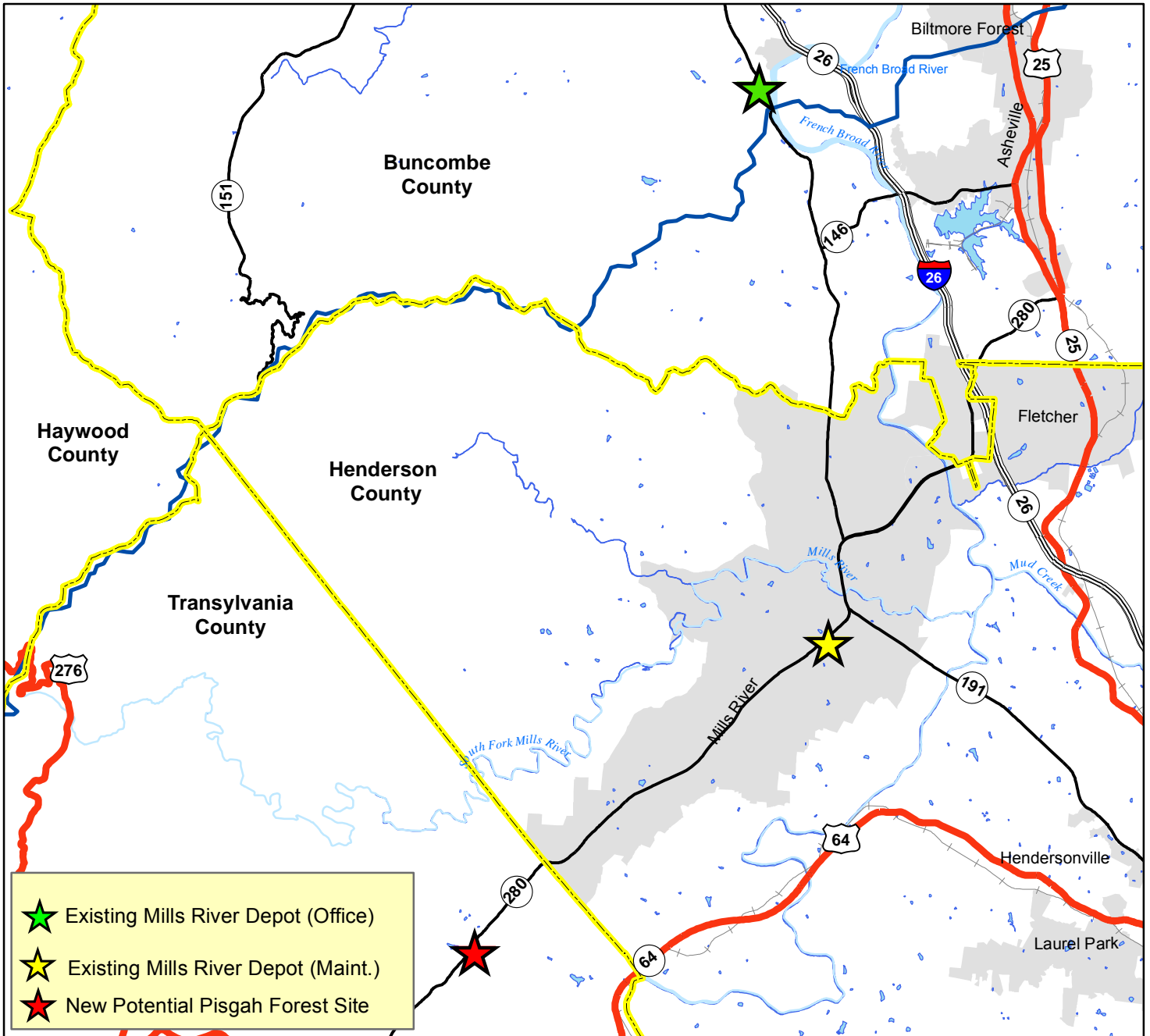
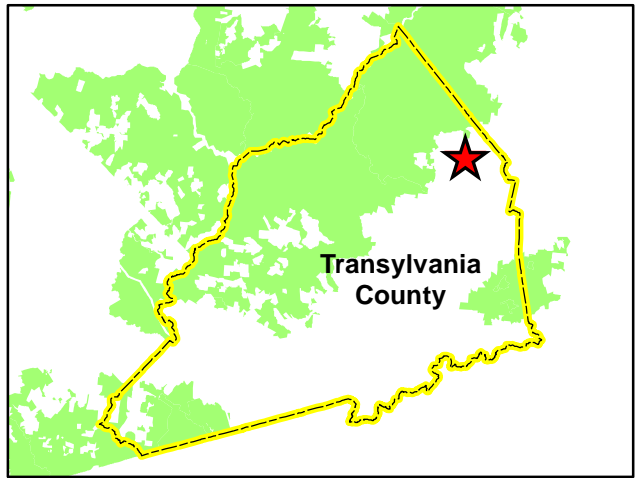
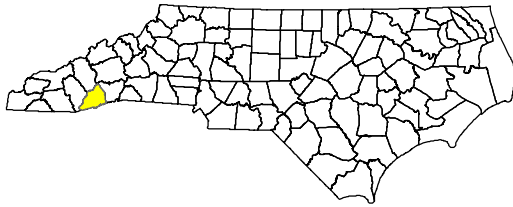
Stewardship expenditures associated with maintaining a depot facility for Land and Water Access Section staff will be supported by Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state). Additional stewardship funding will depend on the other programmed uses of the site.

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

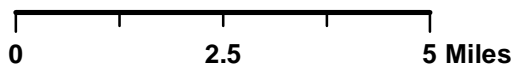
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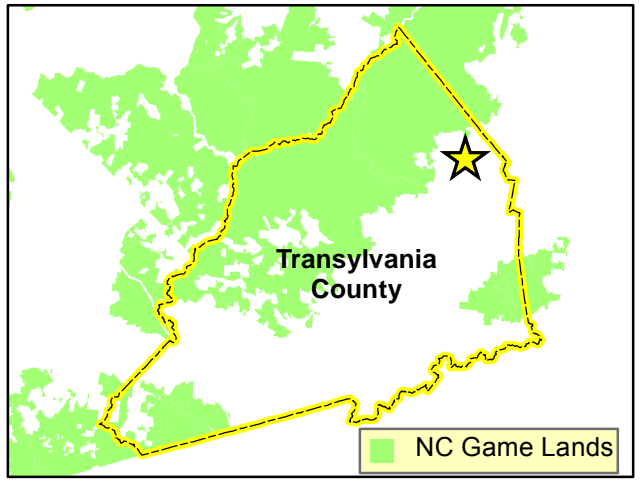
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-  New Potential Pisgah Forest Site



September 23, 2016



Mills River Depot Tract Pisgah Forest, NC Transylvania County 11 Acres



 Potential Depot Tract

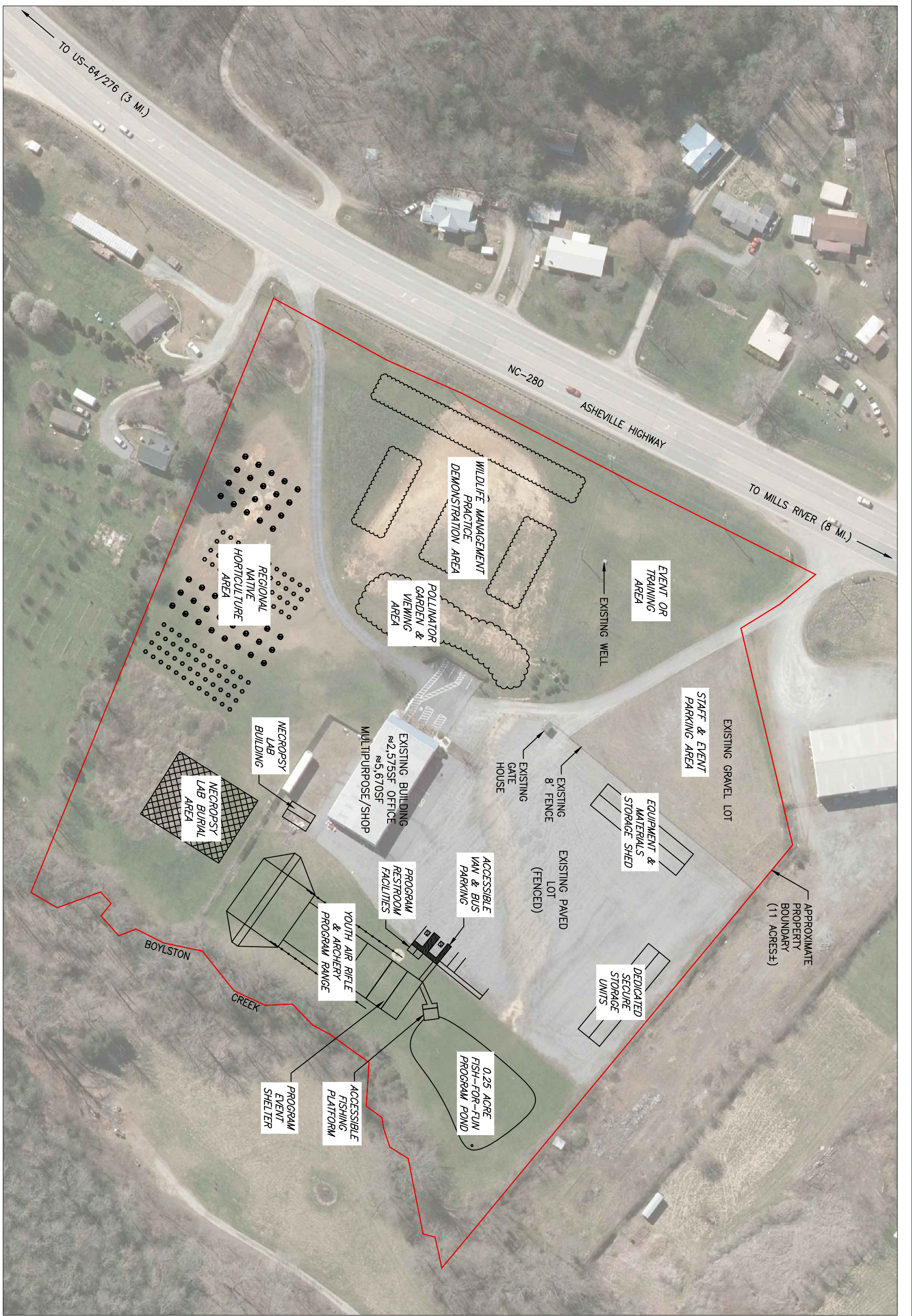
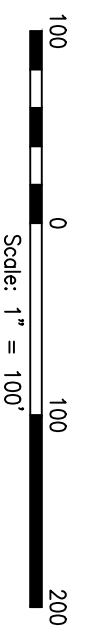
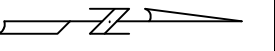
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September 23, 2016

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SUBJECT PROPERTY FOR REGIONAL DEPOT & PROGRAM HUB
5620 ASHEVILLE HWY, PISGAH FOREST, NC

AERIAL VIEW
SHOWING POTENTIAL PROGRAM USES



NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
ENGINEERING SECTION
 1720 MAIL SERVICE CENTER
 RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27699

Phone: 919.707.0150
 Fax: 919.707.0162
 www.ncwildlife.org

Date: 21-SEP-2016
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INITIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT
POTENTIAL MILLS RIVER DEPOT PROPERTY
AT
5620 ASHEVILLE HWY
PISGAH FOREST, NC 28768
(TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY)

Date: August 30, 2016
NCWRC Staff: Gordon Warburton, Jeff Ferguson
Report by: Jeff Ferguson
Agent: Mr. George Bradshaw (owner)
Asking Price: \$1,100,000
Geographic Coordinates: N35.308314°, W82.665895°

LOCATION

The subject property fronts NC-HWY-280 (Asheville Hwy) at a location that is approximately 3.2 miles northeast of the intersection of NC-280 & US-64/276 near Brevard and 13 miles southeast of I-26 exit 40 (Asheville Regional Airport). This location is approximately 23 miles from the I-26 & I-40 interchange south of Asheville; a 30-minute drive under typical conditions.

The property is centrally located for NCWRC management activities in Green River Game Land, DuPont State Forest, Pisgah Education Center & Setzer Hatchery, Pisgah National Forest and Pisgah headwaters.

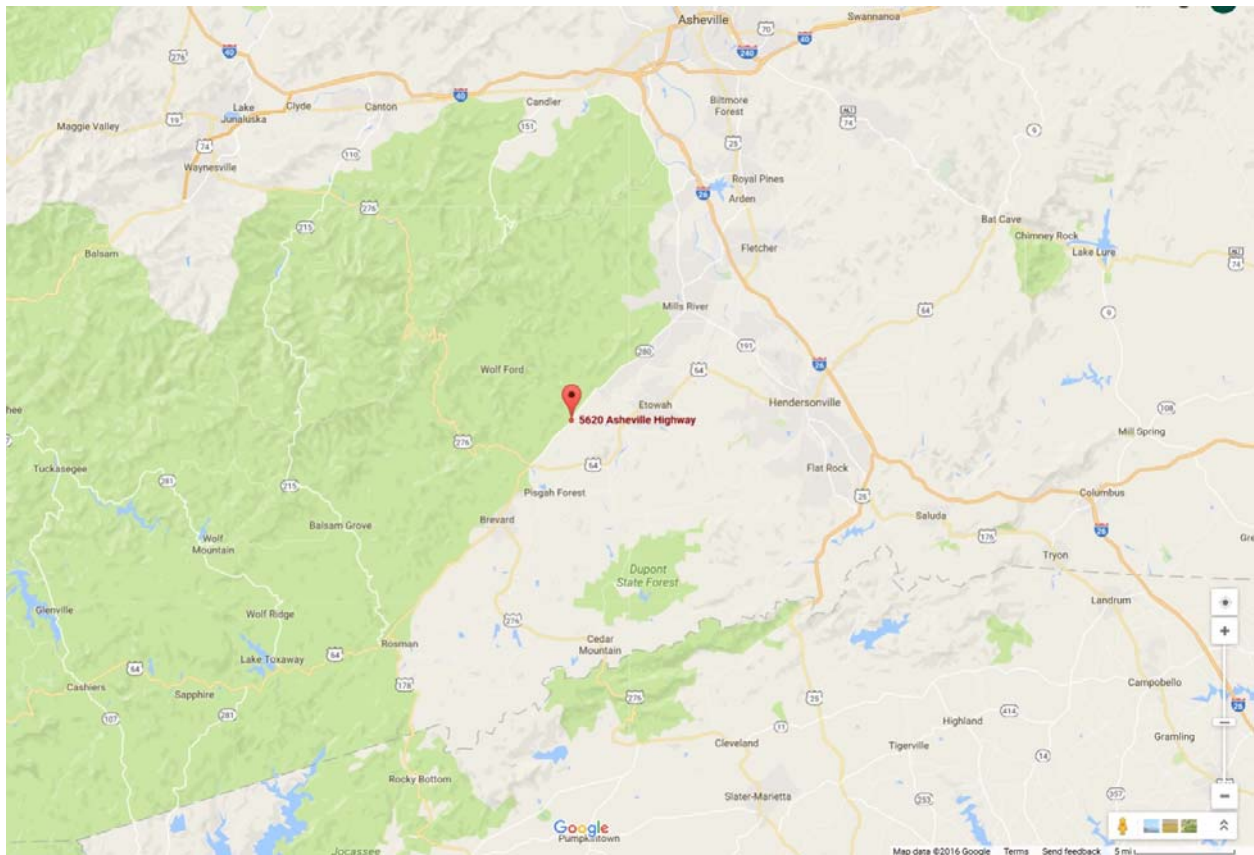


Figure 1. Site Location Map

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The subject property includes a metal building structure of with a 60'-8"x 129' (7,825sf) footprint. Scanned copies of the plat and floorplan are included in Appendix A of this report. The quality of the copies provided by the owner are difficult to read, and all of the dimensions and areas described herein were approximated by scaling.

The owner claims to have purchased the building in 2003, but was unable to verify when it was originally built.

Sight distance for turning onto and off of NC-280 (4-lane) is adequate in both directions. There is a full center turn lane between the north and south bound lanes across the entire approach to both driveways from either direction.

BUILDING INTERIOR

The office space is located at the front (west) end of the building. It is on two floors with approximately 1,485sf of conditioned space on the first floor and 1,090sf on the top floor for an estimated total of 2,575sf. The first floor office space consists of an entry hallway with a men's restroom and separate 200sf office on one side and two long, narrow work areas on the other. These are referred to as "lab spaces" on the floor plans. One of these spaces measures 11' x 36' and the other measures 9' x 36' with a partition between the two. The narrower space includes a small kitchen area. A hallway runs along the far end of these spaces providing access to the women's room and closets containing the breaker panels. There are no shower facilities in the building.

A staircase leads to the second floor which includes a 400sf office/conference rooms space and another separate 280sf office space with a restroom. There is a large closet at the far end that contains the HVAC air handler and other controls and panels. Areas at the ends of the second floor office spaces have low ceilings (<7').

A 9'x40' covered porch are runs along the west end of the building at the entrance. It is possible that part of this area could be enclosed to create additional office or work space.

There are two large bays on the first floor separated by a full partition wall. The center bay is roughly 60'L. x 47W.' (2,820sf) and is fully insulated. The end bay measures 60'L. x 49'W (2,940sf). and is not insulated. The center bay has large, roll-up doors 12'W. x 14'H. directly opposite of the end of the bay nearest to the partition. The area in the center bay that is adjacent to the office space measures approximately 27'W. x 60'L. (420sf) provides opportunities for use as a large meeting space and/or further partitioning for additional office or work spaces. The center bay is currently heated by two hanging LP radiant heater units, but there is no air conditioning. The end bay includes two opposing 12'W. x 14'H. roll-up doors and another two opposing 10'W. x 10'H. roll-up doors. There is also a 20'W. double sliding door at the far end of the building that is currently bolted shut. While the end bay is not insulated, it is equipped with two mini-split type air conditioning units. There are no heaters in the end bay. Both bays feature ceiling mounted HID lighting fixtures and standard 36" ingress/egress doorways at each end. There are two 36" doorways in the partition between the bays. The floors in both bays are epoxy coated and appear to be in very good condition.

GROUNDS

The building is situated on 10.973 total acres which were divided into three separate tracts at some point in the past (see attached plat). The owner wishes to sell all three tracts with the building. The building and parking area are located on Tract "C". A large, asphalt paved lot (± 2 acres) abuts the north side of the building and crosses onto Tract "B". This lot along with an additional ± 1.8 -acre grassed area are surrounded on all but the east side by a 6' high chain link fence. The east side of this grassed area abuts a wooded area along approximately 480LF of Boylston Creek. A 0.7-acre area to the north of the building is situated outside of the fenced area between one of the paved driveways and the neighboring business. While this parcel appears to be grassy, a 6" thick bed of gravel was placed on the entire area. A ± 3 -acre area to the west of the building abuts the NCDOT right of way along NC-280, and is separated from the other grassed areas by the two paved driveways. Part of this area was stripped of topsoil and converted into a baseball diamond by a previous tenant. The well for the building and the power transformer are located in this area. Finally, a ± 2.7 acre grassed area lays to the south of the building and one of the paved driveways. A portion of this area was also stripped of topsoil, and that soil was placed in a spoil pile that is currently overgrown with weeds.



Figure 2. Aerial View of Property (boundaries are approximate)

UTILITIES

Overhead power lines run from the main line along NC-280 to a transformer adjacent to the northern driveway and office parking area. A utility pole is located near the transformer with at least three HID security lights that shine on the building, parking area and fenced, paved lot. The owner claims that the building has 880-amp service.

An existing well provides water to the building. The owner claims that the well capacity is 52gpm. The quality of the water is unknown, but there were no obvious signs of iron or copper staining nor sulfurous odors in the kitchen or restroom fixtures.

Wastewater from the building flows to a lift station which then pumps to a septic tank and drain field. All of these are located in the grassed area near the southwest corner of the building.

HVAC consists of two Trane heat pump units of unknown age. It is assumed that one unit serves the first floor of office space and the other serves the top floor. As previously mentioned, there are two hanging LP radiant heaters in the center bay area and two Klimate mini-split air conditioning units in the end bay. The location of the supply of LP gas for the heaters was not clear as no above ground tank was apparent. The owner was specified that these were LP heaters and mentioned that an NG line runs along NC-280 if new owners ever wished to connect to that service. The end shop bay is equipped with two large, wall mounted exhaust fans that are connected to carbon monoxide sensors.

The office space area is wired for telephone and DSL. The owner stated that the DSL service provider is Comporium DSL.

An AT&T cellular tower is located on the property on the opposite side of Boylston Creek. Cellular reception from the Verizon network is minimal when inside the building, and data was limited to 3G.

PROPERTY CONDITION

The building and property are in fair to good condition.

The building is a metal warehouse type construction. From the inside, it is clear that the building is clad in steel, but the exterior is covered with painted T1-11 siding. In some areas, it is evident that the siding has some water or storm damage. There are no obvious signs of leaks or water damage on the interior. Further investigation would be needed to accurately determine the condition of the roof and gutters.

The owner disclosed that a grease fire occurred in the building (presumably in the kitchen area of the lab/office space) while being used by previous tenants. The owner claims that the damage was repaired but the extent of that damage was not clear. A portion of the roof insulation adjacent to the partition between the office space and the center bay had obviously been replaced, and the owner confirmed that it was the result of the fire damage.

A more thorough investigation of the mechanical and plumbing systems would be required before an accurate assessment of their condition can be provided. No obvious or apparent significant problems were noted.

The driveways, office parking area and side lot are all paved with asphalt. There is some evidence of grass growing through some cracks in the pavement, but nothing indicating that significant areas would need to be repaired or repaved.

As mentioned, topsoil was removed from some of the grassed areas. This soil was stockpiled on the property. That spoil pile is occupying area that could be used for other purposes, but the soil could be removed and spread over the areas from where it was previously stripped.

The owner has provided a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment report of the property that was prepared by ECS Carolinas, LLP in May of 2016. An electronic copy of that 160-page document will be transmitted with this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

From our initial viewings of the property, it appears to have good potential in terms of facilities and location to serve as a depot for the Mills River maintenance crew as well as a work station for staff from other NCWRC divisions. Additional partitioning, reconfiguring or expansion of office and work spaces will likely be needed depending on the number of employees that will be stationed at this depot. Considering the cost and time to acquire raw land and develop new buildings and facilities, this property (with some modification) could serve the immediate needs of Commission staff in the area at a potentially lower or comparable cost.

The building and grounds provide a number of possibilities to be modified or expanded as future needs are identified. The fenced, paved lot can be used to store equipment and materials, and there is adequate space to build sheds for dry storage as needed.

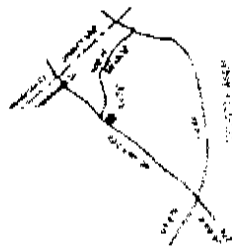
The grassed areas surrounding the building offer additional possibilities to satisfy needs for various Commission programs. The area to the east of the building (within the fenced perimeter) has potential to be developed into a hunter education range for youth archery and small caliber rifle programs. There is a current need for a suitable location to host such programs run through the Pisgah Education Center which is located only ten miles (a twenty-minute drive) from this property.

Other potential uses for the property include:

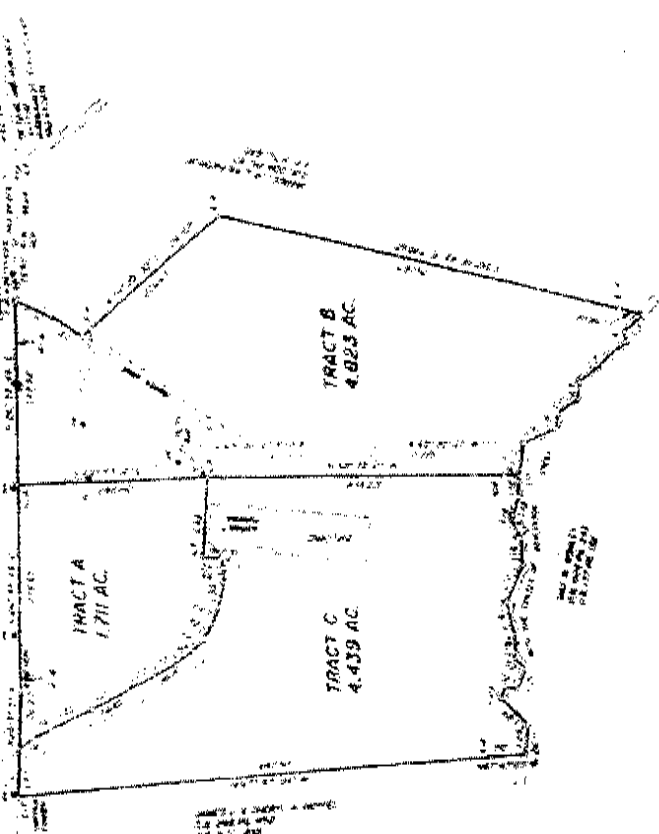
- Adapting the center bay as a multi-use area that could serve as a regional hub for meetings, conferences and presentations
- Developing lab space for biological analyses
- Establishing facilities for a regional native horticulture program
- Creating exhibit areas that demonstrate wildlife management practices

Based on the findings of these initial property viewings, it is recommended subsequent steps be taken to verify the condition of the building, grounds and mechanical components. These more detailed assessments will be needed to determine the costs of any necessary repairs and improvements. It is also important to determine the number of employees from various divisions that could be stationed at this depot in order to assess the need for modifications to existing or development of additional office/work spaces. Once these expenses have been quantified, then it will be possible to compare the cost of purchasing and adapting this property to that of building an entirely new depot facility on raw land.

APPENDIX – A
PLAT & FLOOR PLANS



NC HIGHWAY #280



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS:
 The undersigned hereby certifies that the above described land is the property of the undersigned and that the same is being offered for sale by public auction on the date and at the place herein specified.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF ...

GEORGE D. BRADSHAW
 SUBDIVISION

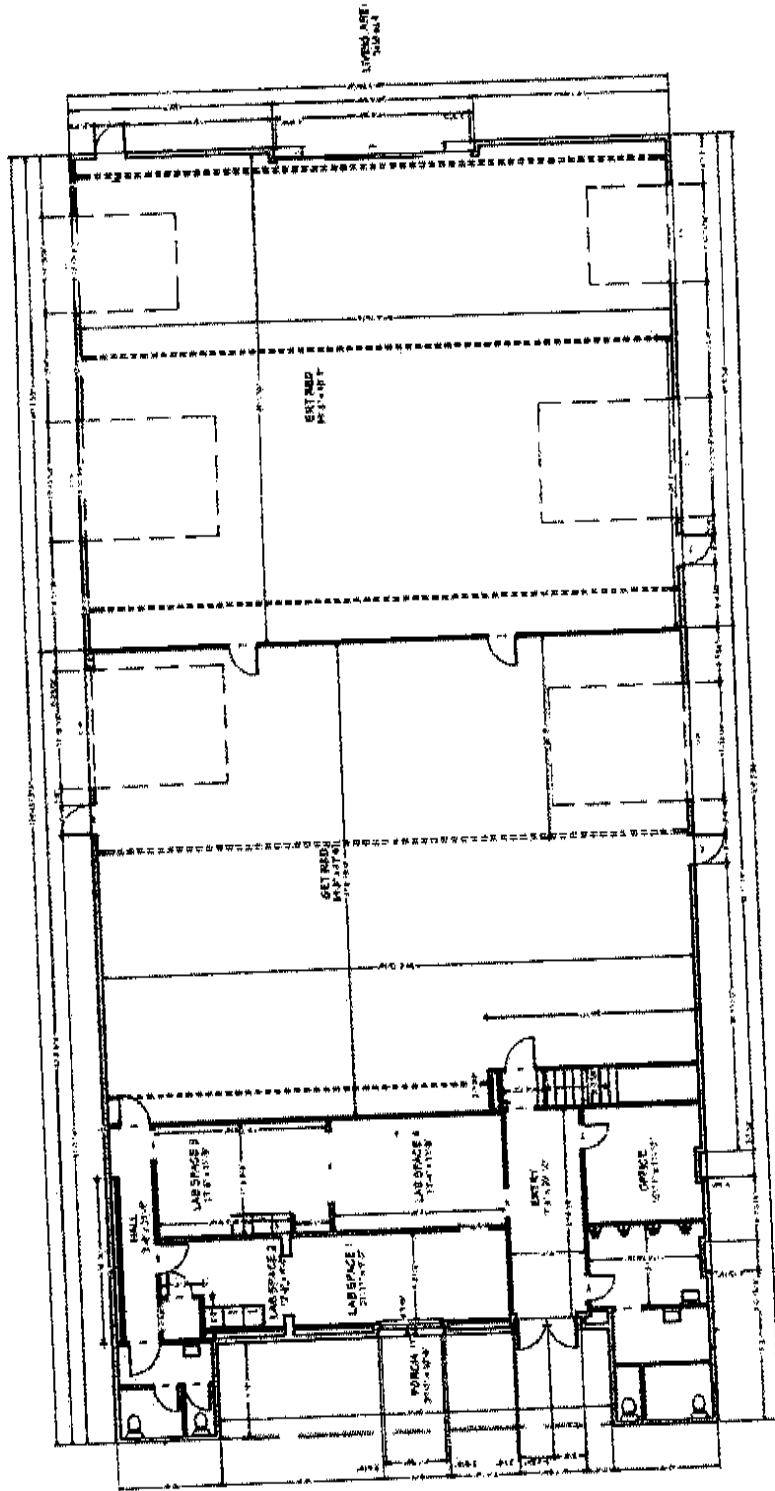
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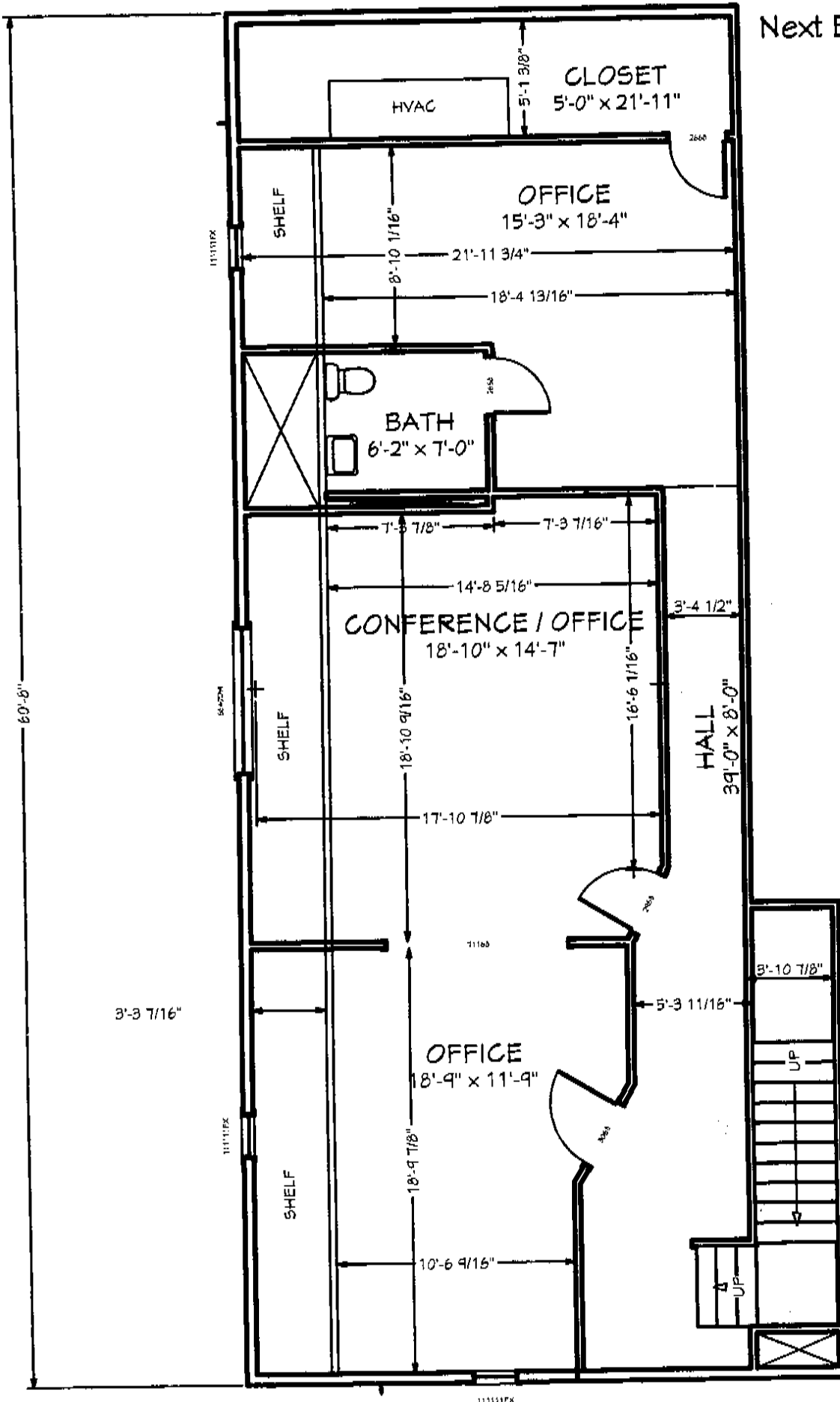
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NOTE: All improvements on the land shown on this map are shown for information only. The State does not warrant the accuracy of the information shown.



BUILDING SKETCHES

Next Building Upper Level



APPENDIX – B

PHOTOS



Building Entrance



Gate to Paved Lot



Paved Driveway (South)



Paved Driveway (North)



Transformer & Security Lights



Paved Lot (neighboring business in background)



Lot w/ 6" layer of gravel base



Entrance & covered porch



area south of building (septic area & topsoil pile)



1st floor office/work space



Area to west (NC-280 & well house)



1st floor office/work space



1st floor kitchen space



1st floor men's room



1st floor office



1st floor women's room



1st floor men's room



2nd floor office/work space



2nd floor office/work space



2nd floor office/work space



2nd floor office/work space



2nd floor restroom



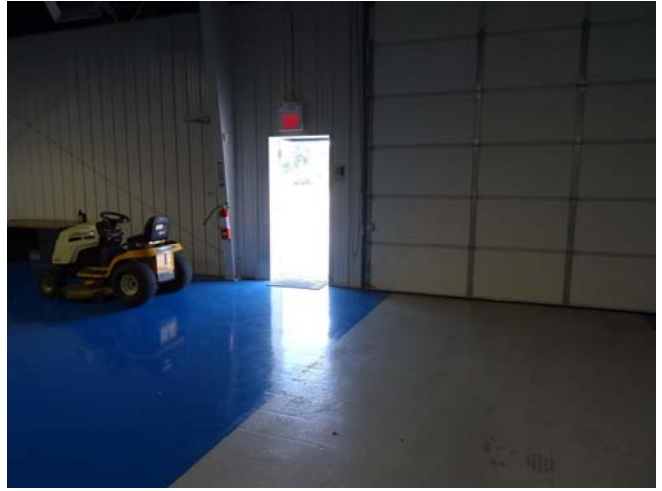
2nd floor office/work space



2nd floor utility closet (air handler)



Center bay (T-bird does not convey)



Center bay



Center bay ceiling (insulation replaced after fire damage)



End bay



Center bay radiant heater (1 of 2)



End bay exhaust fan (CO sensor)



End Bay mini-split AC unit



End bay mini-split AC pump



End bay double sliding door



End bay mini-split AC pump



East area (potential hunter education range site)



Office space heat pumps



Office space heat pumps



Damaged T1-11 siding



Septic lift station alarm



1st floor closet (water heater & pressure tank)



Telephone utility box



Water damaged siding



Owner's for sale sign



Sight distance (facing south) from wider of the two driveways



Sight distance facing north

EXHIBIT G-3

February 16, 2017

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): July 14, 2016

Tract: Shoe Heel Tract, Johnston County, 63.8 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

North Carolina and Virginia River and Waters
Program (Duke Energy Coal Ash Settlement Funds) \$ 233,000

Total Cost: \$ 233,000 (\$ 3,652/Acre)

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

| Requested by: | Appraiser | Effective Date | Appraised Value |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| WRC | Marc P. Jones | 10/22/2016 | \$ 225,000 (\$ 3,527/Acre) |

Date of Appraisal: See above.

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures: \$:

Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue: \$:

Additional Comments: Purchase agreement exceeds appraised value by 3.5%.

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

| STEWARDSHIP | | | | | |
|--|---|----------|------|-----------|-------------------|
| Estimated Stewardship Expenditures | | | | | |
| Tract Name | Activity | Quantity | Unit | Unit Cost | Total Cost |
| Shoe Heel | Boundary Establishment (Contract Survey) | 2,280 | ft. | \$1.25 | \$2,850.00 |
| | Boundary Establishment (WRC Staff) | 1.1 | mi. | \$135 | \$148.50 |
| Total | | | | | \$2,998.50 |
| <i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i> | | | | | |

| REVENUE | | | | | |
|--|--------|----------|------|--------------|---------------|
| Estimated Revenue Projections | | | | | |
| Tract Name | Source | Quantity | Unit | Unit Revenue | Total Revenue |
| Melton | NA | NA | NA | NA | \$ - |
| Total | | | | | \$ - |
| <i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i> | | | | | |

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Todd Ewing

Date First Presented to WRC: July 14, 2016

Tract Name: Shoe Heel Tract (Parcel ID Number 263700-48-7011)

Acreage: 63.8

County: Johnston

Estimated Value: \$245,000

Property Owner or Representative: Casey and Company Realty, LLC

Phone: (336)-838-5766

Address: 310 E. Main Street, Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Tract is eligible for funding through the North Carolina and Virginia River and Waters Program (Duke Energy Coal Ash Settlement Funds)

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): This property is located on the Little River in the Neuse River basin. Approximately 36 acres of thinned loblolly pine with the remainder in hardwood. Acquisition of this tract will help protect the federally-listed Tar River Spiny mussel, and numerous other Wildlife Action Plan priority species including the Yellow Lance, Carolina Madtom, and Atlantic Pigtoe which have been petitioned for federal listing. It contains 4,500 feet of frontage on Little River. This site can also serve as a potential augmentation site for many of these species.

Additional Comments: Tract has excellent access with 1,500 feet of paved state road frontage on Micro Road.

Preliminary estimates of five-year stewardship expenditures include surveying and marking 2,280 feet of property boundary @ \$1.25/foot (\$2,850). Another 1.1 miles of boundary adjoining the river and state road will be established by WRC staff at \$135/mi. (\$148.50). Total estimate of five-year expenditures is \$2,998.50.

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

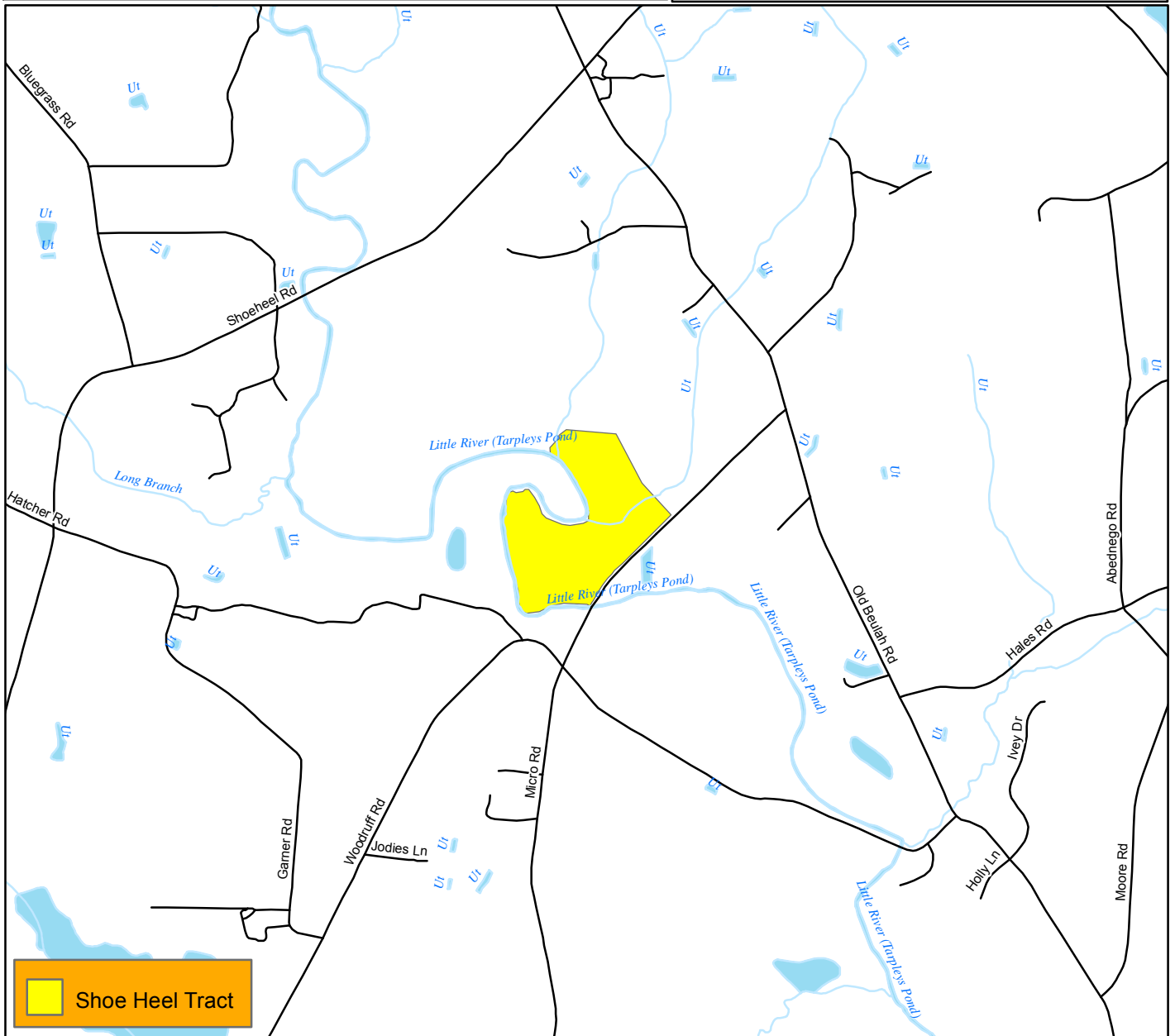
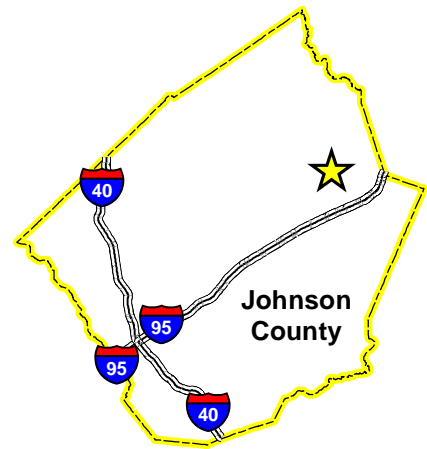
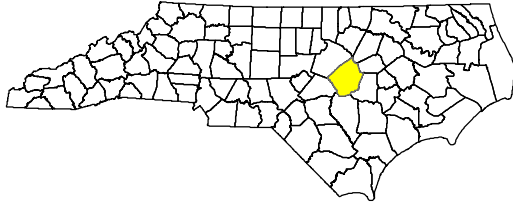
Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

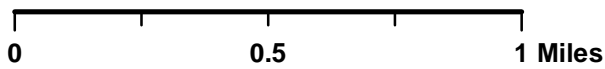
Shoe Heel Tract (Johnston County) - Priority Species

| SCIENTIFIC NAME | COMMON NAME | FED LISTED | STATE LISTED |
|---|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| AMPHIBIANS | | | |
| <i>Plethodon glutinosus</i> | Slimy Salamander | | |
| <i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i> | Dwarf Salamander | | SC |
| <i>Stereochilus marginatus</i> | Many-lined Salamander | | |
| <i>Necturus lewisi</i> | Neuse River Waterdog | | SC |
| <i>Siren lacertina</i> | Greater Siren | | |
| <i>Bufo quercicus</i> | Oak Toad | | SR |
| <i>Hyla andersonii</i> | Pine Barrens Treefrog | | SR |
| <i>Pseudacris brimleyi</i> | Brimley's Chorus Frog | | |
| BIRDS | | | |
| <i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i> | Hooded Merganser | | |
| <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> | Least Bittern | | SC |
| <i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i> | Mississippi Kite | | |
| <i>Falco sparverius</i> | American Kestrel | | |
| <i>Tyto alba</i> | Barn Owl | | SR |
| <i>Picoides borealis</i> | Red-cockaded Woodpecker | LE | E |
| <i>Lanius ludovicianus</i> | Loggerhead Shrike | | SC |
| <i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i> | Swainson's Warbler | | |
| <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i> | Grasshopper Sparrow | | |
| <i>Spiza americana</i> | Dickcissel | | |
| MAMMALS | | | |
| <i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i> | Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat | | T |
| <i>Sciurus niger</i> | Eastern Fox Squirrel | | SR-G |
| <i>Zapus hudsonius</i> | Meadow Jumping Mouse | | |
| REPTILES | | | |
| <i>Clemmys guttata</i> | Spotted Turtle | | |
| <i>Kinosternon baurii</i> | Striped Mud Turtle | | |
| <i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i> | Slender Glass Lizard | | SR |
| <i>Cemophora coccinea</i> | Scarlet Snake | | |
| <i>Farancia erytrogramma</i> | Rainbow Snake | | |
| <i>Heterodon simus</i> | Southern Hognose Snake | | SC |
| <i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i> | Scarlet Kingsnake | | |
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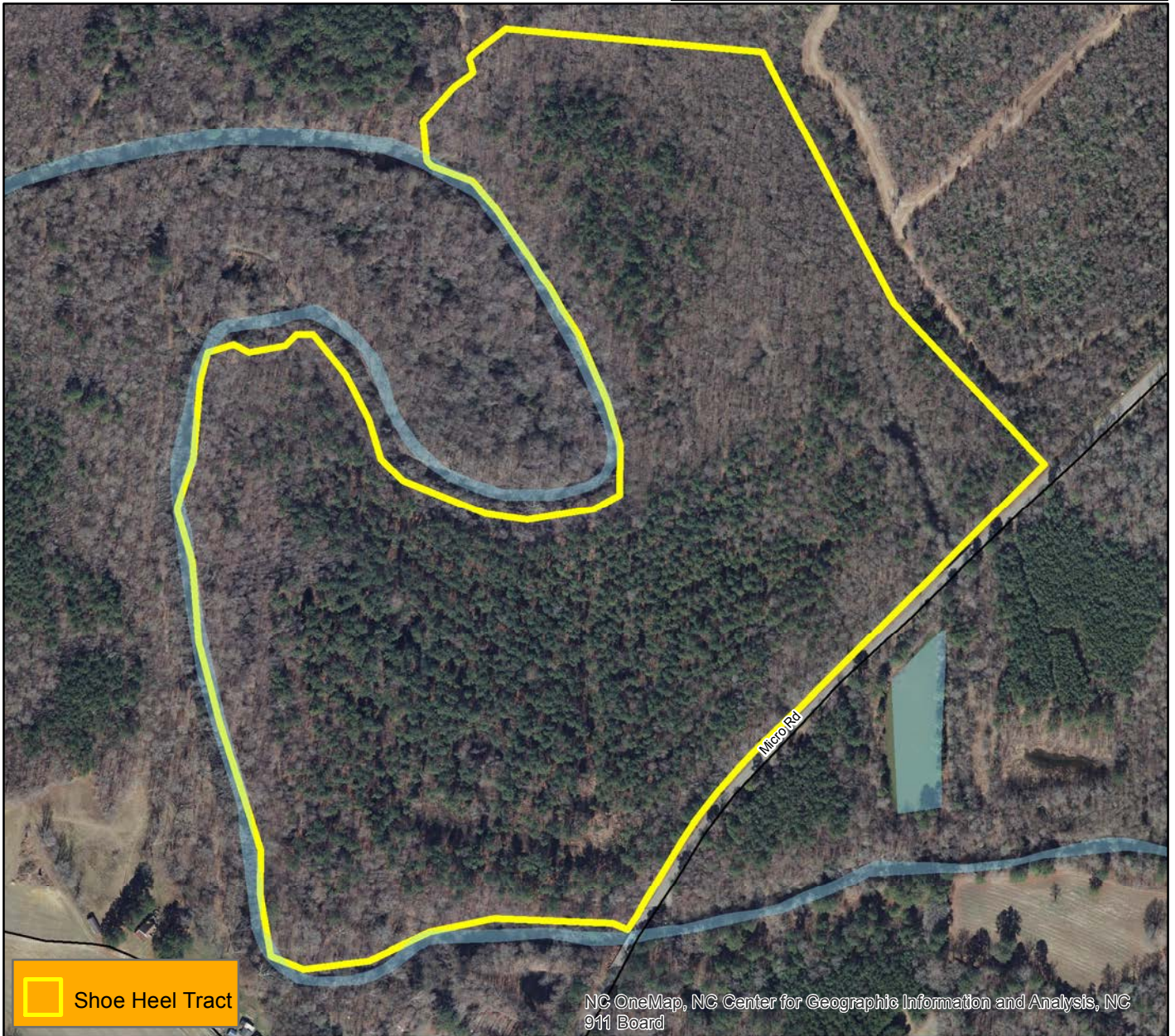
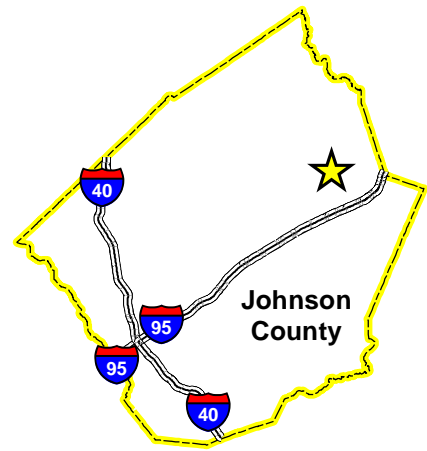
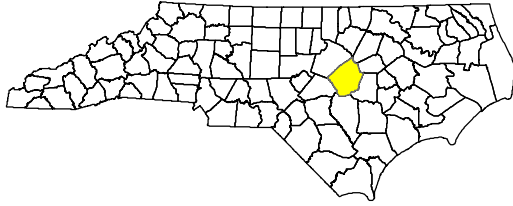
Shoe Heel Tract Johnson County 63.8 Acres



June 26, 2016



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 Shoe Heel Tract

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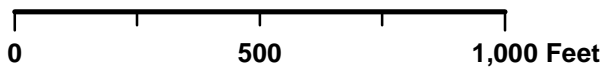


EXHIBIT H

February 16, 2017



☒ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ☒

January 23, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian McRae, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Coordinator
Land and Water Access

SUBJECT: Annexation of Columbia Depot Site

In November 2016, we closed on the Ward tracts in Tyrrell County, which represent an 8-acre site containing existing infrastructure to support our Columbia Land Management Crew. The property fronts on the west side of North Road Street Extension (SR 1209) and lays adjacent to, but just outside of, the Town of Columbia municipal limits. The properties on the east side of the road fall within the town limits.

We have recently engaged in discussions with Columbia's town manager regarding the potential to connect our new depot facilities to the existing town sewer system. In order to do so, the town has requested that we apply for annexation. The town has agreed to waive the costs associated with annexation, but wants to ensure they are in a position to collect future taxes in the event the state should ever sell the property to private interests. Our costs will be limited to a sewer tap fee of \$400, plus the cost of connection.

Staff recommends approval to proceed with the annexation application in order to take advantage of the town's sewer service.

Land and Water Access

Mailing Address: 1720 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1720

Physical Address: 1751 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27606

Phone: 919-707-0150

Fax: 919-707-0162

Petition for Annexation

Application for Sewer Service

\$400 tap fee +
additional cost
of connection.

Plot of property (ies)
served (both)

TOWN OF COLUMBIA

PETITION REQUESTING ANNEXATION

Date: _____ Telephone: _____

Name: _____

Type of Annexation requested: Contiguous

CHECK ONE Non-Contiguous

Location of property and register of deeds information:

(description of the proposed area by metes and bounds, attach a map showing the proposed area and the area in relation to primary corporate limits, any other descriptive information; this information may be attached)

Cost of annexation consideration as follows:

(due upon filing of petition)

Residential

- Lot of 29,000 square feet or less: \$500.00 (WAIVED) RBW
- Per lot greater than 29,000 square feet but less than one acre (44,000 square feet): \$750.00 (WAIVED) RBW
- Per acre if not subdivided and gross area greater than one acre: \$1,000.00 per acre (maximum amount to be charged will be \$15,000) N/A RBW

Signature of petitioner(s): _____

TOWN OF COLUMBIA
WATER/SEWER APPLICATION

AN APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR SERVICE FROM THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA FOR WATER/SEWER.

THE REQUIRED DEPOSIT SHALL BE REFUNDED WHEN THE CUSTOMER VACATES THE PROPERTY, PROVIDED THERE IS NO UNPAID BALANCE AGAINST THE DEPOSIT AT THE TIME THE CUSTOMER VACATES SAID PROPERTY.

| | WATER | SEWER |
|--------|----------------|---------|
| 3/4" | METER \$100.00 | \$50.00 |
| 1" | METER \$125.00 | |
| 1 1/2" | METER \$150.00 | |
| 2" | METER \$200.00 | |

METER NO. _____ DATE OF APPLICATION _____

METER READING _____

WATER TAP FEE PAID: \$ N/A

SEWER TAP FEE PAID: \$ 400⁰⁰ DATE RECORDED: _____

DEPOSIT PAID: \$ _____ BY: _____

STREET SERVICE ADDRESS: _____

ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

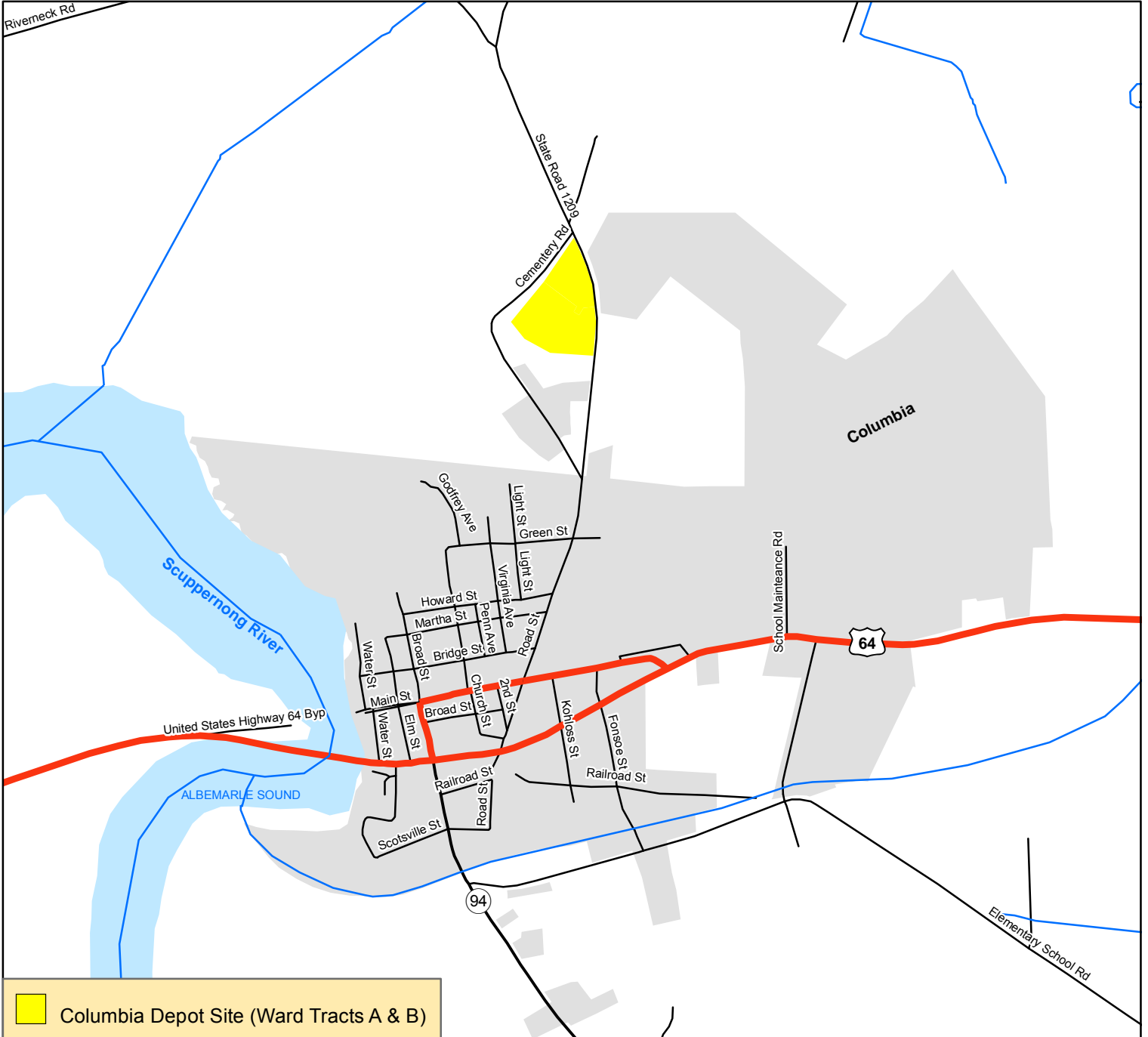
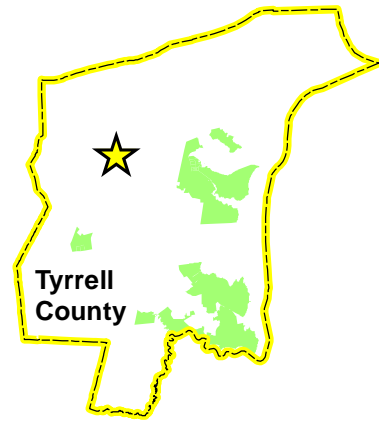
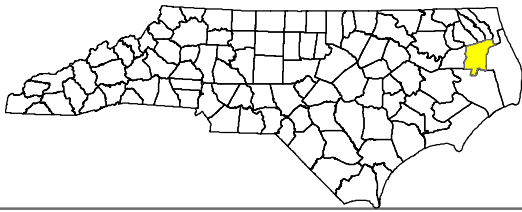
**SOCIAL SECURITY# _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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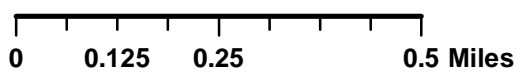
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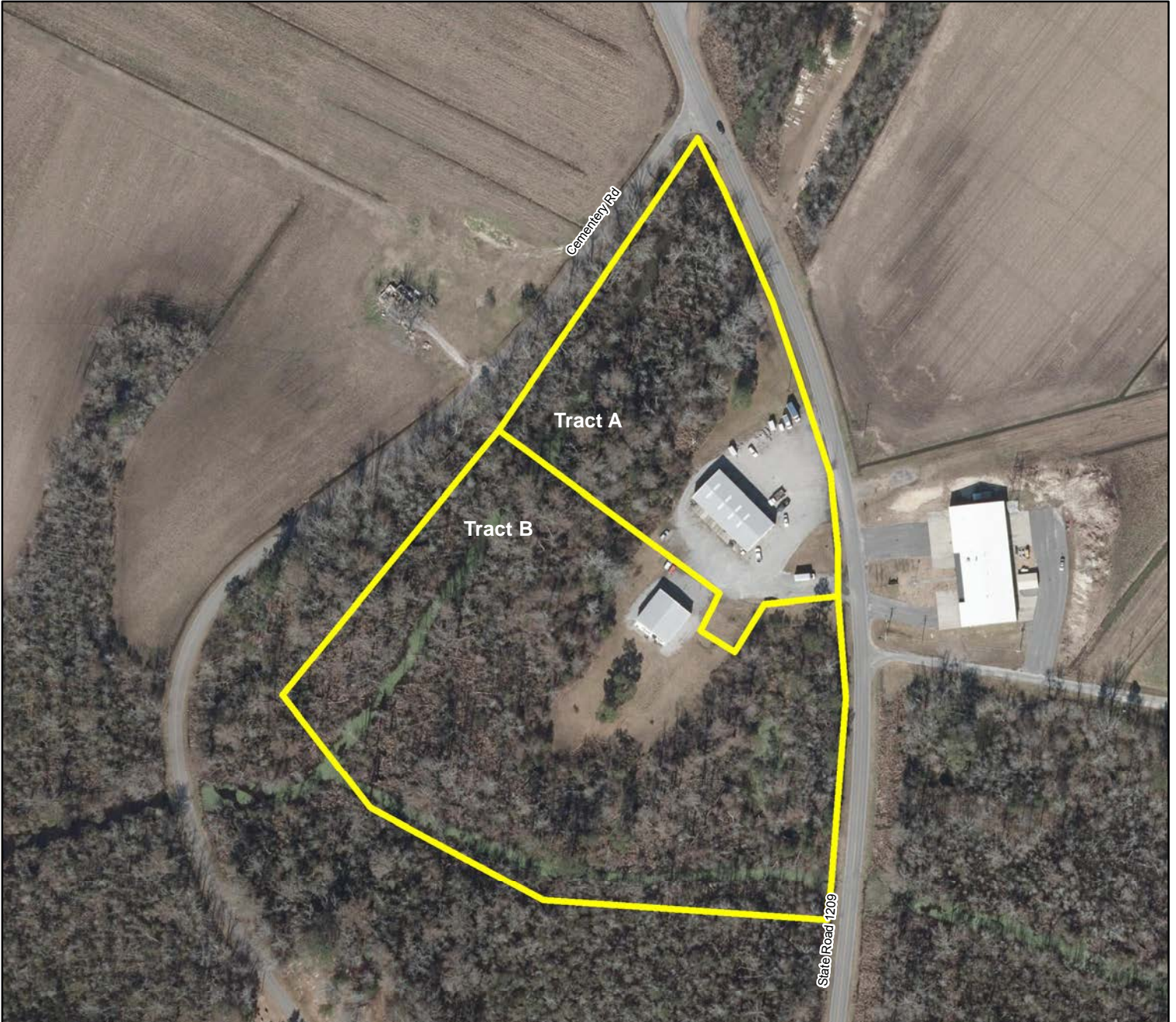
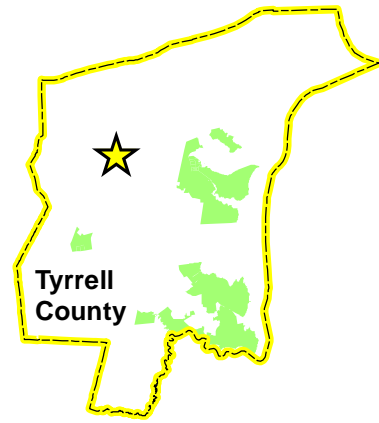
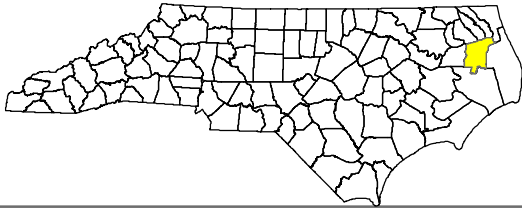
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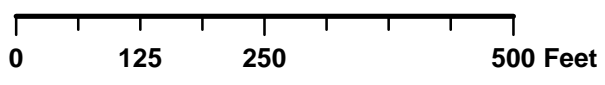


EXHIBIT I

February 16, 2017



☒ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ☒

January 31, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian McRae, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Coordinator
Land and Water Access

SUBJECT: Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation
Property Lease Request

On August 24, 2016, WRC's Land Use and Access Committee (LUAC) was presented a request from Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation regarding a long-term lease of \pm 27 acres of WRC-allocated property along the western shore of Lake Rim in Fayetteville to support recreational development. Pending a request for additional information, LUAC withheld endorsement of this project. At its business meeting on August 25, the Commission accepted the LUAC recommendation and took no action on this request. This request was discussed by LUAC again on December 7, 2016. Committee members reiterated the request for additional information, but no formal exhibit was presented and no action was taken.

Specifically, staff was asked to determine fair market value, to obtain additional information on the scope of planned development, and to evaluate future WRC needs on the subject property. To that end, we have obtained an appraisal report from McDonald Appraisal Services which indicates the "as is" market value as of November 6, 2016 to be \$675,000 (\$25,000/acre). We have also received a concept design from Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks which identifies the planned infrastructure for the site and that plan is attached.

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A copy of the incoming request is attached, along with a map identifying the approximate boundaries of the subject lease parcel and the concept plan.

State ownership of the subject property remains important to ensure continued protection of water quality within Lake Rim, but otherwise, we are aware of no current or future WRC plans for use of the property. If a new lease is approved, staff will work to ensure that lease language requires the use of low impact facility design methodologies to protect the lake. We will also work to establish a MOA to transfer routine maintenance of the existing public fishing and boating areas to Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation, thus reducing WRC's current investment of staff resources and associated expenditures. As an additional benefit, the development of new public recreational opportunities is expected to significantly reduce the current level of non-fishing and non-boating use that presently occurs at these existing WRC facilities.

Lastly, additional due diligence has confirmed that WRC entered a similar lease arrangement with Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks in 1995 to support development of the adjacent Lake Rim Park, which lays immediately south of Old Raeford Road (SR 3569). The park was developed on WRC property under a lease agreement with a term of 40 years and an annual payment of \$1.00.

In the spirit of continuing a long-standing partnership, staff recommends seeking WRC approval to work with the State Property Office Leasing Section to execute the requested lease for a term of 30 years, which is the maximum term currently allowed without legislative approval. Staff further recommends that we do so without compensation, provided that Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks agrees to assume routine maintenance of WRC's existing Lake Rim public fishing and boating access areas and also agrees to provide WRC with opportunities to review and comment on all subsequent construction plans to ensure that potential impacts to Lake Rim are minimized to the extent possible.

Fayetteville Cumberland PARKS & RECREATION

June 30, 2016

To: Brian McRae, NC Wildlife Resources Commission Land and Water Access Section Chief

From: Michael Gibson, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation Director

RE: Request for Lease of Property, Parcel #9486-58-5628

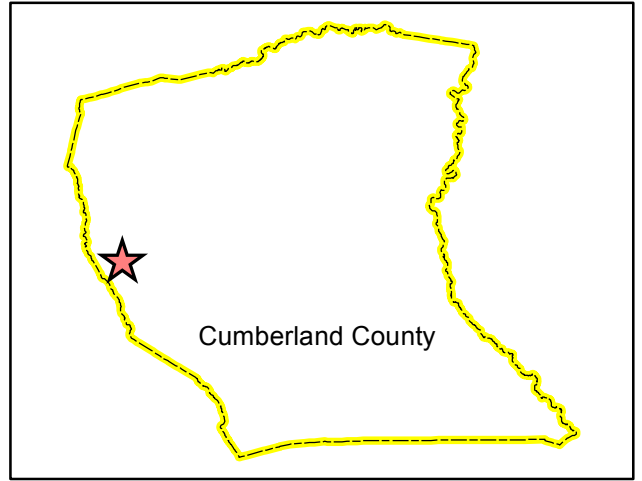
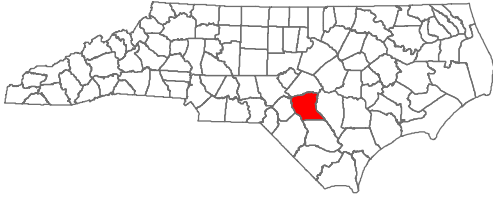
In March 2016 City of Fayetteville Residents passed a Parks and Recreation Bond Referendum for support of recreation development within the City of Fayetteville. The proposed projects include new facilities as well as renovations to existing facilities. One of the intended new facilities is a Community Center for Seniors. This facility would include a fitness room, dance studio, library and art studio.

It is the intent of Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation to develop this recreation project in western Fayetteville. The desired location for this project is located on Raeford Road, adjacent to Bones Creek. This space of 20-25 acres is located within parcel #9486-58-5628. Additional recreation developments on this parcel will include a dog park, walking trails and fishing ramps.

The Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Department would like to enter into a long-term lease, approximately 40 to 50 years, for use of the desired acreage within this parcel. Once under lease, development of these projects would be initiated within 12-18 months. Attached is a copy of the proposed acreage to be used for recreational development.

Enclosures

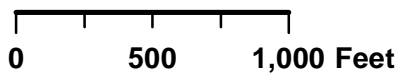
Fayetteville -Cumberland Parks & Recreation Lease Tract Cumberland County +/-27 Acres

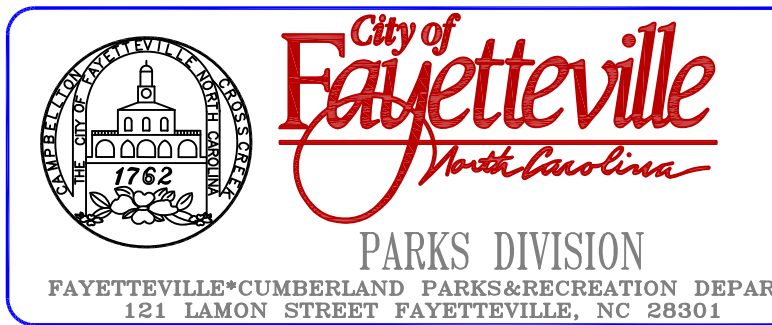
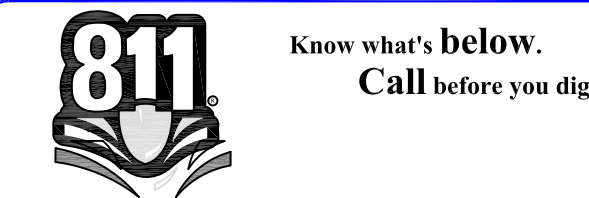
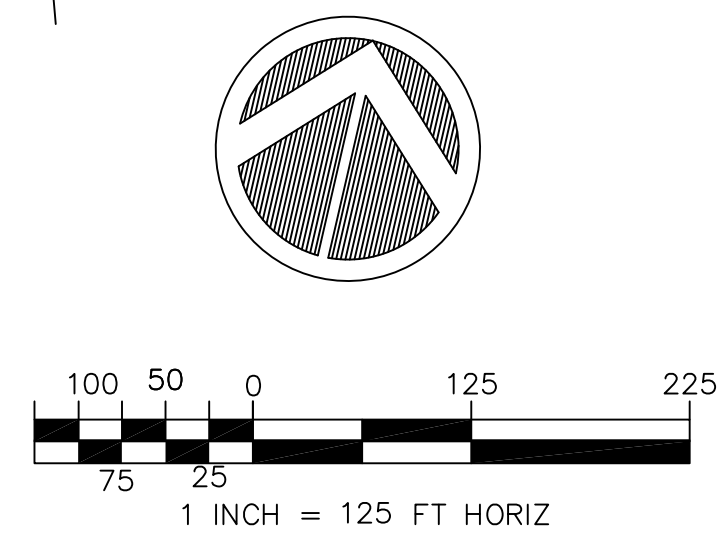
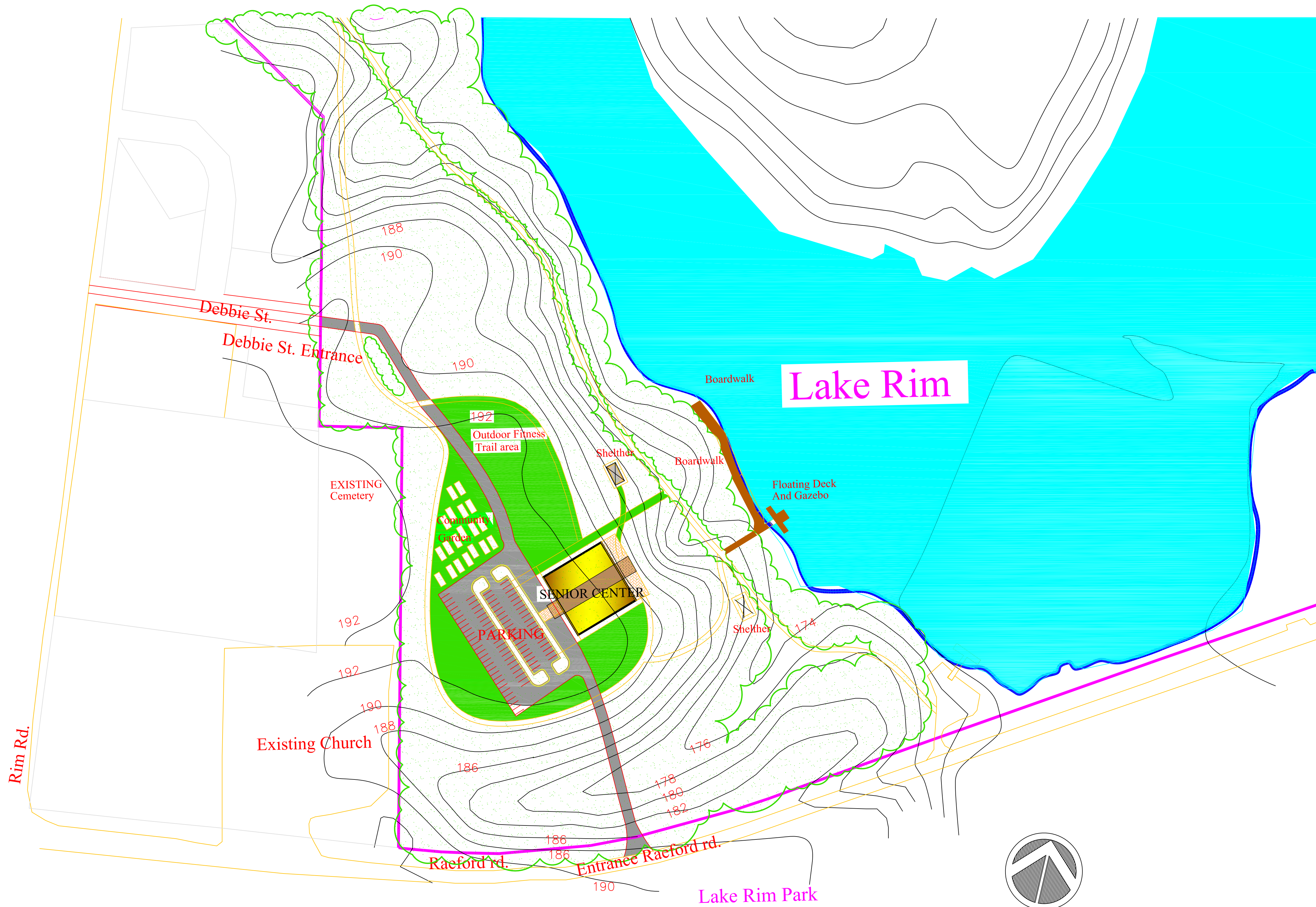


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EXHIBIT J

February 16, 2017



⊠ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ⊠

January 30, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian McRae, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Coordinator

SUBJECT: City of Fayetteville Permanent & Temporary Easement Request
John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center – Cumberland County
Old Raeford Road (SR 3569)

The City of Fayetteville Public Works Commission has requested temporary and permanent easements along Old Raeford Road (SR 3569), adjacent to WRC-owned property in Cumberland County, to facilitate installation of sanitary sewer lines.

The permanent easement required is identified as variable in width and totals 497 square feet. Temporary construction easement is approximately 10 feet in width and totals 9,703 square feet.

No significant negative impacts are anticipated and staff recommends approval, with appropriate compensation to be determined by the NC State Property Office pursuant to appraisal of fair market value.

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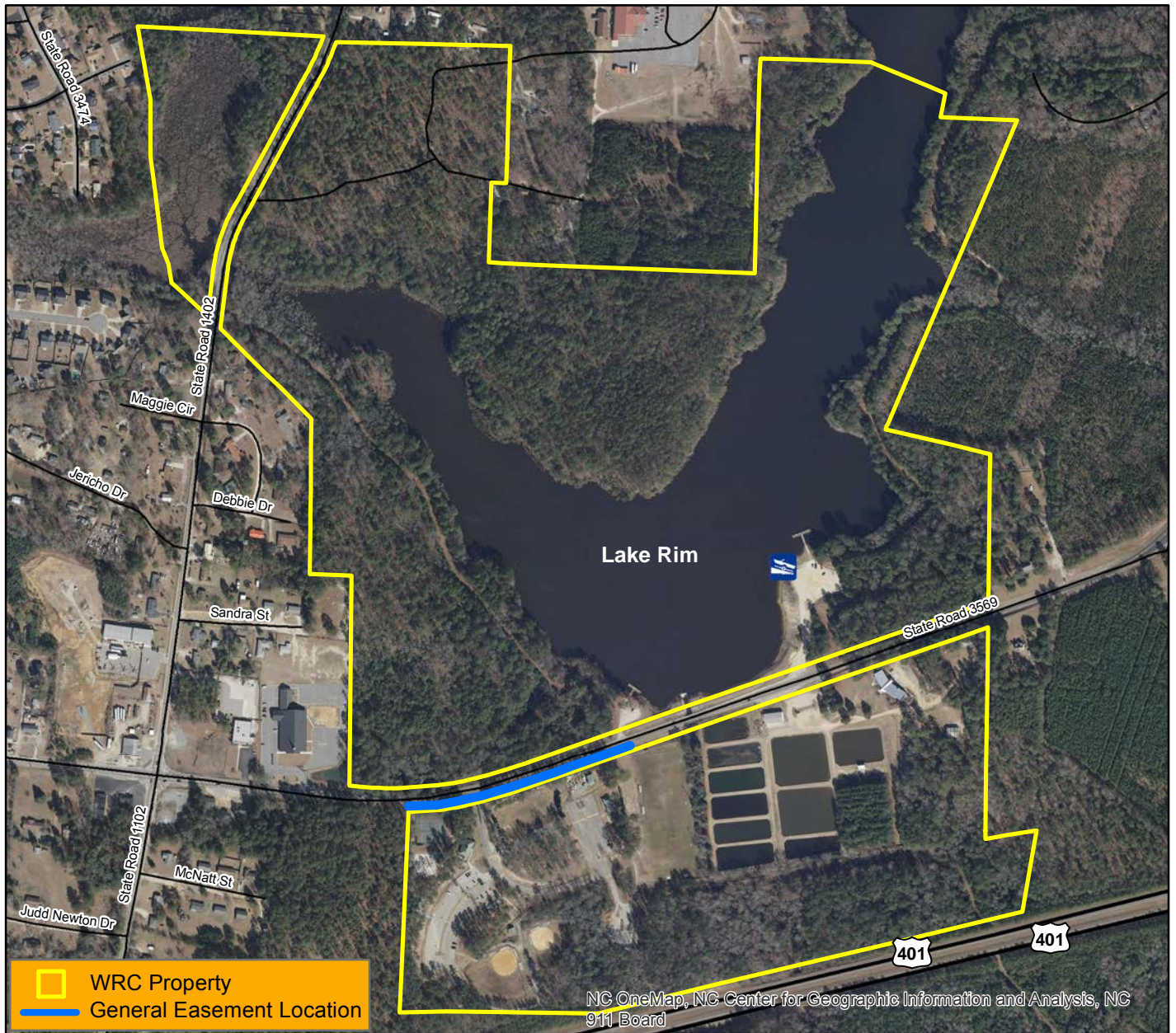
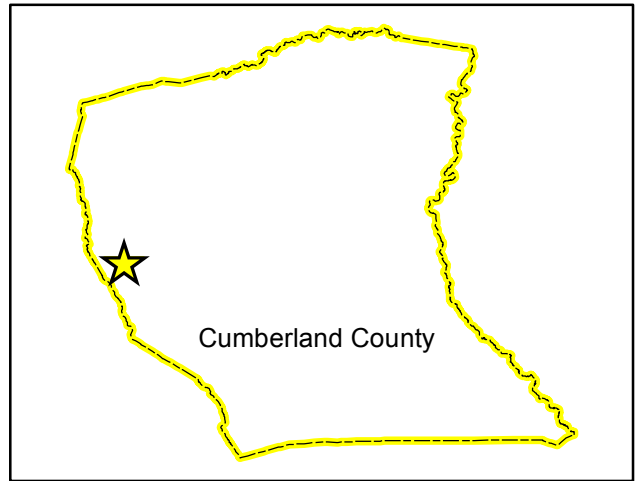
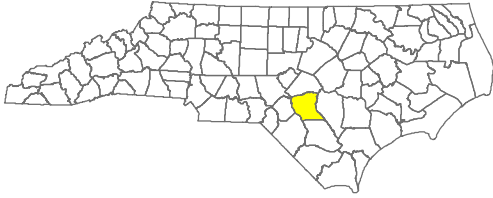
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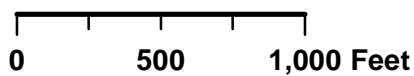
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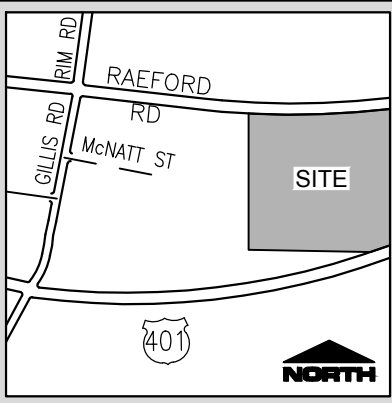
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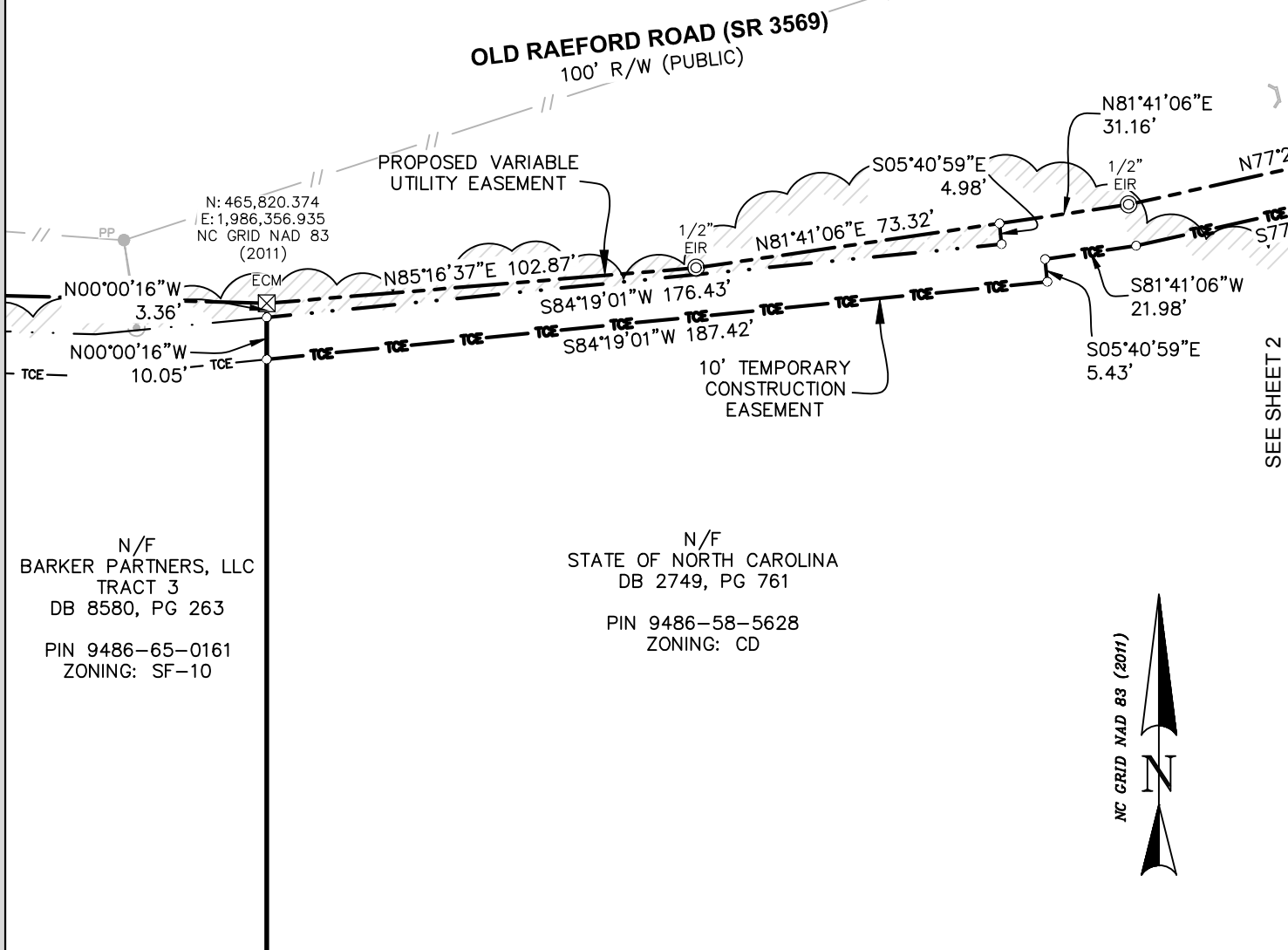
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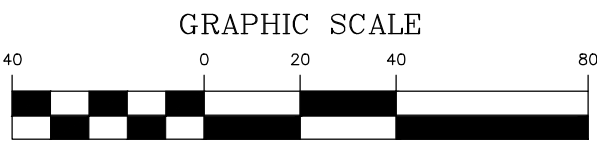
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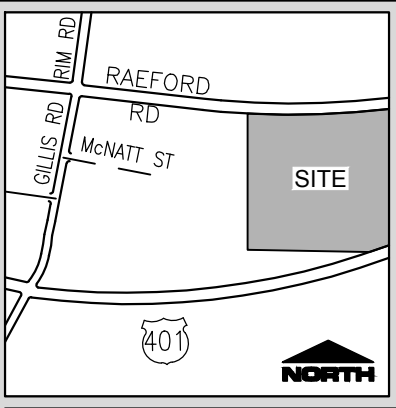
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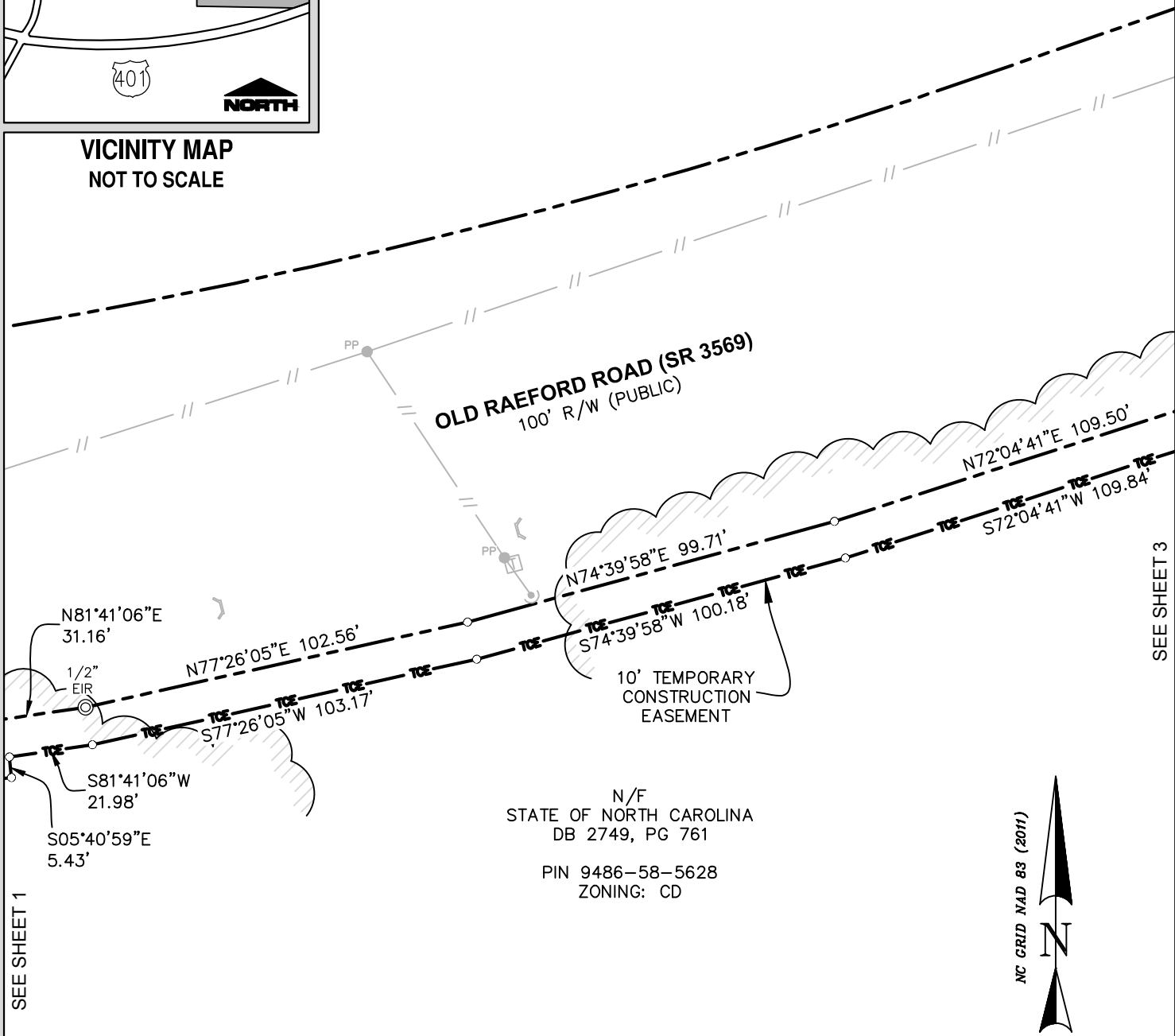
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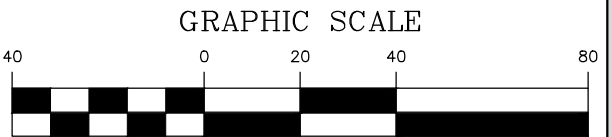
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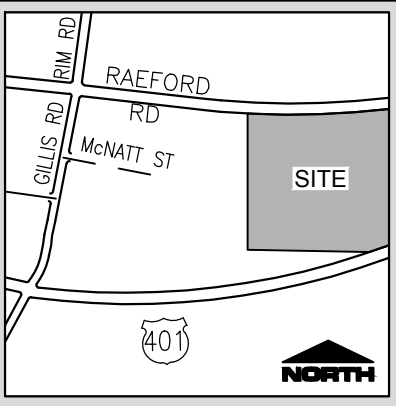


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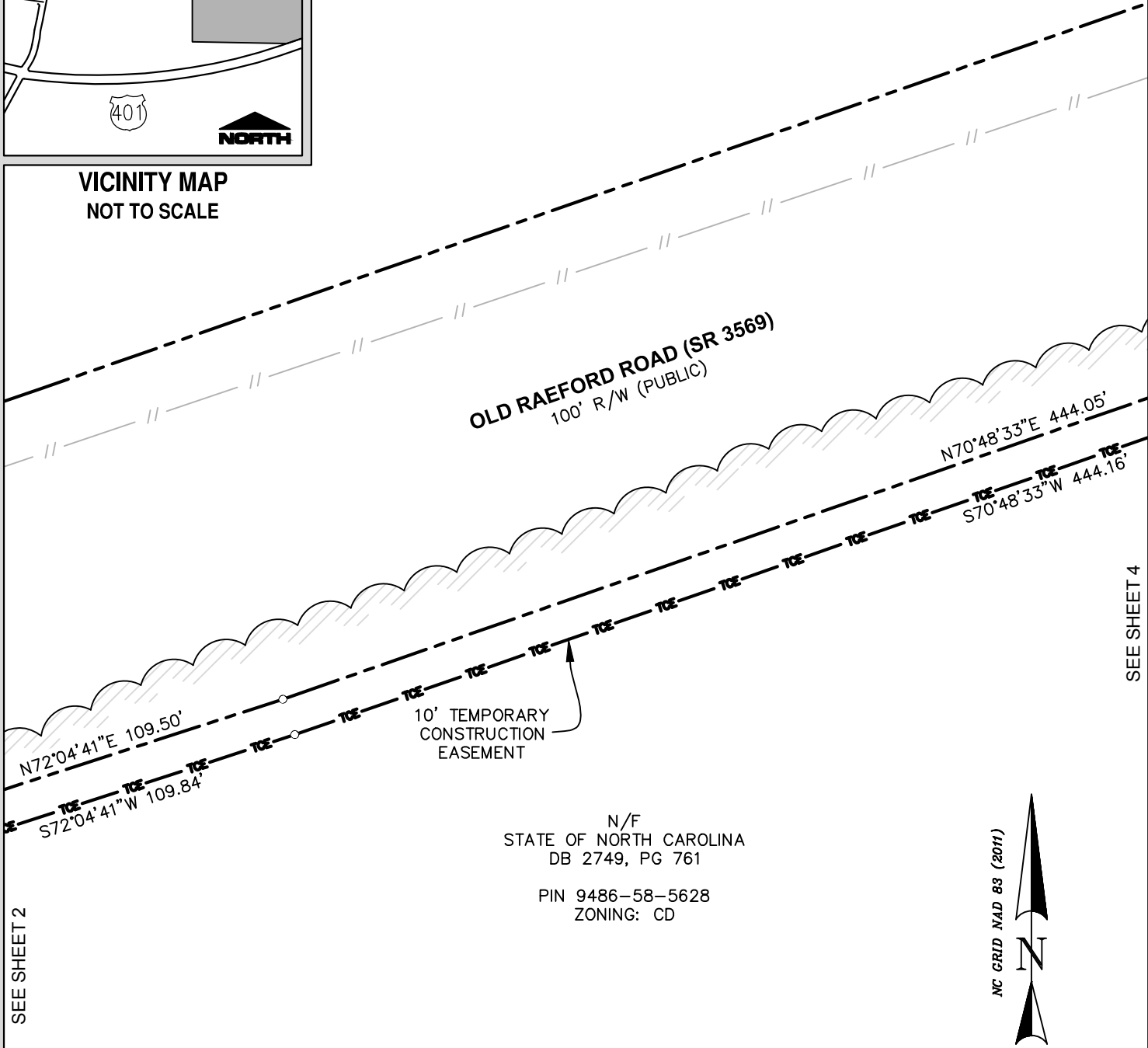
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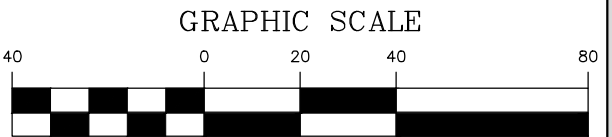
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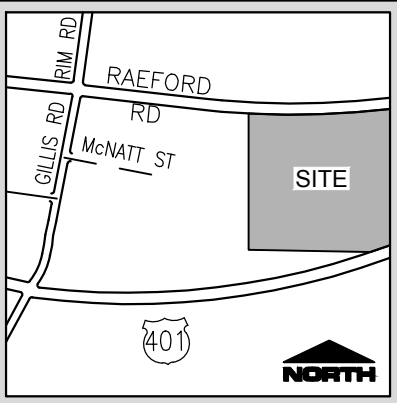
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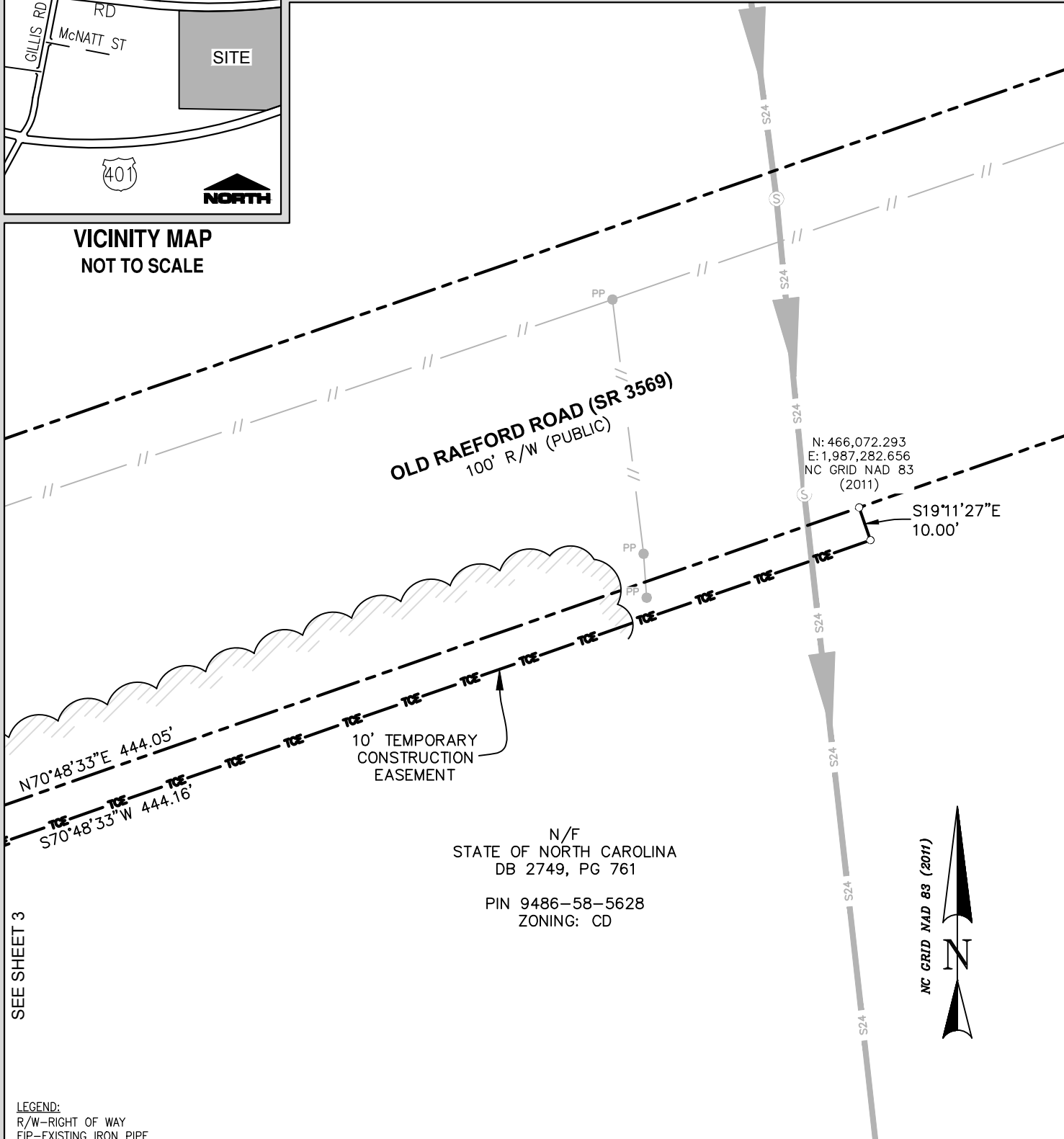
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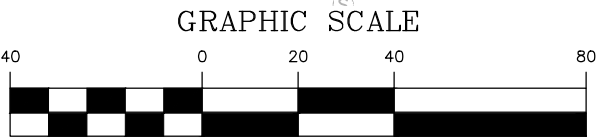
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February 16, 2017



◊ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ◊

January 23, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian McRae, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Coordinator
Land and Water Access

SUBJECT: Powerline and Easement Relocation
Norwood Boating Access Area, Stanly County

Duke Energy has determined that an existing overhead powerline at the Norwood Boating Access Area on Lake Tillery in Stanly County does not meet the minimum height requirement per the National Electric Safety Code. The proposed solution is to relocate the line and power pole to the western edge of the access area property, parallel to Nicks Road.

Relocation of the powerline and pole will require clearing approximately 0.1 acres. It will also be necessary to grant Duke Energy a new 30-foot easement to accommodate two new poles and 340 feet of new line. The new easement will involve approximately 0.2 acres (30 ft. X 340 ft.).

The existing line passes over the “make ready and tie-down area” and relocation will eliminate this potential safety hazard. Movement of the existing pole will also provide for an additional vehicle with trailer parking space.

Staff recommends seeking WRC approval to grant the necessary easement to relocate the existing powerline.

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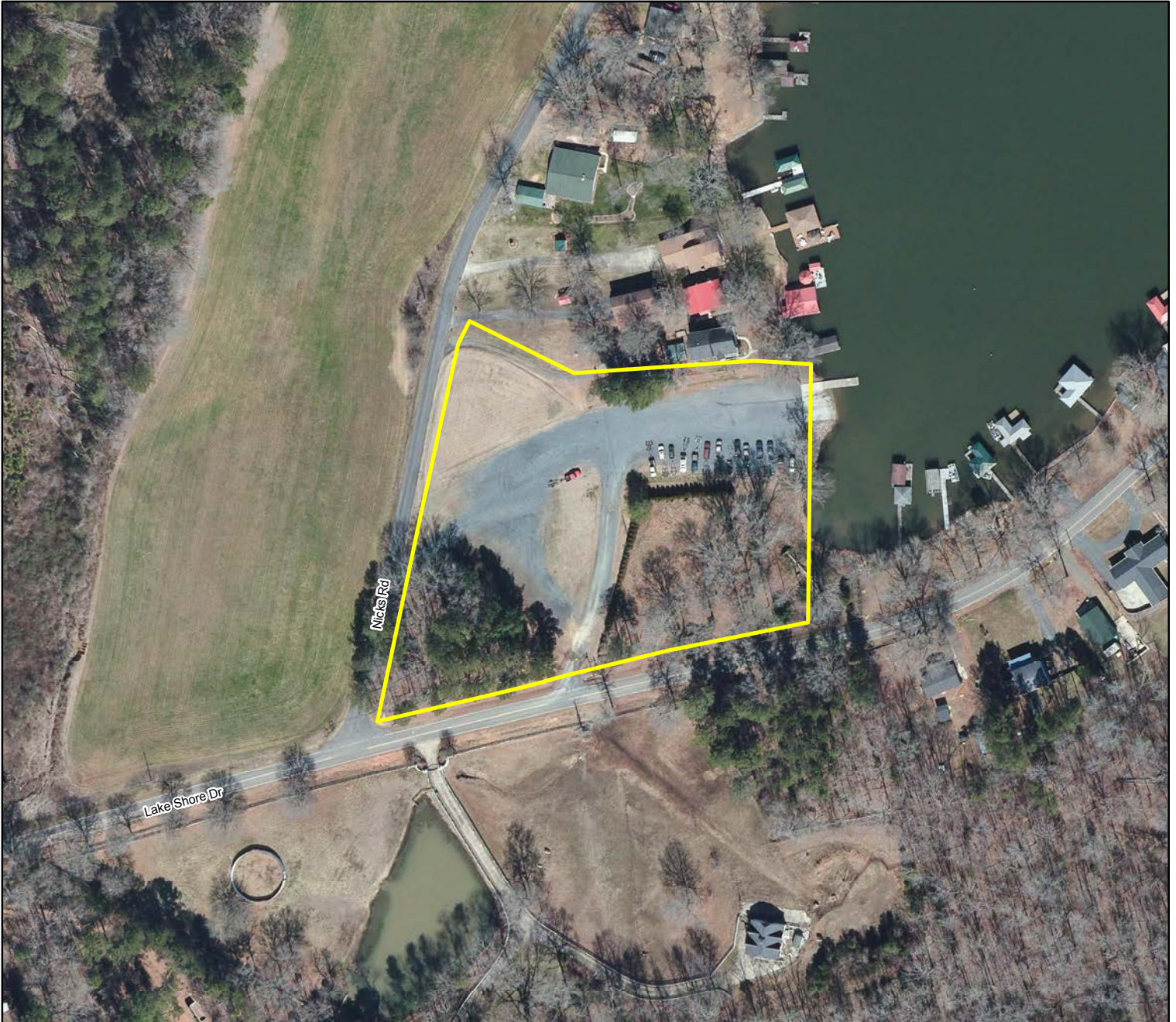
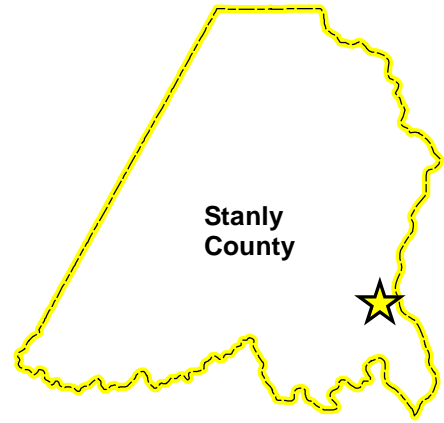
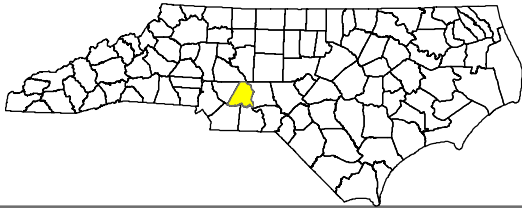
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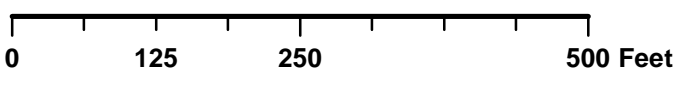


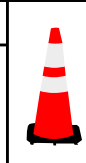
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 Norwood Boating Access Area



January 23, 2017





REMEMBER: Work zone area conditions may have changed for this job! Everyone is responsible for verifying the above safety information is correct prior to any work being performed each day.



EXHIBIT L

February 16, 2017



⊠ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ⊠

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Chief Deputy Director
Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Section Chief

FROM: Shannon L. Deaton, Manager, Division of Habitat Conservation

DATE: February 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Boating Access Area Conservation Easements – Dominion North Carolina Power

In July 1999 Dominion North Carolina Power (Dominion) submitted a hydropower application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to continue operations under a new 40-year license for the Roanoke Rapids and Gaston Hydropower Project Combination Project Number 2009. Large, privately-owned hydropower dams are licensed by FERC to use public trust waters in generating electricity.

On July 15, 2003 a stakeholder settlement agreement was submitted to FERC summarizing collaborative agreements that have been reached. One portion of this agreement is developing conservation easement documents for eight (8) boating access areas. These conservation easements would allow the Commission to assume responsibility for these existing boating access areas as they are currently utilized by the public in the event that the project ceases to be a federally licensed hydroelectric project.

*The continued recreational use and management of Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids
Lake recreational facilities for North Carolina sportsmen.*

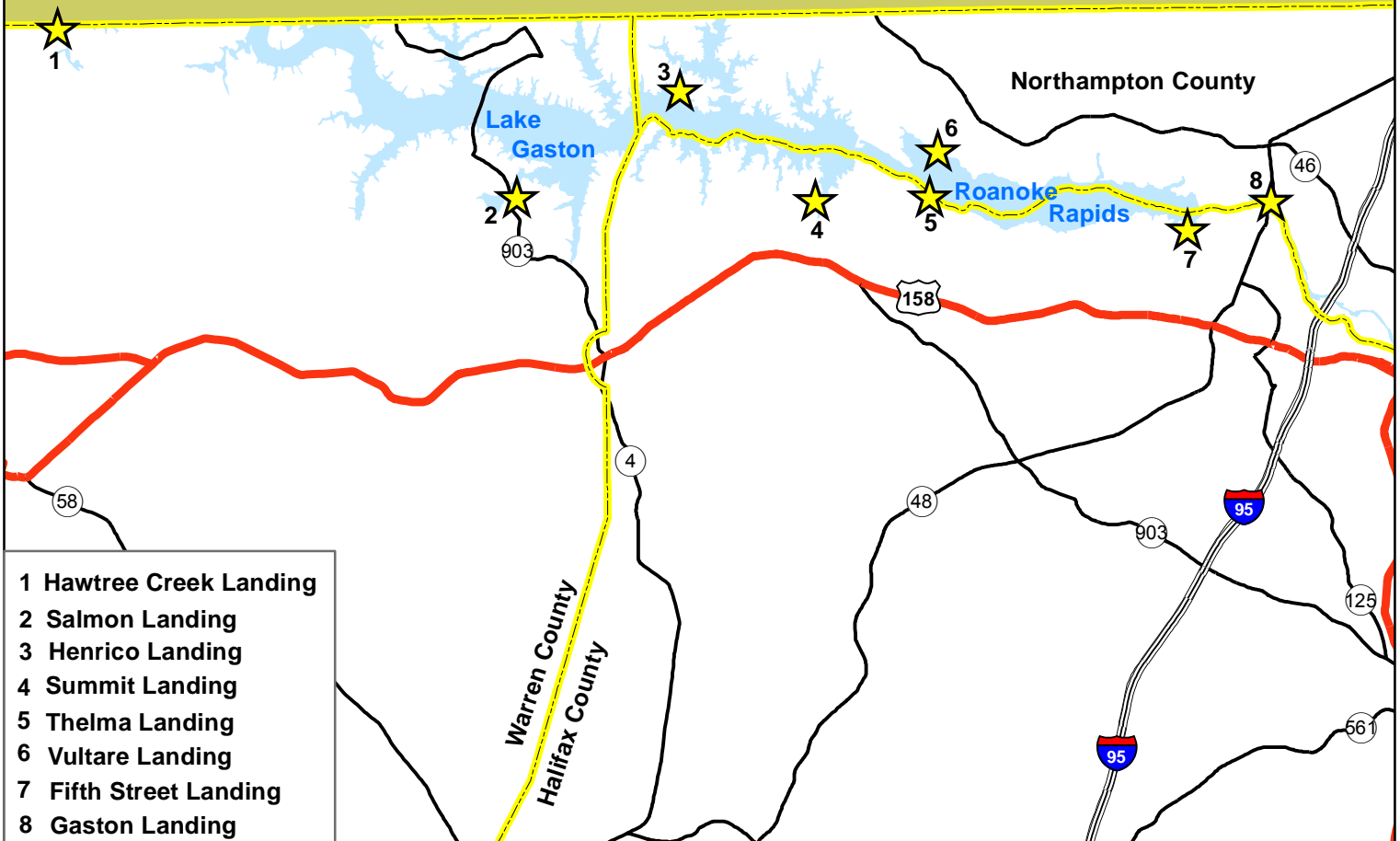
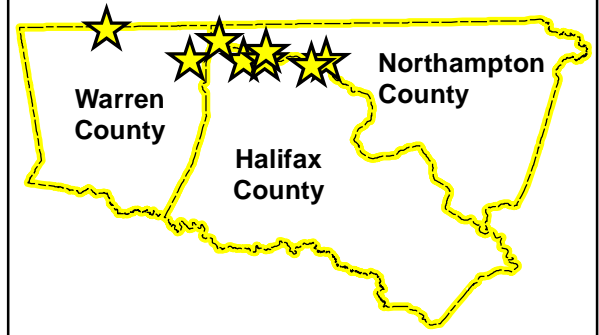
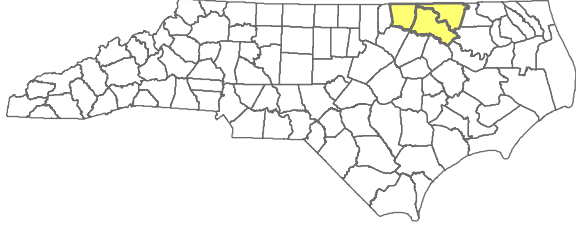
- The Licensee agrees to negotiate and convey recreational easements to the recreational facilities in North Carolina to NC Wildlife Resources Commission. However, these easements will only become effective in the event that the project ceases to be a federally licensed hydroelectric project. The Licensee agrees to negotiate the terms of the easement to keep on file with the NC State Property Office.

Below is a table summarizing the eight (8) boating access areas along with attached area maps:

| Site name | County | Reservoir | Acreage |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| 5 th Street Landing | Halifax | Roanoke Rapids | 5.76 |
| Summit Landing | Halifax | Gaston | 0.21 |
| Thelma Landing | Halifax | Roanoke Rapids | 1.35 |
| Gaston Landing | Northampton | Roanoke River | 2.54 |
| Henrico | Northampton | Gaston | 0.62 |
| Vulture Landing | Northampton | Roanoke Rapids | 0.31 |
| Hawtree | Warren | Gaston | 0.79 |
| Salmon Landing | Warren | Gaston | 0.36 |

Staff is seeking approval from the Commission to move forward with these conservation easements through State Property Office and assist Dominion in being in full compliance with their settlement agreement.

Boating & Fishing Access Easements Dominion North Carolina Power Halifax, Northampton & Warren Co's



- 1 Hawtree Creek Landing
- 2 Salmon Landing
- 3 Henrico Landing
- 4 Summit Landing
- 5 Thelma Landing
- 6 Vulture Landing
- 7 Fifth Street Landing
- 8 Gaston Landing



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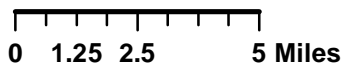




EXHIBIT M-1

February 16, 2017

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Game Land Regulations for 2017-2018

| Proposal | Proposed Text | Position Count | Comment Types |
|----------|--|----------------------------|--|
| G1 | Add Columbus County to the rule defining Green Swamp Bear Sanctuary. | 138 :Agree 5 :Disagree | 12 :Online 130 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| G2 | Define youth as a person under 18 years of age. | 151 :Agree 59 :Disagree | 38 :Online 169 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email |
| G3 | On game lands owned by the State of NC, where NCWRC is the primary custodian, limit consecutive nights stay on designated camping areas to a maximum of 14 days within any 30-day period from May 1 – August 31. | 181 :Agree 14 :Disagree | 44 :Online 149 :Comment Card 2 :Letter/Email |
| G4 | Modify the deer either-sex season on Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve in Robeson County from Moderate to Maximum. | 133 :Agree 12 :Disagree | 11 :Online 132 :Comment Card 2 :Letter/Email |
| G5 | Except for hunters engaged in the act of hunting, restrict the use of bicycles to Sundays only from September 1 – May 14 on Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land. | 164 :Agree 11 :Disagree | 24 :Online 150 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| G6 | Remove NCAC text that establishes Cherokee Game Land in Ashe County. | 150 :Agree 3 :Disagree | 16 :Online 136 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| G7 | Establish Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County as a Permit Only Area. | 137 :Agree 7 :Disagree | 12 :Online 131 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| G8 | Remove the permit requirement for hunting deer and bear on Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County. | 147 :Agree 20 :Disagree | 23 :Online 142 :Comment Card 2 :Letter/Email |
| G9 | Establish Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County as a three-day-per-week area with a conservative either-sex deer season and prohibit bear hunting. | 139 :Agree 22 :Disagree | 19 :Online 141 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| G10 | Modify the deer either-sex season on Robeson County Game Land in Robeson County from Moderate to Maximum. | 135 :Agree 10 :Disagree | 12 :Online 131 :Comment Card 2 :Letter/Email |
| G11 | Restrict the use of vessels on managed waterfowl impoundments on Suggs Mill Pond Game Land to permitted waterfowl hunters only from November 1 – March 15, and except for Sundays, apply the same restriction to Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake from November 1 – January 31. | 131 :Agree 12 :Disagree | 15 :Online 126 :Comment Card 2 :Letter/Email |

| Proposal | Proposed Text | Position Count | Comment Types |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| G12 | Prohibit target shooting on Uwharrie Game Land, except on the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range. | 142 :Agree 16 :Disagree | 16 :Online 141 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| G13 | Establish Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County as a Permit Only Area. | 138 :Agree 18 :Disagree | 25 :Online 130 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| G14 | Establish the William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County as a six-day-per-week game land with an introductory either-sex deer season. | 152 :Agree 10 :Disagree | 24 :Online 137 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email |
| O | Propose a Regulation (Game Lands) | | 22 :Online 17 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email |

**Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Game Land Regulations for 2017-2018
by District**

| Proposal | District 1 | District 2 | District 3 | District 4 | District 5 | District 6 | District 7 | District 8 | District 9 | Out of State |
|----------------|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| G13 | Position Count: 5 : Agree 2 : Disagree Comment Types: 2 : Online 5 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 13 : Agree 2 : Disagree Comment Types: 8 : Online 7 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 9 : Agree 1 : Disagree Comment Types: 2 : Online 8 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 7 : Agree 0 : Disagree Comment Types: 1 : Online 6 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 9 : Agree 0 : Disagree Comment Types: 1 : Online 7 : Comment Card 1 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 12 : Agree 1 : Disagree Comment Types: 4 : Online 9 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 2 : Agree 0 : Disagree Comment Types: 1 : Online 1 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 28 : Agree 8 : Disagree Comment Types: 3 : Online 33 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 53 : Agree 4 : Disagree Comment Types: 3 : Online 54 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 0 : Agree 0 : Disagree Comment Types: 0 : Online 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email |
| G14 | Position Count: 3 : Agree 1 : Disagree Comment Types: 0 : Online 4 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 5 : Agree 1 : Disagree Comment Types: 1 : Online 5 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 11 : Agree 0 : Disagree Comment Types: 1 : Online 10 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 7 : Agree 0 : Disagree Comment Types: 1 : Online 6 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 9 : Agree 0 : Disagree Comment Types: 1 : Online 7 : Comment Card 1 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 12 : Agree 0 : Disagree Comment Types: 3 : Online 9 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 2 : Agree 0 : Disagree Comment Types: 1 : Online 1 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 35 : Agree 3 : Disagree Comment Types: 5 : Online 33 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 67 : Agree 5 : Disagree Comment Types: 10 : Online 62 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 1 : Agree 0 : Disagree Comment Types: 1 : Online 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email |
| O (Game Lands) | Position Count: 1 : Other Comment Types: 1 : Online 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 5 : Other Comment Types: 2 : Online 1 : Comment Card 2 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 7 : Other Comment Types: 6 : Online 0 : Comment Card 1 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 3 : Other Comment Types: 1 : Online 2 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 1 : Other Comment Types: 1 : Online 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 6 : Other Comment Types: 4 : Online 2 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 1 : Other Comment Types: 1 : Online 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 4 : Other Comment Types: 1 : Online 3 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 15 : Other Comment Types: 5 : Online 9 : Comment Card 1 : Letter/Email | Position Count: 0 : Other Comment Types: 0 : Online 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email |

Letter and Petitions Received During the Public Comment Period for the
2017-2018 Regulatory Cycle
Land and Water Access Division

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following letters representing an organization*:

- 1) Supports establishing Voice of America as a permit-only game land (G13)
Pamlico Albemarle Wildlife Conservationists, signed by Attila Nemezc, President
- 2) Supports adding nearly 7,300 acres to the game land program (G7, G9, G13 and G14)
North Carolina Wildlife Federation, signed by Tim Gestwicki, CEO

*Complete letters provided electronically. Hard copies available upon request.

EXHIBIT M-2

February 16, 2017



PROPOSED CHANGES IN GAME LAND REGULATIONS FOR 2017-2018 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- G1) Add Columbus County to the rule defining Green Swamp Bear Sanctuary.
15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear ((page 3)

- G2) Define youth as a person under 18 years of age.
15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use (page 5)

- G3) On game lands owned by the State of NC, where NCWRC is the primary custodian, limit consecutive nights stay on designated camping areas to a maximum of 14 days within any 30-day period from May 1 – August 31.
15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use (page 7)

- G4) Modify the deer either-sex season on Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve in Robeson County from Moderate to Maximum.
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page, 12)

- G5) Except for hunters engaged in the act of hunting, restrict the use of bicycles to Sundays only from September 1 – May 14 on Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land.
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 12)

- G6) Remove NCAC text which establishes Cherokee Game Land in Ashe County.
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page13)

- G7) Establish Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County as a Permit Only Area.
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 15)

- G8) Remove the permit requirement for hunting deer and bear on Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County.
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 19)

- G9) Establish Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County as a three-day-per-week area with a conservative either-sex deer season and prohibit bear hunting.
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 19)

- G10) Modify the deer either-sex season on Robeson County Game Land in Robeson County from Moderate to Maximum.
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 19)
- G11) Restrict the use of vessels on managed waterfowl impoundments on Suggs Mill Pond Game Land to permitted waterfowl hunters only from November 1 – March 15, and except for Sundays, apply the same restriction to Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake from November 1 – January 31.
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 22)
- G12) Prohibit target shooting on Uwharrie Game Land, except on the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.
15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 23)
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15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 23)
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15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 23)

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

2 (a) Open Seasons for hunting bear shall be from the:

- 3 (1) Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Monday after
4 Thanksgiving to January 1 in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Cleveland counties.
5 (2) Second Monday in November to January 1 in Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus,
6 Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, and Sampson counties.
7 (3) First Monday in December to the third Saturday thereafter in Robeson County
8 (4) Second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third Monday after Thanksgiving
9 to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Craven, Dare, Edgecombe,
10 Greene, Halifax, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pitt, Tyrrell,
11 Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.
12 (5) Saturday preceding the second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third
13 Monday after Thanksgiving to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in Bertie, Currituck, Gates,
14 Hertford, and Perquimans counties.
15 (6) Concurrent with the open season for all lawful weapons for hunting deer as specified in 15A
16 NCAC 10B .0203(a)(1) in Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham,
17 Davie, Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell,
18 Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph,
19 Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, and
20 Yadkin counties.

21 (b) Restrictions

- 22 (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain,
23 fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw
24 components.
25 (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:
26 (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or
27 product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum,
28 candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease;
29 (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph;
30 (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph,
31 including any extracts of those substances; or
32 (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.
33 (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday
34 before Thanksgiving in the counties in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
35 (4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in
36 Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this Rule.
37 (5) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
38 (6) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate
39 85, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth,
40 Gaston, Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85,
41 Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other
42 counties and parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the
43 vicinity of bait.

44 (c) No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear
45 sanctuaries:

- 46 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only
47 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary
48 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary
49 Brunswick County and Columbus counties--Green Swamp bear sanctuary
50 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary
51 Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary
52 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary
53 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary
54 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary
55 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only
56 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary

- 1 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary
- 2 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary
- 3 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary
- 4 Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary
- 5 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary
- 6 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary
- 7 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary
- 8 McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 9 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary
- 10 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

11 (d) The daily bag limit is one, the possession limit is one, and the season limit is one.

12 (e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B .0113.

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14 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;
15 Eff. February 1, 1976;
16 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;
17 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
18 Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
19 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;
20 Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;
21 Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;
22 Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;
23 Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May
24 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;
25 Temporary Amendment Eff. May 31, 2016;
26 Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016.
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE**

2 (a) For purposes of this Subchapter, the following definitions apply:

- 3 (1) "Permanent Hunting Blind" means any structure that is used for hunter concealment, constructed
4 from manmade or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and removed at the end of each
5 day's hunt.
6 (2) "Target shooting" means the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or
7 self-defense.
8 (3) "Youth" means individuals under ~~16~~18 years of age.

9 (b) Trespass. Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or fishing shall be as authorized by the
10 landowner. The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified the following areas on game lands that have
11 additional restrictions on entry or usage:

- 12 (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to bow
13 and arrow hunting and falconry only. On these areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open
14 days of any applicable deer season.
15 (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No
16 person shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety
17 zone on any game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
18 (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the
19 use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
20 (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the
21 general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having
22 obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources
23 Commission. Entry shall be authorized only when such entry will not compromise the primary
24 purpose for establishing the Restricted Zone and the person or persons requesting entry are able to
25 demonstrate a valid need or such person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting
26 official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific
27 investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.
28 (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are
29 closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited
30 without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the
31 Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary
32 Restricted Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public due to topographical
33 features or activities occurring on the area.
34 (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the
35 discharge of firearms or bow and arrow is prohibited.
36 (7) Restricted Deer Hunting Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Deer Hunting
37 Zones" the use of dogs for taking deer is prohibited, except as allowed by permit as provided in
38 G.S. 113-264(d).
39 (8) Day Use Only Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Day Use Only Zones" ~~for~~ use by the
40 general public shall be prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

41 The Commission shall conduct a public input meeting in the area where the game land is located before establishing
42 the following zones: archery, restricted firearms, restricted zone, restricted deer hunting, or day use only. After the
43 input meeting, the public comments shall be presented at an official Commission meeting for final determination.

44 (c) Littering. No person shall deposit any litter, trash, garbage, or other refuse at any place on any game land except
45 in receptacles provided for disposal of such refuse at designated camping and target-shooting areas. No garbage
46 dumps or sanitary landfills shall be established on any game land by any person, firm, corporation, county or
47 municipality, except as permitted by the landowner.

48 (d) Use of weapons. No person shall discharge:

- 49 (1) any weapon within 150 yards of any game land building or designated game land camping area,
50 except where posted otherwise;
51 (2) any weapon within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to game lands, except on
52 Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands; and
53 (3) any firearm within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to Butner-Falls of Neuse and
54 Jordan Game Lands.

55 No person shall hunt with or have in possession any shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on any
56 posted waterfowl impoundment on any game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used

1 while deer hunting. Every individual carrying a concealed handgun shall adhere to the requirements set forth in G.S.
2 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Butner-Falls of Neuse,
3 Jordan, Kerr Scott, and Vance game lands, no person shall possess loaded firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows,
4 crossbows, or other weapons except as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part
5 327.13, and may be found at: [http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-
6 idx?SID=75b0c14fb2c26906cf64a267eb69b052&mc=true&node=se36.3.327_113&rgn=div8](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=75b0c14fb2c26906cf64a267eb69b052&mc=true&node=se36.3.327_113&rgn=div8), in accordance with
7 G.S. 150B-21.6. On Buckhorn, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Lee, Mayo, and Sutton Lake game lands; Pee Dee River
8 Game Land north of U.S. 74; and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey- Caswell Game Land that is located north of U.S.
9 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or closed hunting days for
10 game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

- 11 (1) the firearm is a .22 caliber pistol with a barrel not greater than seven and one-half inches in length
12 and shooting only short, long, or long rifle ammunition carried as a side arm;
- 13 (2) the firearm is cased or not immediately available for use;
- 14 (3) the firearm is used by persons participating in field trials on field trial areas; or
- 15 (4) the firearm is possessed in designated camping areas for defense of persons and property.

16 (e) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

- 17 (1) Requirement. Except as provided in Subparagraph (4) of this Paragraph, any person entering upon
18 any game land for the purpose of hunting, trapping, running dogs, or training dogs using wildlife
19 shall have in his or her possession a game lands license in addition to the appropriate hunting or
20 trapping license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege.
- 21 (2) For commission-sanctioned field trials, active participants (as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114)
22 in a field trial using wildlife shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North
23 Carolina hunting license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege, except non-
24 residents may substitute hunting licenses from their state(s) of residence.
- 25 (3) For any other field trial using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants
26 shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting license, or
27 a license that conveys the game land use privilege.
- 28 (4) Exceptions:
 - 29 (A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or
30 legal guardian;
 - 31 (B) on the game lands described in Rule .0103(e)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is
32 required only for hunting doves; all other activities are subject to the control of the
33 landowners.

34 (f) Field Trials and Training Dogs. Any individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field
35 Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility, shall file with the Commission an application to use the area and
36 facility accompanied by the facility use fee computed at the rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each
37 scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00 noon of the day preceding the
38 first scheduled day of the trial to 10:00 a.m. of the day following the last scheduled day of the trial. The facility use
39 fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which for any reason trials are not run but the building or facilities are
40 used or occupied. A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day shall be charged to sporting, educational, or
41 scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or any other
42 entity shall enter or use in any manner any of the physical facilities located on the Sandhills Field Trial area or the
43 Laurinburg Fox Trial facility without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized
44 agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no such entry or use of any such facility shall exceed the scope of
45 or continue beyond the approved use. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used only for field trials scheduled
46 with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than 16 days of field trials may be scheduled for
47 occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during any calendar month, and no more than four days may be scheduled
48 during any calendar week; provided, that a field trial requiring more than four days may be scheduled during one
49 week upon reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week so that the monthly
50 maximum of 16 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field Trial Association or
51 other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between October 22 and November 18 and between
52 December 3 and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of such use to the Wildlife Resources Commission for
53 its consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities at any time by individuals for training
54 dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills Game Lands dogs may be trained only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and
55 Saturdays from October 1 through April 1. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from April 1
56 through August 15 on any game land located west of I-95, except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the

1 Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from March 15 through
2 June 15 on any game land located east of I-95, except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife
3 Resources Commission. Additionally, on game lands located west of I-95 where special hunts are scheduled for
4 sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program, dogs may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed
5 during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special hunts. A field trial shall be authorized when such
6 field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the Game Land or field trial facilities, and the applying
7 organization can demonstrate their experience and expertise in conducting genuine field trial activities. Entry to
8 physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit, shall be granted when they do not conflict
9 with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and they do not conflict with the mission of
10 the agency.

11 (g) Trapping. Subject to the restrictions contained in 15A NCAC 10B .0110, .0302 and .0303, trapping of
12 furbearing animals is permitted on game lands during the applicable open seasons, except that trapping is prohibited:

- 13 (1) on the field trial course of the Sandhills Game Land;
- 14 (2) in posted "safety zones" located on any game land;
- 15 (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south,
16 US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the west;
- 17 (4) on the John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke County; and
- 18 (5) on the DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

19 On those areas of state-owned land known collectively as the Roanoke River Wetlands controlled trapping is
20 allowed under a permit system.

21 (h) Vehicular Traffic. No person shall drive a motorized vehicle on any game land except on those roads
22 constructed, maintained, and opened for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel, unless such
23 person:

- 24 (1) is driving in the vehicle gallery of a scheduled bird dog field trial held on the Sandhills Game
25 Land; or
- 26 (2) is a disabled sportsman as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule or holds a Disabled Access
27 Program Permit as described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule and is abiding by the rules described in
28 Paragraph (m).

29 (i) Camping. ~~No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for camping.~~

- 30 (1) No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for
31 camping.
- 32 (2) On game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, where the North Carolina Wildlife
33 Resources Commission is the primary custodian, the maximum period of consecutive overnight
34 camping at any designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period from May 1 through
35 August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping, all personal belongings must be removed from
36 the game land.

37 (j) Swimming. Swimming is prohibited in the lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land.

38 (k) Disabled Sportsman Program. In order to qualify for permit hunts for disabled sportsmen offered by the
39 Commission and use of designated blinds during those hunts, an individual shall possess a Disabled Veteran
40 Sportsman license, a Totally Disabled Sportsman license, or a disabled sportsman hunt certification issued by the
41 Commission. In order to qualify for the certification, the applicant shall provide medical certification of one or
42 more of the following disabilities:

- 43 (1) missing 50 percent or more of one or more limbs, whether by amputation or natural causes;
- 44 (2) paralysis of one or more limbs;
- 45 (3) dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the person unable to perform the task of grasping and
46 lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;
- 47 (4) disease, injury, or defect confining the person to a wheelchair, walker, or crutches; or
- 48 (5) deafness.

49 On game lands where the privileges described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule apply, participants in the program may
50 operate electric wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles, or other passenger vehicles:

- 51 (1) on ungated or open-gated roads normally closed to vehicular traffic; and
- 52 (2) on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular
53 travel.

54 Each program participant may be accompanied by one companion provided such companion has in his possession
55 the companion card issued by the Commission. Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and
56 their companions may access special hunting blinds for people with disabilities during regularly scheduled, non-

1 permit hunting days on a first come basis, except for those blinds located on the Restricted Area of Caswell Game
2 Land.

3 (l) Release of Animals and Fish. It is unlawful to release pen-raised animals or birds, wild animals or birds,
4 domesticated animals, except hunting dogs and raptors where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes,
5 or feral animals, or hatchery-raised fish on game lands without prior written authorization. It is unlawful to move
6 wild fish from one stream to another on game lands without prior written authorization. Written authorization shall
7 be given when release of such animals is determined by a Wildlife Resources Commission biologist not to be
8 harmful to native wildlife in the area and such releases are in the public interest or advance the programs and goals
9 of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

10 (m) Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway
11 use on Game Lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (k)
12 of this Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from the previous
13 sentence but shall comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the
14 federal Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 126) may use wheelchairs or other mobility devices designed for
15 indoor pedestrian use on any area where foot travel is allowed.

16 (n) Disabled Access Program. Permits issued under this program shall be based upon medical evidence submitted
17 by the person verifying that a handicap exists that limits physical mobility to the extent that normal utilization of the
18 game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance. Persons meeting this requirement may operate electric
19 wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-maintained road open for
20 vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to
21 vehicular traffic on game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose owners
22 have agreed to such use. Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated in the
23 game land rules and map book. This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or
24 trails planted for wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each
25 qualified disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is at all
26 times in visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in all lawful activities
27 while assisting a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. Any vehicle used by a qualified disabled
28 person for access to game lands under this provision shall display the vehicular access permit issued by the Wildlife
29 Resources Commission in the passenger area of the vehicle where it can easily be seen by Commission staff outside
30 the vehicle. It is unlawful for anyone other than disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule and those
31 holding a Disabled Access Permit to hunt, during waterfowl season, within 100 yards of a waterfowl blind
32 designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a Disabled Sportsman's hunting blind.

33 (o) Public nudity. Public nudity, including nude sunbathing, is prohibited on any Game Land, including land or
34 water. For the purposes of this Section, "public nudity" means a person's intentional failure to cover with a fully
35 opaque covering the person's genitals, pubic area, anal area, or female breasts below a point from the top of the
36 areola while in a public place.

37 (p) Shooting Ranges. On public shooting ranges managed by the Commission, no person shall use designated
38 shooting ranges for any purpose other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting
39 skills, or for other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. All other uses, including camping, building fires,
40 operating concessions or other activities not directly involved with recreational or competitive shooting are
41 prohibited, except for activities that have been approved by the Commission and for which a permit has been issued
42 may be conducted, provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife
43 enforcement officers at the time the activity is taking place. No person, when using any shooting range, shall
44 deposit any debris or refuse on the grounds of the range. This includes any items used as targets, except that clay
45 targets broken on the range, by the shooter, may be left on the grounds where they fall. No person shall shoot any
46 items made of glass on the grounds of the range. No person may leave any vehicle or other obstruction in such a
47 location or position that it will prevent, impede, or inconvenience the use by other persons of any shooting range.
48 No person shall leave parked any vehicle or other object at any place on the shooting range other than such a place
49 or zone as is designated as an authorized parking zone and posted or marked as such. No person shall handle any
50 firearms or bow and arrow on a shooting range in a careless or reckless manner. No person shall intentionally shoot
51 into any target holder, post, or other permanent fixture or structure while using a shooting range. No person shall
52 shoot a firearm in a manner that would cause any rifled or smoothbore projectiles to travel off of the range, except
53 that shotgun shot, size No. 4 or smaller may be allowed to travel from the range if it presents no risk of harm or
54 injury to any person(s). Persons using a shooting range shall obey posted range safety rules and those persons who
55 violate range safety rules or create a public safety hazard shall leave the shooting range if directed to by law
56 enforcement officers or to leave by Commission employees. No person shall handle any firearms on a shooting

1 range while under the influence of an impairing substance. The consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on a
2 shooting range is prohibited. Open days and hours of operation shall be designated on signs and at least one of such
3 signs will be posted at the entrance to each shooting range. No person, when using any shooting range, shall do any
4 act that is prohibited or neglect to do any act that is required by signs or markings placed on such area under
5 authority of this Rule for the purpose of regulating the use of the area.

6 (q) Limited-access Roads. During the months of June, July, and August, roads posted as "Limited-access Roads"
7 are open to motorized vehicles from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. only. These roads shall be posted with the opening and
8 closing times.
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

2 (a) Safety Requirements. No person while hunting on any designated game land shall be under the influence of
3 alcohol or any narcotic drug, or fail to comply with restrictions enacted by the National Park Service regarding the
4 use of the Blue Ridge Parkway where it adjoins game lands listed in this Rule.

5 (b) Traffic Requirements. No person shall park a vehicle on game lands in such a manner as to block traffic or
6 gates, or otherwise prevent vehicles from using any roadway.

7 (c) Tree Stands. It is unlawful to erect or to occupy, for the purpose of hunting, any tree stand or platform attached
8 by nails, screws, bolts, or wire to a tree on any game land designated herein. This prohibition does not apply to lag-
9 screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal remaining in or attached to the tree.

10 (d) Time and Manner of Taking. Hunting is allowed on game lands only during the open season for game animals
11 and game birds, unless hunting is allowed by permit. Individual game lands or parts thereof may be closed to
12 hunting or limited to specific dates by this Chapter. Persons shall hunt only with weapons lawful for the open game
13 animal or game bird seasons. On managed waterfowl impoundments, persons shall:

- 14 (1) not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates;
- 15 (2) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates;
- 16 (3) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;
- 17 (4) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and
- 18 (5) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

19 On designated youth waterfowl days occurring after the end of the regular waterfowl seasons only, youths may hunt
20 on managed waterfowl impoundments from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Restrictions (1), (3), and (5) in this
21 Paragraph shall apply. On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the
22 trapping season and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the
23 portion of the impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone." No person shall attempt to obscure the sex
24 or age of any bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that
25 has been so mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other
26 foods without prior written authorization of the Commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization
27 shall be made based on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or
28 attempt to take any game birds or game animals attracted to such foods.

29 (e) Definitions:

- 30 (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be
31 taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day,
32 Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- 33 (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any
34 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,
35 Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this
36 Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be
37 practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed
38 under each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays,
39 until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.
- 40 (3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any
41 game may be taken during the open seasons.

42 (f) Hunting with Dogs on Game Lands. Deer shall not be taken with the use of dogs on game lands in counties or
43 parts of counties where taking deer with dogs is prohibited as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

44 (g) Bear Sanctuaries. On Three Days per Week Areas and Six Days per Week Areas, bears shall not be taken on
45 lands designated and posted as bear sanctuaries except when authorized by permit only elsewhere in this Chapter.
46 Feral Swine shall not be taken with the use of dogs on bear sanctuaries. Dogs shall not be trained or allowed to run
47 unleashed between March 1 and the Monday on or nearest October 15 on bear sanctuaries in and west of the
48 counties and parts of counties described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

49 (h) The listed seasons and restrictions apply in the following game lands:

- 50 (1) Alcoa Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties
 - 51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - 52 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
53 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion in Montgomery county, and
54 deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
55 Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.
 - 56 (C) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.

- 1 (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County
2 (A) Six Day per Week Area
3 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
4 Antlers Season.
5 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
6 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
7 (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties
8 (A) Six Days per Week Area
9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
10 Antlers Season.
11 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
12 (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin, and Washington counties
13 (A) Six Days per Week Area
14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
15 Antlers Season.
16 (5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County
17 (A) Six Days per Week Area
18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
19 Antlers Season.
20 (6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County
21 (A) Three Days per Week Area
22 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
23 Antlers Season.
24 (C) Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
25 (D) On the Singletary Lake Tract the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.
26 (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
27 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March
28 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
29 (G) The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes is prohibited March 15 through July 15.
30 (7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County
31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
33 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
34 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
35 (8) Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County
36 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
37 (B) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
38 (9) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
39 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
40 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
41 (10) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.
42 (A) Three Days per Week Area
43 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
44 Antlers Season.
45 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
46 and the first three hunting days of the second week of the December Bear Season. If any
47 of these days falls on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those
48 days.
49 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
50 (11) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
52 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the
53 Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may
54 be taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest
55 September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to
56 the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- 1 Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or
2 nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the
3 Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- 4 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
5 Antlers Season.
- 6 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
7 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 8 (12) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County
- 9 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 10 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken ~~the first six open days and the last six~~ all the open days
11 of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 12 (13) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties
- 13 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
15 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 16 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 17 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 18 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 19 (iii) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 20 On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl
21 hunting after November 1.
- 22 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 23 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 24 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 25 (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of
26 Falls Lake.
- 27 (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
28 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
29 seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of
30 bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from
31 September 1 through May 14.
- 32 (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
33 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 34 (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area
35 and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are
36 prohibited in this camping area.
- 37 (14) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- 38 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 39 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
40 Antlers Season.
- 41 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 42 (15) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- 43 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 44 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
45 Antlers Season.
- 46 (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- 47 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west
48 of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road,
49 and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- 50 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 51 (16) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- 52 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 53 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
54 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 55 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 56 (17) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County

- 1 (A) Three Days per Week Area
2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
3 Visible Antlers Season.
4 (C) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during
5 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding
6 is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails
7 that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game
8 land shall possess a Game Lands license.
9 (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock
10 hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection
11 of SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the
12 intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to
13 the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR
14 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.
15 (E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after
16 November 1.
17 (F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
18 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
19 (G) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.
20 (18) Chatham Game Land in Chatham County
21 (A) Six Days per Week Area
22 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
23 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
24 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
25 (D) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August; and on Sundays during
26 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
27 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
28 ~~(19) Cherokee Game Land in Ashe County~~
29 ~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~
30 ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With~~
31 ~~Visible Antlers Season.~~
32 ~~(20)(19) Chowan Game Land in Chowan County~~
33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
35 Season.
36 ~~(21)(20) Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties.~~
37 (A) Six Days per Week Area
38 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
39 Antlers Season.
40 (C) Bear hunting is restricted to the first three hunting days during the November bear season
41 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December bear season
42 except that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of
43 Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine
44 Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for
45 the Gates County bear season.
46 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
47 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
48 (E) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays
49 only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on
50 those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
51 ~~(22)(21) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County~~
52 (A) Six Days per Week Area
53 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
54 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
55 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
56 Antlers Season.

- 1 ~~(23)~~(22) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
- 2 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 3 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 4 Antlers Season.
- 5 ~~(24)~~(23) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
- 6 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 8 Antlers Season.
- 9 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- 10 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 11 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 12 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 13 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of the waterfowl
- 14 season, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish
- 15 Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
- 16 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted
- 17 areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- 18 ~~(25)~~(24) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
- 19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 20 (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by
- 21 permit only from November 1 through the end of the waterfowl season.
- 22 (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the
- 23 guides do not use a firearm.
- 24 (D) The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or
- 25 shoreline.
- 26 (E) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day
- 27 of their hunt.
- 28 (F) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand
- 29 or blind to a tree.
- 30 (G) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
- 31 season.
- 32 ~~(26)~~(25) Dare Game Land in Dare County
- 33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
- 35 Visible Antlers Season.
- 36 (C) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
- 37 (D) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- 38 ~~(27)~~(26) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County
- 39 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 40 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
- 41 season.
- 42 ~~(28)~~(27) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
- 43 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 44 (B) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit
- 45 holders during scheduled permit hunts.
- 46 ~~(29)~~(28) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County
- 47 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 48 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
- 49 Visible Antlers Season.
- 50 ~~(30)~~(29) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
- 51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 52 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
- 53 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 54 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 55 ~~(31)~~(30) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
- 56 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
4 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
5 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
6 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
7 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 8 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
9 waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl
10 impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith
11 Creek, and Hobucken.
- 12 (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except
13 waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the
14 trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period
15 November 1 through March 15.
- 16 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
17 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 18 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1
19 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting
20 opportunity permit.
- 21 ~~(32)~~(31) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties
22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
24 Antlers Season.
25 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 26 ~~(33)~~(32) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County
27 (A) Six Days per Week Area
28 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
29 Antlers Season.
- 30 ~~(34)~~(33) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County
31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
33 Antlers Season.
34 (C) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
35 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and
36 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
37 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
38 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
39 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
40 (E) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
41 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season,
42 except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- 43 ~~(35)~~(34) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties
44 (A) Six Days per Week Area
45 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
46 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
47 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
48 (i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
49 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
50 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
51 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
52 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
53 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
54 (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 55 (35) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
56 (36) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
3 Antlers Season.
4 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
5 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
6 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
7 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
8 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
9 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
10 (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east
11 of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and
12 bear hunting are permit only.
13 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:
14 (i) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch
15 extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road
16 extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and
17 (ii) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving,
18 Christmas, and New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden
19 Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear
20 River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and
21 bear hunting is by permit only.
22 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the
23 last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting
24 opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
25 (H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on
26 and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
27 (I) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.
28 (J) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
29 (37) Hyco Game land in Person County
30 (A) Six Days per Week Area
31 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
32 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
33 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
34 (38) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County, Permit Only Area.
35 (39) Johns River Game Land in Burke County
36 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
37 (B) During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.
38 (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31,
39 except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the
40 permits.
41 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
42 (40) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties
43 (A) Six Days per Week Area
44 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
45 Antlers Season.
46 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
47 (i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
48 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
49 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
50 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail
51 and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is
52 permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for
53 use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed only during
54 June, July, and August, and on Sundays the remainder of the year except during open
55 turkey and deer seasons. People age 16 or older who ride horseback on trails occurring
56 entirely within the game land boundaries shall possess a Game Lands license.

- 1 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
2 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
3 (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
4 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
5 seasons for game birds and game animals.
- 6 (41) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties
7 (A) Six Days per Week Area
8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers
9 Season.
10 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
11 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 12 (42) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
13 (A) Six Days per Week Area
14 (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
15 (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable
16 Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
17 (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating
18 the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
19 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
20 Antlers season.
21 (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
22 (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- 23 (43) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
24 (A) Six Days per Week Area
25 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
26 Antlers Season.
27 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
28 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
29 (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 30 (44) Lee Game Land in Lee County
31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
33 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
34 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 35 (45) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
36 (A) Six Days per Week Area
37 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible
38 Antlers Season.
- 39 (46) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
40 (A) Six Days per Week Area
41 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With
42 Visible Antlers Season.
- 43 (47) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
44 (A) Six Days per Week Area
45 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
46 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
47 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
48 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 49 (48) Mayo Game Land in Person County
50 (A) Six Days per Week Area
51 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
52 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
53 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
54 (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
55 (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
56 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

- 1 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
2 (49) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
3 (A) Three Days per Week Area
4 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six days of the applicable Deer with Visible
5 Antlers Season.
6 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31,
7 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
8 (50) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania
9 counties
10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
12 Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
13 (51) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
14 (A) Six Days per Week Area
15 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31,
16 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
17 (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
18 (52) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County
19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
21 Antlers Season.
22 (53) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties
23 (A) Six Days per Week Area
24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
25 Antlers Season.
26 (54) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
27 (A) Three Days per Week Area
28 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the
29 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.
30 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days
31 beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second
32 week thereafter.
33 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
34 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
35 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
36 Antlers Season.
37 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
38 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
39 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
40 (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
41 (ii) Swimming.
42 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
43 (55) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
44 (A) Six Days per Week Area
45 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
46 Antlers Season.
47 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
48 shoreline.
49 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
50 (56) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
52 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
53 Antlers Season.
54 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
55 shoreline.
56 (57) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
3 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
4 (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties
5 North of US-74.
6 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
7 (E) Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and only during the
8 following times:
9 (i) during June, July, and August; and
10 (ii) on Sundays during the other months or parts of months when deer and turkey
11 seasons are closed.
- 12 (58) Perkins Game Land in Davie County
13 (A) Three Days per Week Area
14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
15 Antlers Season.
16 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- 17 (59) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison,
18 McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties
19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
21 Antlers Season.
22 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River
23 (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- 24 (60) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
25 (A) Six Days per Week Area
26 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer with Visible
27 Antlers Season.
28 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August
29 31 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is
30 prohibited from November 1 through May 15.
31 ~~(D) Deer and bear hunting is by permit only.~~
- 32 (61) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County
33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
35 Antlers Season.
- 36 (62) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County
37 (A) Three Days per Week Area
38 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
39 Visible Antlers Season.
40 (C) Bear hunting is prohibited.
- 41 ~~(62)~~(63) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
42 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
43 (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- 44 ~~(63)~~(64) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties
45 (A) Hunting is by Permit only.
46 (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business
47 or by permit holders.
48 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
49 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided,
50 however, that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on
51 the state-owned portion of the game land.
- 52 ~~(64)~~(65) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
53 ~~(65)~~(66) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County
54 (A) Three Days per Week Area
55 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken ~~the first six open days and the last six~~ all the open days
56 of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- 1 ~~(66)~~(67) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
2 (A) Three Days per Week Area
3 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the
4 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.
5 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days
6 beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second
7 week thereafter.
8 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
9 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
10 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
11 Antlers Season.
12 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
13 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
14 (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
15 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
16 ~~(67)~~(68) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County: Hunting is by permit only.
17 ~~(68)~~(69) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
18 (A) Three Days per Week Area
19 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
20 Antlers Season.
21 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
22 ~~(69)~~(70) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties
23 (A) Three Days per Week Area
24 (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22
25 through March 31 except as follows:
26 (i) deer may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of the bow-and-
27 arrow season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving; with blackpowder
28 firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the blackpowder firearms
29 season through the second Saturday before Thanksgiving; and with all legal
30 weapons from the second Monday before Thanksgiving through the Saturday
31 following Thanksgiving;
32 (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season
33 through the third Saturday thereafter;
34 (iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from second Monday
35 before Thanksgiving, through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
36 (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding
37 Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
38 (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
39 (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen
40 Program Permit Hunt; and
41 (vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or
42 nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
43 (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday
44 before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving, except on the J.
45 Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
46 (D) The bow-and-arrow season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to
47 the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial
48 Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through January 1. Deer may be taken
49 with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the bow and arrow season, the
50 Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this
51 Subparagraph.
52 (E) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding
53 Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J.
54 Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through
55 January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days
56 during the blackpowder firearms season and the Deer With Visible Antlers season.

- 1 (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
2 (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and
3 closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
4 (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
5 (I) The following areas are permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting, and dog training
6 on birds:
7 (i) In Richmond County: that part east of US 1;
8 (ii) In Scotland County: that part west of SR 1328 and north of Gardner Farm Lane
9 and that part east of SR 1328 and north of Scotland Lake Lane.
10 (J) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited
11 unless riding in authorized field trials.
12 (K) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
13 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
14 (L) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
15 ~~(70)~~(71) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties
16 (A) Six Days per Week Area
17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
18 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
19 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
20 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
21 ~~(71)~~(72) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.
22 (A) Three Days per Week Area
23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer with Visible
24 Antlers season.
25 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
26 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
27 (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed
28 in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(e).
29 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of
30 dove season.
31 ~~(72)~~(73) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.
32 ~~(73)~~(74) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash and Warren counties
33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
35 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
36 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
37 ~~(74)~~(75) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties
38 (A) Six Days per Week Area
39 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the
40 Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may
41 be taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest
42 September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to
43 the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Deer
44 may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or
45 nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the
46 Deer With Visible Antlers season.
47 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
48 Antlers Season.
49 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
50 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
51 (E) That part of South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford
52 counties is closed to all grouse hunting, quail hunting, woodcock hunting, and all bird
53 dog training.
54 ~~(75)~~(76) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County
55 (A) Six-Day per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- 4 (D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- 5 (E) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken only on the following days:
6 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
7 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
8 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 9 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 10 (G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- 11 ~~(76)~~(77) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
- 12 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 13 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
14 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 15 (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
16 (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
17 (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- 18 (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of
19 vessels on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl
20 hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity
21 Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 22 (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed
23 waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters
24 possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife
25 Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 26 ~~(77)~~(78) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- 27 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 28 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
29 Visible Antlers Season.
- 30 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 31 ~~(78)~~(79) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County – hunting is by permit only.
- 32 ~~(79)~~(80) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting is by permit only.
- 33 ~~(80)~~(81) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 34 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 35 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
36 Visible Antlers Season.
- 37 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 38 ~~(81)~~(82) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
- 39 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 40 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
41 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 42 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31,
43 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16
44 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 45 (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is
46 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive
47 days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.
- 48 ~~(82)~~(83) Tillery game Land in Halifax County
- 49 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 50 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
51 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 52 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 53 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 54 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 55 ~~(83)~~(84) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties
- 56 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
4 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 5 ~~(84)~~(85) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties
- 6 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last open six days of the
8 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 9 (C) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following
10 days:
- 11 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 12 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 13 (iii) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 14 (D) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.
- 15 ~~(85)~~(86) Vance Game Land in Vance County
- 16 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
18 Antlers Season.
- 19 (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the
20 Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- 21 ~~(86)~~(87) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties
- 22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
24 Antlers Season.
- 25 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
26 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- 27 (88) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 28 ~~(87)~~(89) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County
- 29 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
31 Antlers Season.
- 32 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
33 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 34 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 35 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 36 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 37 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
38 waterfowl season, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
- 39 (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
- 40 (i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting
41 Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to
42 G.S. 113-264(d);
- 43 (ii) hunting is by permit only; and
- 44 (iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 45 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 46 ~~(88)~~(90) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen County
- 47 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 48 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
49 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 50 (91) William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County
- 51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 52 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
53 Antlers Season.
- 54 (i) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed
55 applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates
56 of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt,

1 and are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperator
2 agent or by phone.

3 (j) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a
4 valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:

- 5 (1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;
- 6 (2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;
- 7 (3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;
- 8 (4) Burke County—John's River Waterfowl Refuge;
- 9 (5) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);
- 10 (6) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and
- 11 (7) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

12 (k) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the
13 Commission. Written permission may be granted only when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge will not compromise
14 the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid
15 need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes
16 issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the
17 public interest.

18 (l) Feral swine may be taken by licensed hunters during the open season for any game animal using any legal
19 manner of take allowed during those seasons. Dogs may not be used to hunt feral swine except on game lands that
20 allow the use of dogs for hunting deer or bear, and during the applicable deer or bear season.

21 (m) Youth Waterfowl Day. On the day declared by the Commission to be Youth Waterfowl Day, youths may hunt
22 on any game land and on any impoundment without a special hunt permit, including permit-only areas, except where
23 prohibited in Paragraph (h) of this Rule.

24 (n) Permit Hunt Opportunities for Disabled Sportsmen. The Commission may designate special hunts for
25 participants of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during
26 the closed season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on each permit. If the hunt has a limited
27 weapon choice, the allowed weapons shall be stated on each permit.

28 (o) As used in this Rule, horseback riding includes all equine species.

29 (p) When waterfowl hunting is specifically permitted in this Rule on Christmas and New Years' Day and those days
30 fall on Sundays, the open waterfowl hunting day shall be the following day.

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32 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
33 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
34 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 3, 1991;*
35 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995;*
36 *September 1, 1994; July 1, 1994;*
37 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1999; July 1, 1999;*
38 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
39 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*
40 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*
41 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
42 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);*
43 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; January 1, 2013;*
44 *August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007;*
45 *October 1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May 1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; October 1, 2004.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

2 (a) Open Seasons for hunting bear shall be from the:

- 3 (1) Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third Monday after
4 Thanksgiving to January 1 in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Cleveland counties.
5 (2) Second Monday in November to January 1 in Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus,
6 Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, and Sampson counties.
7 (3) First Monday in December to the third Saturday thereafter in Robeson County
8 (4) Second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third Monday after Thanksgiving
9 to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in Beaufort, Camden, Chowan, Craven, Dare, Edgecombe,
10 Greene, Halifax, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Pitt, Tyrrell,
11 Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.
12 (5) Saturday preceding the second Monday in November to the following Saturday and the third
13 Monday after Thanksgiving to the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving in Bertie, Currituck, Gates,
14 Hertford, and Perquimans counties.
15 (6) Concurrent with the open season for all lawful weapons for hunting deer as specified in 15A
16 NCAC 10B .0203(a)(1) in Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham,
17 Davie, Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell,
18 Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph,
19 Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, and
20 Yadkin counties.

21 (b) Restrictions

- 22 (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain,
23 fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw
24 components.
25 (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:
26 (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or
27 product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum,
28 candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease;
29 (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph;
30 (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph,
31 including any extracts of those substances; or
32 (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.
33 (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday
34 before Thanksgiving in the counties in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
35 (4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in
36 Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this Rule.
37 (5) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
38 (6) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate
39 85, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth,
40 Gaston, Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85,
41 Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other
42 counties and parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the
43 vicinity of bait.

44 (c) No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear
45 sanctuaries:

- 46 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only
47 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary
48 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary
49 Brunswick County and Columbus counties--Green Swamp bear sanctuary
50 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary
51 Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary
52 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary
53 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary
54 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary
55 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only
56 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary

- 1 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary
- 2 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary
- 3 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary
- 4 Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary
- 5 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary
- 6 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary
- 7 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary
- 8 McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 9 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary
- 10 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

11 (d) The daily bag limit is one, the possession limit is one, and the season limit is one.

12 (e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B .0113.

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14 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;
15 Eff. February 1, 1976;
16 Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;
17 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
18 Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
19 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;
20 Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;
21 Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;
22 Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;
23 Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May
24 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;
25 Temporary Amendment Eff. May 31, 2016;
26 Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016.
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE**

2 (a) For purposes of this Subchapter, the following definitions apply:

- 3 (1) "Permanent Hunting Blind" means any structure that is used for hunter concealment, constructed
4 from manmade or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and removed at the end of each
5 day's hunt.
6 (2) "Target shooting" means the discharge of a firearm for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or
7 self-defense.
8 (3) "Youth" means individuals under ~~16~~18 years of age.

9 (b) Trespass. Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or fishing shall be as authorized by the
10 landowner. The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified the following areas on game lands that have
11 additional restrictions on entry or usage:

- 12 (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to bow
13 and arrow hunting and falconry only. On these areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open
14 days of any applicable deer season.
15 (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No
16 person shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety
17 zone on any game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
18 (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the
19 use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
20 (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the
21 general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having
22 obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources
23 Commission. Entry shall be authorized only when such entry will not compromise the primary
24 purpose for establishing the Restricted Zone and the person or persons requesting entry are able to
25 demonstrate a valid need or such person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting
26 official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific
27 investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.
28 (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are
29 closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited
30 without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the
31 Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary
32 Restricted Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public due to topographical
33 features or activities occurring on the area.
34 (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the
35 discharge of firearms or bow and arrow is prohibited.
36 (7) Restricted Deer Hunting Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Deer Hunting
37 Zones" the use of dogs for taking deer is prohibited, except as allowed by permit as provided in
38 G.S. 113-264(d).
39 (8) Day Use Only Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Day Use Only Zones" ~~for~~ use by the
40 general public shall be prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

41 The Commission shall conduct a public input meeting in the area where the game land is located before establishing
42 the following zones: archery, restricted firearms, restricted zone, restricted deer hunting, or day use only. After the
43 input meeting, the public comments shall be presented at an official Commission meeting for final determination.

44 (c) Littering. No person shall deposit any litter, trash, garbage, or other refuse at any place on any game land except
45 in receptacles provided for disposal of such refuse at designated camping and target-shooting areas. No garbage
46 dumps or sanitary landfills shall be established on any game land by any person, firm, corporation, county or
47 municipality, except as permitted by the landowner.

48 (d) Use of weapons. No person shall discharge:

- 49 (1) any weapon within 150 yards of any game land building or designated game land camping area,
50 except where posted otherwise;
51 (2) any weapon within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to game lands, except on
52 Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands; and
53 (3) any firearm within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to Butner-Falls of Neuse and
54 Jordan Game Lands.

55 No person shall hunt with or have in possession any shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on any
56 posted waterfowl impoundment on any game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used

1 while deer hunting. Every individual carrying a concealed handgun shall adhere to the requirements set forth in G.S.
2 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Butner-Falls of Neuse,
3 Jordan, Kerr Scott, and Vance game lands, no person shall possess loaded firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows,
4 crossbows, or other weapons except as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part
5 327.13, and may be found at: [http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-
6 idx?SID=75b0c14fb2c26906cf64a267eb69b052&mc=true&node=se36.3.327_113&rgn=div8](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=75b0c14fb2c26906cf64a267eb69b052&mc=true&node=se36.3.327_113&rgn=div8), in accordance with
7 G.S. 150B-21.6. On Buckhorn, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Lee, Mayo, and Sutton Lake game lands; Pee Dee River
8 Game Land north of U.S. 74; and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey- Caswell Game Land that is located north of U.S.
9 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or closed hunting days for
10 game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

- 11 (1) the firearm is a .22 caliber pistol with a barrel not greater than seven and one-half inches in length
12 and shooting only short, long, or long rifle ammunition carried as a side arm;
- 13 (2) the firearm is cased or not immediately available for use;
- 14 (3) the firearm is used by persons participating in field trials on field trial areas; or
- 15 (4) the firearm is possessed in designated camping areas for defense of persons and property.

16 (e) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

- 17 (1) Requirement. Except as provided in Subparagraph (4) of this Paragraph, any person entering upon
18 any game land for the purpose of hunting, trapping, running dogs, or training dogs using wildlife
19 shall have in his or her possession a game lands license in addition to the appropriate hunting or
20 trapping license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege.
- 21 (2) For commission-sanctioned field trials, active participants (as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114)
22 in a field trial using wildlife shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North
23 Carolina hunting license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege, except non-
24 residents may substitute hunting licenses from their state(s) of residence.
- 25 (3) For any other field trial using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants
26 shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting license, or
27 a license that conveys the game land use privilege.
- 28 (4) Exceptions:
 - 29 (A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or
30 legal guardian;
 - 31 (B) on the game lands described in Rule .0103(e)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is
32 required only for hunting doves; all other activities are subject to the control of the
33 landowners.

34 (f) Field Trials and Training Dogs. Any individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field
35 Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility, shall file with the Commission an application to use the area and
36 facility accompanied by the facility use fee computed at the rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each
37 scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00 noon of the day preceding the
38 first scheduled day of the trial to 10:00 a.m. of the day following the last scheduled day of the trial. The facility use
39 fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which for any reason trials are not run but the building or facilities are
40 used or occupied. A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day shall be charged to sporting, educational, or
41 scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or any other
42 entity shall enter or use in any manner any of the physical facilities located on the Sandhills Field Trial area or the
43 Laurinburg Fox Trial facility without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized
44 agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no such entry or use of any such facility shall exceed the scope of
45 or continue beyond the approved use. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used only for field trials scheduled
46 with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than 16 days of field trials may be scheduled for
47 occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during any calendar month, and no more than four days may be scheduled
48 during any calendar week; provided, that a field trial requiring more than four days may be scheduled during one
49 week upon reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week so that the monthly
50 maximum of 16 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field Trial Association or
51 other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between October 22 and November 18 and between
52 December 3 and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of such use to the Wildlife Resources Commission for
53 its consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities at any time by individuals for training
54 dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills Game Lands dogs may be trained only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and
55 Saturdays from October 1 through April 1. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from April 1
56 through August 15 on any game land located west of I-95, except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the

1 Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from March 15 through
2 June 15 on any game land located east of I-95, except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife
3 Resources Commission. Additionally, on game lands located west of I-95 where special hunts are scheduled for
4 sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program, dogs may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed
5 during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special hunts. A field trial shall be authorized when such
6 field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the Game Land or field trial facilities, and the applying
7 organization can demonstrate their experience and expertise in conducting genuine field trial activities. Entry to
8 physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit, shall be granted when they do not conflict
9 with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and they do not conflict with the mission of
10 the agency.

11 (g) Trapping. Subject to the restrictions contained in 15A NCAC 10B .0110, .0302 and .0303, trapping of
12 furbearing animals is permitted on game lands during the applicable open seasons, except that trapping is prohibited:

- 13 (1) on the field trial course of the Sandhills Game Land;
- 14 (2) in posted "safety zones" located on any game land;
- 15 (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south,
16 US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the west;
- 17 (4) on the John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke County; and
- 18 (5) on the DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

19 On those areas of state-owned land known collectively as the Roanoke River Wetlands controlled trapping is
20 allowed under a permit system.

21 (h) Vehicular Traffic. No person shall drive a motorized vehicle on any game land except on those roads
22 constructed, maintained, and opened for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel, unless such
23 person:

- 24 (1) is driving in the vehicle gallery of a scheduled bird dog field trial held on the Sandhills Game
25 Land; or
- 26 (2) is a disabled sportsman as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule or holds a Disabled Access
27 Program Permit as described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule and is abiding by the rules described in
28 Paragraph (m).

29 (i) Camping. ~~No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for camping.~~

- 30 (1) No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for
31 camping.
- 32 (2) On game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, where the North Carolina Wildlife
33 Resources Commission is the primary custodian, the maximum period of consecutive overnight
34 camping at any designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period from May 1 through
35 August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping, all personal belongings must be removed from
36 the game land.

37 (j) Swimming. Swimming is prohibited in the lakes located on the Sandhills Game Land.

38 (k) Disabled Sportsman Program. In order to qualify for permit hunts for disabled sportsmen offered by the
39 Commission and use of designated blinds during those hunts, an individual shall possess a Disabled Veteran
40 Sportsman license, a Totally Disabled Sportsman license, or a disabled sportsman hunt certification issued by the
41 Commission. In order to qualify for the certification, the applicant shall provide medical certification of one or
42 more of the following disabilities:

- 43 (1) missing 50 percent or more of one or more limbs, whether by amputation or natural causes;
- 44 (2) paralysis of one or more limbs;
- 45 (3) dysfunction of one or more limbs rendering the person unable to perform the task of grasping and
46 lifting with the hands and arms or unable to walk without mechanical assistance, other than a cane;
- 47 (4) disease, injury, or defect confining the person to a wheelchair, walker, or crutches; or
- 48 (5) deafness.

49 On game lands where the privileges described in Paragraph (m) of this Rule apply, participants in the program may
50 operate electric wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles, or other passenger vehicles:

- 51 (1) on ungated or open-gated roads normally closed to vehicular traffic; and
- 52 (2) on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular
53 travel.

54 Each program participant may be accompanied by one companion provided such companion has in his possession
55 the companion card issued by the Commission. Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and
56 their companions may access special hunting blinds for people with disabilities during regularly scheduled, non-

1 permit hunting days on a first come basis, except for those blinds located on the Restricted Area of Caswell Game
2 Land.

3 (l) Release of Animals and Fish. It is unlawful to release pen-raised animals or birds, wild animals or birds,
4 domesticated animals, except hunting dogs and raptors where otherwise permitted for hunting or training purposes,
5 or feral animals, or hatchery-raised fish on game lands without prior written authorization. It is unlawful to move
6 wild fish from one stream to another on game lands without prior written authorization. Written authorization shall
7 be given when release of such animals is determined by a Wildlife Resources Commission biologist not to be
8 harmful to native wildlife in the area and such releases are in the public interest or advance the programs and goals
9 of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

10 (m) Non-Highway Licensed Vehicles. It is unlawful to operate motorized land vehicles not licensed for highway
11 use on Game Lands except for designated areas on National Forests. Disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (k)
12 of this Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from the previous
13 sentence but shall comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the
14 federal Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 126) may use wheelchairs or other mobility devices designed for
15 indoor pedestrian use on any area where foot travel is allowed.

16 (n) Disabled Access Program. Permits issued under this program shall be based upon medical evidence submitted
17 by the person verifying that a handicap exists that limits physical mobility to the extent that normal utilization of the
18 game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance. Persons meeting this requirement may operate electric
19 wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-maintained road open for
20 vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to
21 vehicular traffic on game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose owners
22 have agreed to such use. Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated in the
23 game land rules and map book. This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or
24 trails planted for wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each
25 qualified disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is at all
26 times in visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in all lawful activities
27 while assisting a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. Any vehicle used by a qualified disabled
28 person for access to game lands under this provision shall display the vehicular access permit issued by the Wildlife
29 Resources Commission in the passenger area of the vehicle where it can easily be seen by Commission staff outside
30 the vehicle. It is unlawful for anyone other than disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule and those
31 holding a Disabled Access Permit to hunt, during waterfowl season, within 100 yards of a waterfowl blind
32 designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a Disabled Sportsman's hunting blind.

33 (o) Public nudity. Public nudity, including nude sunbathing, is prohibited on any Game Land, including land or
34 water. For the purposes of this Section, "public nudity" means a person's intentional failure to cover with a fully
35 opaque covering the person's genitals, pubic area, anal area, or female breasts below a point from the top of the
36 areola while in a public place.

37 (p) Shooting Ranges. On public shooting ranges managed by the Commission, no person shall use designated
38 shooting ranges for any purpose other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting
39 skills, or for other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. All other uses, including camping, building fires,
40 operating concessions or other activities not directly involved with recreational or competitive shooting are
41 prohibited, except for activities that have been approved by the Commission and for which a permit has been issued
42 may be conducted, provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife
43 enforcement officers at the time the activity is taking place. No person, when using any shooting range, shall
44 deposit any debris or refuse on the grounds of the range. This includes any items used as targets, except that clay
45 targets broken on the range, by the shooter, may be left on the grounds where they fall. No person shall shoot any
46 items made of glass on the grounds of the range. No person may leave any vehicle or other obstruction in such a
47 location or position that it will prevent, impede, or inconvenience the use by other persons of any shooting range.
48 No person shall leave parked any vehicle or other object at any place on the shooting range other than such a place
49 or zone as is designated as an authorized parking zone and posted or marked as such. No person shall handle any
50 firearms or bow and arrow on a shooting range in a careless or reckless manner. No person shall intentionally shoot
51 into any target holder, post, or other permanent fixture or structure while using a shooting range. No person shall
52 shoot a firearm in a manner that would cause any rifled or smoothbore projectiles to travel off of the range, except
53 that shotgun shot, size No. 4 or smaller may be allowed to travel from the range if it presents no risk of harm or
54 injury to any person(s). Persons using a shooting range shall obey posted range safety rules and those persons who
55 violate range safety rules or create a public safety hazard shall leave the shooting range if directed to by law
56 enforcement officers or to leave by Commission employees. No person shall handle any firearms on a shooting

1 range while under the influence of an impairing substance. The consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on a
2 shooting range is prohibited. Open days and hours of operation shall be designated on signs and at least one of such
3 signs will be posted at the entrance to each shooting range. No person, when using any shooting range, shall do any
4 act that is prohibited or neglect to do any act that is required by signs or markings placed on such area under
5 authority of this Rule for the purpose of regulating the use of the area.

6 (q) Limited-access Roads. During the months of June, July, and August, roads posted as "Limited-access Roads"
7 are open to motorized vehicles from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. only. These roads shall be posted with the opening and
8 closing times.
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1 **15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

2 (a) Safety Requirements. No person while hunting on any designated game land shall be under the influence of
3 alcohol or any narcotic drug, or fail to comply with restrictions enacted by the National Park Service regarding the
4 use of the Blue Ridge Parkway where it adjoins game lands listed in this Rule.

5 (b) Traffic Requirements. No person shall park a vehicle on game lands in such a manner as to block traffic or
6 gates, or otherwise prevent vehicles from using any roadway.

7 (c) Tree Stands. It is unlawful to erect or to occupy, for the purpose of hunting, any tree stand or platform attached
8 by nails, screws, bolts, or wire to a tree on any game land designated herein. This prohibition does not apply to lag-
9 screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal remaining in or attached to the tree.

10 (d) Time and Manner of Taking. Hunting is allowed on game lands only during the open season for game animals
11 and game birds, unless hunting is allowed by permit. Individual game lands or parts thereof may be closed to
12 hunting or limited to specific dates by this Chapter. Persons shall hunt only with weapons lawful for the open game
13 animal or game bird seasons. On managed waterfowl impoundments, persons shall:

- 14 (1) not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates;
- 15 (2) not hunt after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates;
- 16 (3) not set decoys out prior to 4:00 a.m.;
- 17 (4) remove decoys by 3:00 p.m. each day; and
- 18 (5) not operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

19 On designated youth waterfowl days occurring after the end of the regular waterfowl seasons only, youths may hunt
20 on managed waterfowl impoundments from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Restrictions (1), (3), and (5) in this
21 Paragraph shall apply. On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the
22 trapping season and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the
23 portion of the impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone." No person shall attempt to obscure the sex
24 or age of any bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that
25 has been so mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other
26 foods without prior written authorization of the Commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization
27 shall be made based on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or
28 attempt to take any game birds or game animals attracted to such foods.

29 (e) Definitions:

- 30 (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be
31 taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day,
32 Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- 33 (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any
34 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,
35 Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this
36 Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be
37 practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed
38 under each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays,
39 until 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.
- 40 (3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any
41 game may be taken during the open seasons.

42 (f) Hunting with Dogs on Game Lands. Deer shall not be taken with the use of dogs on game lands in counties or
43 parts of counties where taking deer with dogs is prohibited as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

44 (g) Bear Sanctuaries. On Three Days per Week Areas and Six Days per Week Areas, bears shall not be taken on
45 lands designated and posted as bear sanctuaries except when authorized by permit only elsewhere in this Chapter.
46 Feral Swine shall not be taken with the use of dogs on bear sanctuaries. Dogs shall not be trained or allowed to run
47 unleashed between March 1 and the Monday on or nearest October 15 on bear sanctuaries in and west of the
48 counties and parts of counties described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.

49 (h) The listed seasons and restrictions apply in the following game lands:

- 50 (1) Alcoa Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties
 - 51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
 - 52 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
53 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion in Montgomery county, and
54 deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
55 Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.
 - 56 (C) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.

- 1 (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County
2 (A) Six Day per Week Area
3 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
4 Antlers Season.
5 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
6 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
7 (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties
8 (A) Six Days per Week Area
9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
10 Antlers Season.
11 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
12 (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin, and Washington counties
13 (A) Six Days per Week Area
14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
15 Antlers Season.
16 (5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County
17 (A) Six Days per Week Area
18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
19 Antlers Season.
20 (6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County
21 (A) Three Days per Week Area
22 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
23 Antlers Season.
24 (C) Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
25 (D) On the Singletary Lake Tract the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.
26 (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
27 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March
28 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
29 (G) The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes is prohibited March 15 through July 15.
30 (7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County
31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
33 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
34 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
35 (8) Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County
36 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
37 (B) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
38 (9) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
39 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
40 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
41 (10) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.
42 (A) Three Days per Week Area
43 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
44 Antlers Season.
45 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
46 and the first three hunting days of the second week of the December Bear Season. If any
47 of these days falls on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those
48 days.
49 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
50 (11) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
52 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the
53 Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may
54 be taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest
55 September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to
56 the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- 1 Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or
2 nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the
3 Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- 4 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
5 Antlers Season.
- 6 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
7 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 8 (12) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County
- 9 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 10 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken ~~the first six open days and the last six~~ all the open days
11 of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 12 (13) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties
- 13 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
15 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 16 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 17 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 18 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 19 (iii) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 20 On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl
21 hunting after November 1.
- 22 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 23 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 24 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 25 (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of
26 Falls Lake.
- 27 (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
28 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
29 seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of
30 bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from
31 September 1 through May 14.
- 32 (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
33 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 34 (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area
35 and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are
36 prohibited in this camping area.
- 37 (14) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- 38 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 39 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
40 Antlers Season.
- 41 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 42 (15) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- 43 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 44 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
45 Antlers Season.
- 46 (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- 47 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west
48 of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road,
49 and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- 50 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 51 (16) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- 52 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 53 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
54 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 55 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 56 (17) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County

- 1 (A) Three Days per Week Area
2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
3 Visible Antlers Season.
4 (C) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during
5 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding
6 is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails
7 that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game
8 land shall possess a Game Lands license.
9 (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock
10 hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection
11 of SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the
12 intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to
13 the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR
14 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.
15 (E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after
16 November 1.
17 (F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
18 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
19 (G) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.
20 (18) Chatham Game Land in Chatham County
21 (A) Six Days per Week Area
22 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
23 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
24 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
25 (D) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August; and on Sundays during
26 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
27 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
28 ~~(19) Cherokee Game Land in Ashe County~~
29 ~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~
30 ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With~~
31 ~~Visible Antlers Season.~~
32 ~~(20)(19) Chowan Game Land in Chowan County~~
33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
35 Season.
36 ~~(21)(20) Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties.~~
37 (A) Six Days per Week Area
38 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
39 Antlers Season.
40 (C) Bear hunting is restricted to the first three hunting days during the November bear season
41 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December bear season
42 except that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of
43 Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine
44 Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for
45 the Gates County bear season.
46 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
47 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
48 (E) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays
49 only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on
50 those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
51 ~~(22)(21) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County~~
52 (A) Six Days per Week Area
53 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
54 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
55 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
56 Antlers Season.

- 1 ~~(23)~~(22) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
2 (A) Three Days per Week Area
3 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
4 Antlers Season.
- 5 ~~(24)~~(23) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
6 (A) Six Days per Week Area
7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
8 Antlers Season.
9 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
10 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
11 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
12 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
13 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of the waterfowl
14 season, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish
15 Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
16 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted
17 areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- 18 ~~(25)~~(24) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
20 (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by
21 permit only from November 1 through the end of the waterfowl season.
22 (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the
23 guides do not use a firearm.
24 (D) The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or
25 shoreline.
26 (E) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day
27 of their hunt.
28 (F) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand
29 or blind to a tree.
30 (G) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
31 season.
- 32 ~~(26)~~(25) Dare Game Land in Dare County
33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
35 Visible Antlers Season.
36 (C) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
37 (D) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- 38 ~~(27)~~(26) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County
39 (A) Six Days per Week Area
40 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
41 season.
- 42 ~~(28)~~(27) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
43 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
44 (B) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit
45 holders during scheduled permit hunts.
- 46 ~~(29)~~(28) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County
47 (A) Six Days per Week Area
48 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
49 Visible Antlers Season.
- 50 ~~(30)~~(29) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
52 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
53 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
54 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 55 ~~(31)~~(30) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
56 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
4 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
5 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
6 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
7 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 8 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
9 waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl
10 impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith
11 Creek, and Hobucken.
- 12 (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except
13 waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the
14 trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period
15 November 1 through March 15.
- 16 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
17 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 18 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1
19 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting
20 opportunity permit.
- 21 ~~(32)~~(31) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties
22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
24 Antlers Season.
25 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 26 ~~(33)~~(32) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County
27 (A) Six Days per Week Area
28 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
29 Antlers Season.
- 30 ~~(34)~~(33) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County
31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
33 Antlers Season.
34 (C) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
35 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and
36 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
37 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
38 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
39 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
40 (E) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
41 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season,
42 except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- 43 ~~(35)~~(34) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties
44 (A) Six Days per Week Area
45 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
46 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
47 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
48 (i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
49 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
50 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
51 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
52 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
53 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
54 (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 55 (35) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
56 (36) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
3 Antlers Season.
4 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
5 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
6 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
7 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
8 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
9 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
10 (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east
11 of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and
12 bear hunting are permit only.
13 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:
14 (i) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch
15 extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road
16 extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and
17 (ii) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving,
18 Christmas, and New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden
19 Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear
20 River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and
21 bear hunting is by permit only.
22 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the
23 last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting
24 opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
25 (H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on
26 and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
27 (I) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.
28 (J) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
29 (37) Hyco Game land in Person County
30 (A) Six Days per Week Area
31 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
32 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
33 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
34 (38) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County, Permit Only Area.
35 (39) Johns River Game Land in Burke County
36 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
37 (B) During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.
38 (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31,
39 except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the
40 permits.
41 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
42 (40) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties
43 (A) Six Days per Week Area
44 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
45 Antlers Season.
46 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
47 (i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
48 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
49 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
50 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail
51 and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is
52 permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for
53 use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed only during
54 June, July, and August, and on Sundays the remainder of the year except during open
55 turkey and deer seasons. People age 16 or older who ride horseback on trails occurring
56 entirely within the game land boundaries shall possess a Game Lands license.

- 1 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
2 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
3 (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
4 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
5 seasons for game birds and game animals.
- 6 (41) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties
7 (A) Six Days per Week Area
8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers
9 Season.
10 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
11 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 12 (42) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
13 (A) Six Days per Week Area
14 (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
15 (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable
16 Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
17 (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating
18 the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
19 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
20 Antlers season.
21 (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
22 (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- 23 (43) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
24 (A) Six Days per Week Area
25 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
26 Antlers Season.
27 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
28 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
29 (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 30 (44) Lee Game Land in Lee County
31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
32 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
33 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
34 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 35 (45) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
36 (A) Six Days per Week Area
37 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible
38 Antlers Season.
- 39 (46) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
40 (A) Six Days per Week Area
41 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With
42 Visible Antlers Season.
- 43 (47) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
44 (A) Six Days per Week Area
45 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
46 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
47 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
48 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 49 (48) Mayo Game Land in Person County
50 (A) Six Days per Week Area
51 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
52 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
53 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
54 (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
55 (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
56 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

- 1 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
2 (49) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
3 (A) Three Days per Week Area
4 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six days of the applicable Deer with Visible
5 Antlers Season.
6 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31,
7 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
8 (50) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania
9 counties
10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
12 Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
13 (51) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
14 (A) Six Days per Week Area
15 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31,
16 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
17 (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
18 (52) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County
19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
21 Antlers Season.
22 (53) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties
23 (A) Six Days per Week Area
24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
25 Antlers Season.
26 (54) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
27 (A) Three Days per Week Area
28 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the
29 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.
30 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days
31 beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second
32 week thereafter.
33 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
34 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
35 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
36 Antlers Season.
37 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
38 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
39 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
40 (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
41 (ii) Swimming.
42 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
43 (55) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
44 (A) Six Days per Week Area
45 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
46 Antlers Season.
47 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
48 shoreline.
49 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
50 (56) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
52 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
53 Antlers Season.
54 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
55 shoreline.
56 (57) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
3 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
4 (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties
5 North of US-74.
6 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
7 (E) Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and only during the
8 following times:
9 (i) during June, July, and August; and
10 (ii) on Sundays during the other months or parts of months when deer and turkey
11 seasons are closed.
- 12 (58) Perkins Game Land in Davie County
13 (A) Three Days per Week Area
14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
15 Antlers Season.
16 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- 17 (59) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison,
18 McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties
19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
21 Antlers Season.
22 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River
23 (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- 24 (60) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
25 (A) Six Days per Week Area
26 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer with Visible
27 Antlers Season.
28 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August
29 31 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is
30 prohibited from November 1 through May 15.
31 ~~(D) Deer and bear hunting is by permit only.~~
- 32 (61) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County
33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
35 Antlers Season.
- 36 (62) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County
37 (A) Three Days per Week Area
38 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
39 Visible Antlers Season.
40 (C) Bear hunting is prohibited.
- 41 ~~(62)~~(63) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
42 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
43 (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- 44 ~~(63)~~(64) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties
45 (A) Hunting is by Permit only.
46 (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business
47 or by permit holders.
48 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
49 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided,
50 however, that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on
51 the state-owned portion of the game land.
- 52 ~~(64)~~(65) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
53 ~~(65)~~(66) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County
54 (A) Three Days per Week Area
55 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken ~~the first six open days and the last six~~ all the open days
56 of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- 1 ~~(66)~~(67) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
2 (A) Three Days per Week Area
3 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the
4 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.
5 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days
6 beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second
7 week thereafter.
8 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
9 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
10 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
11 Antlers Season.
12 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
13 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
14 (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
15 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 16 ~~(67)~~(68) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County: Hunting is by permit only.
17 ~~(68)~~(69) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
18 (A) Three Days per Week Area
19 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
20 Antlers Season.
21 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 22 ~~(69)~~(70) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties
23 (A) Three Days per Week Area
24 (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22
25 through March 31 except as follows:
26 (i) deer may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of the bow-and-
27 arrow season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving; with blackpowder
28 firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the blackpowder firearms
29 season through the second Saturday before Thanksgiving; and with all legal
30 weapons from the second Monday before Thanksgiving through the Saturday
31 following Thanksgiving;
32 (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season
33 through the third Saturday thereafter;
34 (iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from second Monday
35 before Thanksgiving, through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
36 (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding
37 Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
38 (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
39 (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen
40 Program Permit Hunt; and
41 (vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or
42 nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
43 (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday
44 before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving, except on the J.
45 Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
46 (D) The bow-and-arrow season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to
47 the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial
48 Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through January 1. Deer may be taken
49 with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the bow and arrow season, the
50 Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this
51 Subparagraph.
52 (E) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding
53 Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J.
54 Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through
55 January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days
56 during the blackpowder firearms season and the Deer With Visible Antlers season.

- 1 (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
- 2 (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and
- 3 closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 4 (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 5 (I) The following areas are permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting, and dog training
- 6 on birds:
- 7 (i) In Richmond County: that part east of US 1;
- 8 (ii) In Scotland County: that part west of SR 1328 and north of Gardner Farm Lane
- 9 and that part east of SR 1328 and north of Scotland Lake Lane.
- 10 (J) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited
- 11 unless riding in authorized field trials.
- 12 (K) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
- 13 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 14 (L) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- 15 ~~(70)~~(71) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties
- 16 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
- 18 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 19 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 20 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 21 ~~(71)~~(72) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.
- 22 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer with Visible
- 24 Antlers season.
- 25 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
- 26 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 27 (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed
- 28 in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(e).
- 29 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of
- 30 dove season.
- 31 ~~(72)~~(73) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.
- 32 ~~(73)~~(74) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash and Warren counties
- 33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
- 35 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 36 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 37 ~~(74)~~(75) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties
- 38 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 39 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the
- 40 Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may
- 41 be taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest
- 42 September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to
- 43 the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Deer
- 44 may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or
- 45 nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the
- 46 Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- 47 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 48 Antlers Season.
- 49 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
- 50 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 51 (E) That part of South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford
- 52 counties is closed to all grouse hunting, quail hunting, woodcock hunting, and all bird
- 53 dog training.
- 54 ~~(75)~~(76) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County
- 55 (A) Six-Day per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- 4 (D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- 5 (E) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken only on the following days:
6 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
7 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
8 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 9 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 10 (G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- 11 ~~(76)~~(77) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
- 12 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 13 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
14 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 15 (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
16 (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
17 (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- 18 (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of
19 vessels on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl
20 hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity
21 Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 22 (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed
23 waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters
24 possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife
25 Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 26 ~~(77)~~(78) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- 27 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 28 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
29 Visible Antlers Season.
- 30 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 31 ~~(78)~~(79) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County – hunting is by permit only.
- 32 ~~(79)~~(80) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting is by permit only.
- 33 ~~(80)~~(81) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 34 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 35 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With
36 Visible Antlers Season.
- 37 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 38 ~~(81)~~(82) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
- 39 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 40 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
41 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 42 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31,
43 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16
44 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 45 (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is
46 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive
47 days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.
- 48 ~~(82)~~(83) Tillery game Land in Halifax County
- 49 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 50 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
51 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 52 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 53 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 54 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 55 ~~(83)~~(84) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties
- 56 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
4 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 5 ~~(84)~~(85) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties
- 6 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last open six days of the
8 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 9 (C) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following
10 days:
- 11 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 12 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 13 (iii) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 14 (D) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.
- 15 ~~(85)~~(86) Vance Game Land in Vance County
- 16 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
18 Antlers Season.
- 19 (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the
20 Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- 21 ~~(86)~~(87) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties
- 22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
24 Antlers Season.
- 25 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season
26 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- 27 (88) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 28 ~~(87)~~(89) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County
- 29 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
31 Antlers Season.
- 32 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
33 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 34 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 35 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 36 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 37 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
38 waterfowl season, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
- 39 (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
- 40 (i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting
41 Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to
42 G.S. 113-264(d);
- 43 (ii) hunting is by permit only; and
- 44 (iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 45 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 46 ~~(88)~~(90) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen County
- 47 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 48 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
49 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 50 (91) William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County
- 51 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 52 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
53 Antlers Season.

54 (i) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed
55 applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates
56 of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt,

1 and are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperator
2 agent or by phone.

3 (j) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a
4 valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:

- 5 (1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;
- 6 (2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;
- 7 (3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;
- 8 (4) Burke County—John's River Waterfowl Refuge;
- 9 (5) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);
- 10 (6) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and
- 11 (7) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.

12 (k) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the
13 Commission. Written permission may be granted only when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge will not compromise
14 the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid
15 need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes
16 issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the
17 public interest.

18 (l) Feral swine may be taken by licensed hunters during the open season for any game animal using any legal
19 manner of take allowed during those seasons. Dogs may not be used to hunt feral swine except on game lands that
20 allow the use of dogs for hunting deer or bear, and during the applicable deer or bear season.

21 (m) Youth Waterfowl Day. On the day declared by the Commission to be Youth Waterfowl Day, youths may hunt
22 on any game land and on any impoundment without a special hunt permit, including permit-only areas, except where
23 prohibited in Paragraph (h) of this Rule.

24 (n) Permit Hunt Opportunities for Disabled Sportsmen. The Commission may designate special hunts for
25 participants of the disabled sportsman program by permit. The Commission may schedule these permit hunts during
26 the closed season. Hunt dates and species to be taken shall be identified on each permit. If the hunt has a limited
27 weapon choice, the allowed weapons shall be stated on each permit.

28 (o) As used in this Rule, horseback riding includes all equine species.

29 (p) When waterfowl hunting is specifically permitted in this Rule on Christmas and New Years' Day and those days
30 fall on Sundays, the open waterfowl hunting day shall be the following day.

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32 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*
33 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
34 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 3, 1991;*
35 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995;*
36 *September 1, 1994; July 1, 1994;*
37 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1999; July 1, 1999;*
38 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
39 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*
40 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*
41 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
42 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17, 2003);*
43 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; May 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; January 1, 2013;*
44 *August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007;*
45 *October 1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May 1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; October 1, 2004.*
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EXHIBIT N

February 16, 2017



PROPOSED CHANGES IN STATE LISTED SPECIES REGULATIONS RECOMMENDED BY AGENCY STAFF FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND PRESENTATION AT THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Endangered Species

- 1) Add the following species to the list of state endangered species: Common Tern, Gopher Frog, Henslow's Sparrow, Longsolid, Ornate Chorus Frog, River Frog, Sharpnose Darter, and Wayne's Black-throated Green Warbler.
15A NCAC 10I .0103 Endangered Species Listed (page 2)
- 2) Remove the following species from the list of state endangered species: Green Salamander, Neuse Spike, and Wood Stork.
15A NCAC 10I .0103 Endangered Species Listed (pages 1, 2)
- 3) Make technical corrections of the common name or scientific name of the following species: Dwarf Wedgemussel, Kirtland's Warbler, Littlewing Pearlymussel, and Roseate Tern.
15A NCAC 10I .0103 Endangered Species Listed (page 1)

Threatened Species

- 1) Add the following species to the list of state threatened species: Caspian Tern, Green Salamander, Mabee's Salamander, Mimic Shiner, Notched Rainbow, Northern Pine Snake, Rainbow, Southern Hognose Snake, and Wood Stork.
15A NCAC 10I .0104 Threatened Species Listed (pages 4 – 6)
- 2) Remove the following species from the list of state threatened species: American Brook Lamprey, Banded Sculpin, Blackbanded Darter, Clingman Covert, Gopher Frog, Roanoke Slabshell, and Seep Mudalia.
15A NCAC 10I .0104 Threatened Species Listed (pages 4, 5)
- 3) Make technical corrections of the common name or scientific name of the following species: Bigeye Jumrock, Gull-billed Tern, Northern Long-eared Bat, Red Knot, and Spotfin Chub.
15A NCAC 10I .0104 Threatened Species Listed (page 4)

Special Concern Species

- 1) Add the following species to the list of state special concern species: American Brook Lamprey, Banded Sculpin, Barn Owl, Blackbanded Darter, Carolina Swamp Snake, Clingman Covert, Cumberland Slider, Dwarf Black-bellied Salamander, Eastern Chicken Turtle, Gray Treefrog, Ohio Lamprey, Ridged Lioplax, Roanoke Slabshell, and Seep Mudalia.

15A NCAC 10I .0105 Special Concern Species Listed (pages 7 – 10)

- 2) Remove the following species from the list of state special concern species: Common Tern, Henslow's Sparrow, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Notched Rainbow, Northern Pine Snake, Rainbow, River Frog, Riverweed Darter, Sharpnose Darter, Southern Hognose Snake, Southern Rock Shrew, Southern Water Shrew, Waccamaw Lampmussel, and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

15A NCAC 10I .0105 Special Concern Species Listed (pages 7 – 11)

- 3) Make technical corrections of the scientific name of the following species: Bachman's Sparrow, Cerulean Warbler, and Least Tern.

15A NCAC 10I .0105 Special Concern Species Listed (page 7)

1 **15A NCAC 10I .0103 ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTED**

2 (a) The following species of resident wildlife shall be designated as federally-listed endangered species:

3 (1) Amphibians: None Listed At This Time.

4 ~~None Listed At This Time.~~

5 (2) Birds:

6 (A) Bachman's warbler (*Vermivora bachmanii*);

7 (B) Ivory-billed woodpecker (*Campephilus principalis*);

8 (C) Kirtland's warbler (~~*Dendroica*~~ *Setophaga kirtlandii*);

9 (D) Piping plover (*Charadrius melodus circumcinctus*);

10 (E) Red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*); and

11 (F) Roseate tern (*Sterna dougallii* ~~*dougalli*~~); and *dougallii*.

12 ~~(G) Wood stork (*Mycteria americana*).~~

13 (3) Crustacea: None Listed At This Time.

14 (4) Fish:

15 (A) Cape Fear shiner (*Notropis mekistocholas*);

16 (B) Roanoke logperch (*Percina rex*);

17 (C) Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), when found in inland fishing waters as
18 defined in G.S. 113-129(9a) and (9b); and

19 (D) Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*), when found in inland fishing waters.

20 (5) Mammals:

21 (A) Carolina northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus*);

22 (B) Eastern cougar (*Puma concolor*);

23 (C) Gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*);

24 (D) Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*);

25 (E) Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), when found in inland fishing waters; and

26 (F) Virginia big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*).

27 (6) Mollusks:

28 (A) Appalachian elktoe (*Alasmidonta raveneliana*);

29 (B) Carolina heelsplitter (*Lasmigona decorata*);

30 (C) Dwarf ~~wedge mussel~~ wedgemussel (*Alasmidonta heterodon*);

31 (D) James spinymussel (*Pleurobema collina*);

32 (E) ~~Little-wing~~ Littlewing pearlymussel (*Pegias fabula*);

33 (F) Tan riffleshell (*Epioblasma florentina walkeri*); and

34 (G) Tar River spinymussel (*Elliptio steinstansana*).

35 (7) Reptiles:

36 (A) Kemp's ridley seaturtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*);

37 (B) Atlantic hawksbill seaturtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata imbricata*); and

- 1 (C) Leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*).
- 2 (b) The following species of resident wildlife shall be designated as state-listed endangered species:
- 3 (1) Amphibians: ~~Green salamander (*Aneides aeneus*).~~
- 4 (A) Gopher frog (*Rana [=Lithobates] capito*);
- 5 (B) Ornate chorus frog (*Pseudacris ornata*); and
- 6 (C) River frog (*Rana [=Lithobates] heckscheri*).
- 7 (2) Birds:
- 8 (A) American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*); ~~and~~
- 9 (B) Bewick's wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*);
- 10 (C) Common tern (*Sterna hirundo*);
- 11 (D) Henslow's sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*); and
- 12 (E) Wayne's black-throated green warbler (*Setophaga virens waynei*).
- 13 (3) Crustacea: ~~Bennett's Mill cave water slater (*Caecidotea carolinensis*).~~
- 14 (A) Bennett's Mill cave water slater (*Caecidotea carolinensis*).
- 15 (4) Fish:
- 16 (A) Blotchside logperch (*Percina burtoni*);
- 17 (B) Bridle shiner (*Notropis bifrenatus*);
- 18 (C) Dusky darter (*Percina sciera*);
- 19 (D) Orangefin madtom (*Noturus gilberti*);
- 20 (E) Paddlefish (*Polyodon spathula*);
- 21 (F) Robust redhorse (*Moxostoma robustum*);
- 22 (G) Rustyside sucker (*Thoburnia hamiltoni*); and
- 23 (H) Sharpnose darter (*Percina oxyrhyncus*); and
- 24 ~~(H)(I)~~ Stonecat (*Noturus flavus*).
- 25 (5) Mammals: None Listed At This Time.
- 26 (6) Mollusks:
- 27 (A) Atlantic pigtoe (*Fusconaia masoni*);
- 28 (B) Barrel floater (*Anodonta couperiana*);
- 29 (C) Brook floater (*Alasmidonta varicosa*);
- 30 (D) Carolina creekshell (*Villosa vaughaniana*);
- 31 (E) Fragile glyph (*Glyphyalinia clingmani*);
- 32 (F) Green floater (*Lasmigona subviridis*);
- 33 (G) Greenfield rams-horn (*Helisoma eucosmium*)
- 34 (H) Knotty elimia (*Elimia christyi*);
- 35 (I) Longsolid (*Fusconaia subrotunda*);
- 36 ~~(H)(J)~~ Magnificent rams-horn (*Planorbella magnifica*);
- 37 (J) ~~Neuse spike (*Elliptio judithae*);~~

- 1 (K) Purple wartyback (*Cyclonaias tuberculata*);
- 2 (L) Savannah lilliput (*Toxolasma pullus*);
- 3 (M) Slippershell mussel (*Alasmidonta viridis*);
- 4 (N) Tennessee clubshell (*Pleurobema oviforme*);
- 5 (O) Tennessee heelsplitter (*Lasmigona holstonia*);
- 6 (P) Tennessee pigtoe (*Fusconaia barnesiana*);
- 7 (Q) Yellow lampmussel (*Lampsilis cariosa*); and
- 8 (R) Yellow lance (*Elliptio lanceolata*).
- 9 (7) Reptiles:
- 10 (A) Eastern coral snake (*Micrurus fulvius fulvius*); and
- 11 (B) Eastern diamondback rattlesnake (*Crotalus adamanteus*).

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13 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2; 113-292; 113-333;

14 Eff. June 11, 1977;

15 Amended Eff. October 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; May 1, 2008; April 1, 2001; February 1, 1994;

16 November 1, 1991; April 1, 1991; June 1, 1990.

1 **15A NCAC 10I .0104 THREATENED SPECIES LISTED**

2 (a) The following species of resident wildlife shall be designated as federally-listed threatened species:

- 3 (1) Amphibians: None Listed At This Time.
- 4 (2) Birds:
- 5 (A) Piping plover (*Charadrius melodus melodus*); ~~and~~
- 6 (B) ~~Red Knot knot~~ (~~*calidris Calidris canutus rufa*~~); *rufa*; and
- 7 (C) Wood stork (*Mycteria americana*).
- 8 (3) Crustacea: None Listed At This Time.
- 9 (4) Fish:
- 10 (A) Spotfin chub (~~*Cyprinella monacha*~~ *Erimonax monachus*); and
- 11 (B) Waccamaw silverside (*Menidia extensa*).
- 12 (5) Mammals: Northern ~~Long-eared Bat~~ long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)
- 13 (6) Mollusks: Noonday globe (*Patera clarki nantahala*).
- 14 (7) Reptiles:
- 15 (A) Bog turtle (*Glyptemys muhlenbergii*);
- 16 (B) American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*);
- 17 (C) Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*); and
- 18 (D) Loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*).

19 (b) The following species of resident wildlife are designated as state-listed threatened species:

- 20 (1) Amphibians:
- 21 (A) ~~Carolina gopher frog (*Rana capito capito*)~~;
- 22 ~~(B)~~(A) Eastern tiger salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum tigrinum*);
- 23 (B) Green salamander (*Aneides aeneus*);
- 24 (C) Junaluska salamander (*Eurycea junaluska*); ~~and~~
- 25 (D) Mabee's salamander (*Ambystoma mabeei*); and
- 26 ~~(D)~~(E) Wehrle's salamander (*Plethodon wehrlei*).
- 27 (2) Birds:
- 28 (A) Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*);
- 29 (B) Caspian tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*);
- 30 ~~(B)~~(C) Gull-billed tern (~~*Sterna*~~ *Gelochelidon nilotica aranea*); and
- 31 ~~(C)~~(D) Northern saw-whet owl (*Aegolius acadicus*).
- 32 (3) Crustacea: None Listed At This Time.
- 33 (4) Fish:
- 34 (A) ~~American brook lamprey (*Lampetra appendix*)~~;
- 35 (B) ~~Banded sculpin (*Cottus carolinae*)~~;
- 36 (C)(A) Bigeye jumprock (~~*Seartomyzon ariommus*~~ *Moxostoma ariommum*);
- 37 (D) ~~Blackbanded darter (*Percina nigrofasciata*)~~;

- 1 ~~(E)~~(B) Carolina madtom (*Noturus furiosus*);
- 2 ~~(F)~~(C) Carolina pygmy sunfish (*Elassoma boehlkei*);
- 3 ~~(G)~~(D) Carolina redhorse (*Moxostoma* sp.) (Pee Dee River and its tributaries and Cape Fear River
- 4 and its tributaries);
- 5 ~~(H)~~(E) Least brook lamprey (*Lampetra aepyptera*);
- 6 ~~(I)~~(F) Logperch (*Percina caprodes*);
- 7 (G) ~~_____~~ Mimic shiner (*Notropis volucellus*);
- 8 ~~(J)~~(H) Rosyface chub (*Hybopsis rubrifrons*);
- 9 ~~(K)~~(I) Sharphead darter (*Etheostoma acuticeps*);
- 10 ~~(L)~~(J) Sicklefins redhorse (*Moxostoma* sp.) (Hiwassee River and its tributaries and Little
- 11 Tennessee River and its tributaries);
- 12 ~~(M)~~(K) Turquoise darter (*Etheostoma inscriptum*); and
- 13 ~~(N)~~(L) Waccamaw darter (*Etheostoma perlongum*).
- 14 (5) Mammals:
- 15 (A) Eastern woodrat (*Neotoma floridana floridana*);
- 16 (B) Rafinesque's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus rafinesquii rafinesquii*); and
- 17 (C) Red wolf (*Canis rufus*).
- 18 (6) Mollusks:
- 19 (A) Alewife floater (*Anodonta implicata*);
- 20 (B) Big-tooth covert (*Fumonelix jonesiana*);
- 21 (C) Cape Fear threetooth (*Triodopsis soelneri*);
- 22 (D) Carolina fatmucket (*Lampsilis radiata conspicua*);
- 23 ~~(E)~~ ~~_____~~ Clingman covert (*Fumonelix wheateyi clingmanicus*);
- 24 ~~(F)~~(E) Eastern lampmussel (*Lampsilis radiata radiata*);
- 25 ~~(G)~~(F) Eastern pondmussel (*Ligumia nasuta*);
- 26 ~~(H)~~(G) Engraved covert (*Fumonelix orestes*);
- 27 ~~(I)~~(H) Mountain creekshell (*Villosa vanuxemensis*);
- 28 (I) ~~_____~~ Notched rainbow (*Villosa constricta*);
- 29 (J) ~~_____~~ Rainbow (*Villosa iris*);
- 30 ~~(K)~~(K) Roan supercoil (*Paravitrea varidens*);
- 31 ~~(L)~~ ~~_____~~ Roanoke slabshell (*Elliptio roanokensis*);
- 32 (L) Sculpted supercoil (*Paravitrea ternaria*);
- 33 ~~(M)~~ ~~_____~~ Seep mudalia (*Leptoxis dilatata*);
- 34 ~~(N)~~(M) Smoky Mountain covert (*Infectarius ferrissi*);
- 35 ~~(O)~~(N) Squawfoot (*Strophitus undulatus*);
- 36 ~~(P)~~(O) Tidewater mucket (*Leptodea ochracea*);
- 37 ~~(Q)~~(P) Triangle floater (*Alasmidonta undulata*);

- 1 ~~(R)~~(Q) Waccamaw ambersnail (*Catinella waccamawensis*);
- 2 ~~(S)~~(R) Waccamaw fatmucket (*Lampsilis fullerhati*); and
- 3 ~~(T)~~(S) Waccamaw spike (*Elliptio waccamawensis*).
- 4 (7) Reptiles: ~~None Listed At This Time.~~
- 5 (A) Northern pine snake (*Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus*); and
- 6 (B) Southern hognose snake (*Heterodon simus*).

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History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2; 113-292; 113-333;
Eff. March 17, 1978;
Amended Eff. October 1, 2017, June 1, 2008; April 1, 2001; November 1, 1991; April 1, 1991; June
1, 1990; September 1, 1989;
Temporary Amendment Eff. February 27, 2015;
Amended Eff. July 1, 2016; August 1, 2016.

1 **15A NCAC 10I .0105 SPECIAL CONCERN SPECIES LISTED**

2 The following species of resident wildlife shall be designated as state-listed special concern species:

3 (1) Amphibians:

- 4 (a) Crevice salamander (*Plethodon longicrus*);
5 (b) Dwarf salamander (*Eurycea quadridigitata*);
6 (c) Dwarf black-bellied salamander (*Desmognathus folkertsi*);
7 ~~(d)~~ Eastern hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*);
8 ~~(e)~~ Four-toed salamander (*Hemidactylium scutatum*);
9 (f) Gray treefrog (*Hyla versicolor*);
10 ~~(g)~~ Longtail salamander (*Eurycea longicauda longicauda*);
11 ~~(h)~~ Mole salamander (*Ambystoma talpoideum*);
12 ~~(i)~~ Mountain chorus frog (*Pseudacris brachyphona*);
13 ~~(j)~~ Mudpuppy (*Necturus maculosus*);
14 ~~(k)~~ Neuse River waterdog (*Necturus lewisi*);
15 (j) ~~River frog (*Rana heckscheri*)~~;
16 ~~(l)~~ Southern zigzag salamander (*Plethodon ventralis*); and
17 ~~(m)~~ Weller's salamander (*Plethodon welleri*).

18 (2) Birds:

- 19 (a) American oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*);
20 (b) Bachman's sparrow (~~*Aimophila*~~ *Peucaea aestivalis*);
21 (c) Barn owl (*Tyto alba*);
22 ~~(d)~~ Black-capped chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*);
23 ~~(e)~~ Black rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*);
24 ~~(f)~~ Black skimmer (*Rynchops niger*);
25 ~~(g)~~ Brown creeper (*Certhia americana nigrescens*);
26 ~~(h)~~ Cerulean warbler (~~*Dendroica*~~ *Setophaga cerulea*);
27 ~~(i)~~ Common tern (*Sterna hirundo*);
28 (i) Glossy ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*);
29 (j) Golden-winged warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*);
30 ~~(k)~~ Henslow's sparrow (~~*Ammodramus*~~ *henslowii*);
31 ~~(l)~~ Least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*);
32 ~~(m)~~ Least tern (~~*Sterna*~~ *Sternula antillarum*);
33 ~~(n)~~ Little blue heron (*Egretta caerulea*);
34 ~~(o)~~ Loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*);
35 ~~(p)~~ Olive-sided flycatcher (~~*Contopus*~~ *cooperi*);
36 ~~(q)~~ Painted bunting (*Passerina ciris*);
37 ~~(r)~~ Red crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*);

- 1 ~~(i)~~(j) Dwarf threetooth (*Triodopsis fulciden*);
- 2 ~~(j)~~(k) Fringed coil (*Helicodiscus fimbriatus*);
- 3 ~~(k)~~(l) Glossy supercoil (*Paravitrea placentula*);
- 4 ~~(l)~~(m) Great Smoky slitmouth (*Stenotrema depilatum*);
- 5 ~~(m)~~(n) High mountain supercoil (*Paravitrea andrewsae*);
- 6 ~~(n)~~(o) Honey glyph (*Glyphyalinia vanattai*);
- 7 ~~(o)~~(p) Lamellate supercoil (*Paravitrea lamellidens*);
- 8 ~~(p)~~(q) Mirey Ridge supercoil (*Paravitrea clappi*);
- 9 ~~(q)~~ — ~~Notched rainbow (*Villosa constricta*);~~
- 10 (r) Open supercoil (*Paravitrea umbilicaris*);
- 11 (s) Pink glyph (*Glyphyalinia pentadelphia*);
- 12 (t) Pod lance (*Elliptio folliculata*);
- 13 (u) Queen crater (*Appalachina chilhoweensis*);
- 14 ~~(v)~~ — ~~Rainbow (*Villosa iris*);~~
- 15 ~~(w)~~(v) Ramp Cove supercoil (*Paravitrea lacteodens*);
- 16 (w) Ridged lioplax (*Lioplax subcarinata*);
- 17 (x) Roanoke slabshell (*Elliptio roanokensis*);
- 18 ~~(x)~~(y) Saw-tooth disc (*Discus bryanti*);
- 19 (z) Seep mudalia (*Leptoxis dilatata*);
- 20 ~~(y)~~(aa) Spike (*Elliptio dilatata*);
- 21 ~~(z)~~(bb) Spiral coil (*Helicodiscus bonamicus*);
- 22 ~~(aa)~~(cc) Velvet covert (*Inflectarius subpalliatu*);
- 23 ~~(bb)~~(dd) Waccamaw amnicola (*Amnicola* sp.);
- 24 ~~(cc)~~ — ~~Waccamaw lampmussel (*Lampsilis crocata*);~~
- 25 ~~(dd)~~(ee) Waccamaw siltsnail (*Cincinnati* sp.); and
- 26 ~~(ee)~~(ff) Wavy-rayed lampmussel (*Lampsilis fasciola*).
- 27 (7) Reptiles:
- 28 (a) Carolina pigmy rattlesnake (*Sistrurus miliarius miliarius*);
- 29 (b) Carolina swamp snake (*Seminatrix pygaea paludis*);
- 30 ~~(b)~~(c) Carolina watersnake (*Nerodia sipedon williamengelsi*);
- 31 (d) Cumberland slider (*Trachemys scripta troostii*);
- 32 ~~(c)~~(e) Diamondback terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*);
- 33 (f) Eastern chicken turtle (*Deirochelys reticularia reticularia*);
- 34 ~~(d)~~(g) Eastern smooth green snake (*Opheodrys vernalis vernalis*);
- 35 ~~(e)~~(h) Eastern spiny softshell (*Apalone spinifera spinifera*);
- 36 ~~(f)~~(i) Mimic glass lizard (*Ophisaurus mimicus*);
- 37 ~~(g)~~ — ~~Northern pine snake (*Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus*);~~

- 1 ~~(h)~~(j) Outer Banks kingsnake (*Lampropeltis getula sticticeps*);
- 2 (i) ~~Southern hognose snake (*Heterodon simus*);~~
- 3 ~~(j)~~(k) Stripeneck musk turtle (*Sternotherus minor peltifer*); and
- 4 ~~(k)~~(l) Timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*).

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6 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2; 113-292; 113-333;*

7 *Eff. September 1, 1989;*

8 *Amended Eff. October 1, 2017, August 1, 2016; May 1, 2008; July 18, 2002; April 1, 2001;*

9 *November 1, 1991; April 1, 1991; June 1, 1990.*

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EXHIBIT O

February 16, 2017



FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED ENDANGERED/THREATENED/SPECIAL CONCERN SPECIES RULE AMENDMENTS FOR THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Rule Amendments: 15A NCAC 10I .0103 Endangered Species Listed
15A NCAC 10I .0104 Threatened Species Listed
15A NCAC 10I .0105 Special Concern Species Listed

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Impact Summary: State Government: Yes
Local Government: Yes
Private Impact: Yes
Substantial Impact: No

Authority: G.S. 113-134, 113-333

Background

The wildlife resources of the State belong to the people of the State as a whole, including the enjoyment of these resources (G.S. 113-131(a)). The Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) is tasked with the conservation of wildlife resources of the State (G.S. 143-239). This responsibility includes managing as equitably as possible the various competing interests regarding these resources, including the use and take of such resources (G.S. 113-131.1(a)). The statutes governing wildlife resources are found in Chapter 113, Subchapter IV of the General Statutes, and WRC has been granted rulemaking authority to implement the provisions of these statutes (G.S. 113-134).

As part of its mission, WRC adopts and publishes an endangered species list, a threatened species list and a list of special concern species, as required by G.S. 113-333. Lists are amended from time to time, in response to public proposals or as the Commission deems necessary. The WRC conducts investigations of its wild animals, as defined in G.S. 113-331, to determine whether the state listings need to be adjusted in order to accomplish the objectives of managing wildlife resources through sound conservation. The WRC also adopts and implements conservation programs for endangered, threatened and special concern species to limit, regulate, or prevent the taking, collection or sale of protected species (G.S. 113-333). The management goal with any state listing is to ensure the stability of a species for long term viability.

The process for updating the state listing involves a multi-year, transparent process defined by science-based decision making. Per G.S. 113-335, the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee (NWAC) is the panel of experts from scientific disciplines who review scientific evidence and submit their state listing recommendations to the Commission. The Commission is required by G.S. 113-334 to consider the recommendations while examining relevant data and factual information. The proposed changes to the state listings are based on actual data and the status of each species population as proposed by the North Carolina Species Assessment Tool, and detailed in the Wildlife Action Plan (<http://www.ncwildlife.org/plan>).

A summary of the proposed rule amendments is below, with the full text included in Appendix A.

I. Introduction and Purpose of Rule Change

The endangered, threatened and special concern species lists (hereinafter referred to as the protected species list or state list), identify nongame wild animals to be protected and conserved, so that conservation techniques can be developed for them, and their population numbers are enhanced. An endangered species is one whose continued existence has been determined to be in jeopardy in the state. A threatened species is one who is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all of, or at least a significant portion of its range. And a special concern species has been determined to need monitoring. All species on the protected species list are native or once-native species of North Carolina.

The proposed changes to the list are necessary to ensure the continued viability of North Carolina's nongame wildlife diversity by promoting conservation priorities. After review of 64 candidate species in a report from the Scientific Council approved by NWAC, the WRC recommends to add 14 species, remove 7 species, and change the status of 16 species on the protected species list. The proposed list highlights species that meet the definition of endangered, threatened, or special concern. A complete list of proposed changes and summarized data on each species can be found in Appendix B.

The proposed changes to the state listing include an additional three species to be listed as endangered, three species to be listed as threatened, and eight species to be listed as special concern. Overall, there will be a total of 37 changes to the 15A NCAC 10I – Endangered and Threatened Species Rules due to additions, removals, and shifting of species between lists. The goal of these listing changes is to provide active and appropriate conservation for these species

including research, land conservation, monitoring, and habitat restoration. When a species is experiencing a threat and/or decline in population, the state listing status can provide additional funding opportunities and research priority to assist in the recovery and population viability.

Adding a species to the protected species list establishes protection from direct take, encourages partners to request funding for species-specific projects, assists in identifying quality habitat that the agency would like to conserve, and informs partners of ecologically significant habitats so they can work to minimize impacts and focus their conservation efforts. Additionally, this information plays a large role in identifying and prioritizing multi-state and regional conservation needs as well as long-term monitoring programs, and minimizes the likelihood of federal listing for that species.

II. Fiscal Impacts - Costs¹

State Impact

The proposed amendments to the 10I Rules are anticipated to have a minimal economic impact to the state.

It is unlawful, unless granted specific authorization, for an individual to take, possess, transport, sell, barter, trade, exchange, export or give away any species listed in 15A NCAC 10I .0103 - .0105.² To enforce this law, WRC requires all new wildlife enforcement officers to participate in an agency training that includes a one-day review of regulations and field identification specifically for nongame and state listed species. This training includes 8 hours of information on the illegal pet trade, collection, and food market, and teaches officers accurate species identification. Additionally, routine refresher trainings are offered, which include information on nongame species that may have had an increased number of unlawful activities, and any changes that have been made to the protected species lists. Though new training materials will need to be developed to incorporate the proposed changes to the 10I Rules, the materials are produced in-house, and staff time anticipated for completion of this task is at most, two hours. This will be a one-time cost to the agency of \$74 ($\$37/\text{hr} \times 2\text{hrs} = \74).

In the field, enforcement officers track their time spent patrolling for unlawful activity involving nongame species, including listed species. Based on officer activity logs from fiscal year (FY) 2015 and FY 2016, less than one percent of each officer's time is spent on nongame specific activities.³ These activities include routine patrols for violations, responding to wildlife vs. human interactions and complaints, assisting biologists with complaints, following leads from citizens, and investigating actual crimes. Over the past two fiscal years, this has accounted for an average of 5,544 hours/FY. There are over 1,000 nongame species in NC with two hundred and five (205) nongame being state listed as of FY 2015. For the purpose of estimating additional costs to the agency from the 14 newly listed species, it is assumed that about one fourth of the 5,544 hours, 1,386 hours ($5,544\text{hrs}/4 = 1,386$ hours) spent patrolling in the last two fiscal years was specific to listed species. While it is not anticipated that the addition of 14 new species to the protected species list will have much impact on officer time because many of the new species

¹ All hourly rates for agency staff herein reflect total compensation.

² G.S. 113-337. Unlawful acts; penalties.

³ Personal correspondence with law enforcement staff 12/2016.

reside in habitats that are already patrolled, the potential exists for increased illegal activity involving these species. Currently, patrol time and time spent addressing any illegal activity, is estimated to cost the agency \$45,738/FY ($\$33/\text{hr} \times 1386 \text{ hrs}/\text{FY}$). If there is an increase in illegal activity, this cost could increase. However, it is not possible to predict the potential change in illegal activity at this time.

Additionally, each person convicted of unlawful activities with a species on the protected species list is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. In FY 2016 there were a total of 14 nongame court cases. There were 12 in FY 2015. In 2015 five of those cases involved the unlawful possession of an animal on the protected species list, but there were none in 2016 (average of 2.5 court cases for listed species per year).⁴ A typical court case for a listed species requires approximately 11 hours of officer time. Based on the available data, the agency incurs a cost of \$363 per court case ($\$33/\text{hr} \times 11 \text{ hrs}/\text{case} = \363 case). However, the agency is not able to predict the number of instances involving illegal take that will go to court because of changes to the protected species list.

Once a species is added to the protected species list, a conservation plan must be developed (G.S. 113-333(b)). These plans detail the restoration and management actions that the agency recommends to secure recovery of the species. Many of these species co-exist in the same habitat and as such, will benefit from the conservation efforts of other species. With this in mind, the species added to the state list may not be additive work per se, but will be absorbed into current conservation efforts. For those species not cohabitating with currently listed species, new management plans will be developed. Based on the proposed listings, 7 species will require new management plans, at an estimated cost to the agency of \$10,360 ($\$37/\text{hr} \times 40\text{hrs}/\text{plan} = \$1,480/\text{plan}$; $\$1,480/\text{plan} \times 7 \text{ plans} = \$10,360$). It is estimated that it will take the agency 12 months to develop these plans.

Recovery efforts for a species in decline may be implemented by the agency regardless of listing status. However, these management techniques will be included in a management plan (required if listed) and could range from monitoring to population augmentation. If a species requires monitoring and data collection, insignificant costs for staff time and supplies may be incurred at an estimated cost of \$200 to \$1000 per species. Monitoring costs would be low because, depending on the species, sampling efforts are not typically exclusive, and minimal time, effort, and supplies would be needed for collection of any additional data. On the other hand, if a more extensive management effort were required, for example the head start restoration effort currently being implemented for the Gopher frog, estimated costs could be close to \$850,000 over a 10-year period.⁵ Although the Wildlife Action Plan summarizes recovery techniques for priority species, the conservation plans will provide more details specific by species.⁶

Any individual who wishes to collect a nongame species for research purposes is required to obtain a collection license.⁷ Collection of a listed species, also requires an endangered species permit. Staff review endangered species permit applications before they are issued. This review requires approximately 2 hours to complete, at a cost to the agency of \$74 per permit ($\$37/\text{hr} \times 2 \text{ hrs}/\text{permit} = \$74/\text{permit}$). Listing or uplisting a species increases the likelihood that researchers

⁴ Personal correspondence with law enforcement staff 12/2016.

⁵ Costs obtained from staff – based on Gopher frog recovery efforts 1/2017.

⁶ <http://www.ncwildlife.org/Plan>

⁷ 15A NCAC 10I .0102

will target those species, but the agency is not able to predict how many new permits will be requested.

Agency staff currently review development projects from other state and local agencies to determine the effects of those projects on state-listed species. Though 14 new species will be listed in Rule, no additional costs to the WRC or any other agencies are anticipated, as neither process, review protocol nor staffing will be changed. However, since new species are being added, agency staff will be asked for scientific expertise on proposed projects during the permit review process to assist in understanding any anticipated impacts the project could have on these newly listed species. There is no way for the agency to predict which projects will be affected, but this review requires approximately two hours of staff time per project and would cost an estimated \$74 ($\$37/\text{hr} \times 2 \text{ hrs/project} = \$74/\text{project}$).

The WRC jointly administers the Wildlife Conservation Lands Program with local County Tax Assessors. This program is a property tax deferral program for private landowners who manage their property to conserve identified priority wildlife habitats and listed species.⁸ Established in 2008, the program has provided the opportunity for 110 landowners in 38 counties across the state to conserve and manage 5,402 acres of land for the benefit of North Carolina priority wildlife species.⁹ Landowners that identify priority habitats or species on their land may voluntarily enter into a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement with the WRC, provided that they have a minimum of 20 contiguous acres of qualifying habitat and have owned the property for a minimum of 5 years. The WRC provides free technical guidance and develops the required management plans free of charge for interested landowners to submit to their county offices. Additionally, the WRC is available to assist the County in site audits for those currently enrolled and answer questions. While the agency cannot accurately estimate the number of new landowners who will be eligible and want to participate in the program, the estimated cost to the agency is \$592 per project ($\$37/\text{hr} \times 16 \text{ hrs/project} = \$592/\text{project}$).

Private Impact

The proposed amendments to the 10I Rules are expected to have minimal private impacts. Per G.S. 113-337(a)(1), it is unlawful to take any animal on the protected species list. Because all of the proposed species are nongame, the changes are not anticipated to impact hunting, fishing or trapping.

Any individual who wishes to collect a nongame species for research purposes is required to obtain a collection license.¹⁰ Collection of a listed species, also requires an endangered species permit. The nongame wildlife collection licenses are \$5 each, and require that the applicant supply the following information: project description, dates for the project, list of expertise and names of any individuals that will be assisting in collection. There is no fee for the endangered species permit, but the project scope must be submitted and approved by agency staff. Depending on the species, restrictions are often placed on the project to minimize stress to a listed species. Additionally, individuals operating under endangered species permits are required

⁸ G.S. 105-277.15. Taxation of wildlife conservation land.

⁹ Personal correspondence with agency staff 12/2016

¹⁰ 15A NCAC 10I .0102

to submit their project data annually if they wish to renew any of their collection permits. This data is valuable to the agency and assists in minimizing additional stresses on the species.

Based on 2014 through 2016 data, the agency has issued, on average, 382 wildlife collection license and 256 endangered species permits each year.¹¹ Though the agency is unable to predict the exact number of permits that will be issued for the newly listed species, private individuals who wish to collect or study species on the protected list will incur a minimal cost of \$5 per year to do so. Of the species being added to the protected species list, all 14 may be of scientific research interest, thus requiring an endangered species permit and a collection license for study. However, it is important to note that the agency has not received any wildlife collectors permit request for these particular species to date. There is no way for the agency to estimate the potential cost without knowing what research will be conducted on these newly listed species.

The proposed listing changes will uplist 5 species to endangered from a lower listing level, which will impact the access to their habitat and potential for data collection. Once a species has been identified as having significant population declines or other threats, the agency works hard to limit the amount of disturbances in and around their habitat, which often results in limiting the number of collection permits issued and thus, the opportunities for studies to be performed on these species.

Though 14 new species will be added to the protected species list, these additions cannot affect the use or development of any private property per G.S. 113-333(c). However, developers will be required to assess projects for any potential impacts to listed species as part of the permit application process for development. All currently available species data is available free of charge on the Natural Heritage website and applicants can request free assistance in interpreting the data at any time. However, if data do not exist on a particular species, a survey may need to be completed, at the developer's expense, before the project begins. A site survey for a species is nominal to the developer compared to the total expense of a project. The costs associated with the survey are typically absorbed into other scoping, survey or environmental fees that developers plan for as part of the site development. Data are currently available for three of the 14 newly listed species. The cost of data collection would vary depending on the species.

In cases where there are intended (illegal take) and/or unintended (environmental) impacts to wildlife, individuals may be cited for the disturbance and charged a replacement cost for the species lost. The replacement cost for an endangered species is \$4,960, a threatened species is \$4,313, and a special concern species is \$54.¹² The penalty issued by the court could also include the cost of investigations and court fees.

III. Fiscal Impacts - Benefits

State Impact

With a mission of wildlife conservation, WRC biologists often work to predict decline of a species, as it is much easier to proactively put restoration and recovery management in place than it is when the species is close to extinction. Additionally, wildlife species have diverse life histories which can heavily influence recovery efforts. As such, efforts made in year one may not

¹¹ Personal correspondence with RAPS staff 12/2016.

¹² 15A NCAC 10B .0117. Replacement Costs of Wildlife Resources.

be apparent until several years later. Due to these factors, early recognition of a species in decline and tiered state listing can provide for proactive, biologically sound management that ensures the conservation and wise use of nongame resources, minimizes risk of federal listing, which can put restrictions on private land, and fosters partnerships with local, state, and federal entities to manage wildlife resources.

The protected animal list is the list for nongame species that need the highest level of conservation attention, and is used to guide research priorities and prioritize grant awards. Individuals must obtain a wildlife collection license (\$5) and endangered species permit for any non-game listed species. While the purchase of these licenses do minimally benefit the state, the greater benefit is that individuals with an endangered species permit for scientific collection are required to submit their data to the agency before they can apply for any additional permits. This requirement that all NC projects benefit from data collected for species that need the highest level of conservation can guide conservation and decision-making. As such, all logged data are guaranteed to be accessible by the public for planning purposes.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) routinely receives petitions from the public to initiate a 90-day finding to consider a species for federal listing. If this results in a positive finding, then a 12-month process is initiated by USFWS which can solicit state agency input. USFWS relies on state agencies to provide state-specific information on these species. Oftentimes, these species have already been considered or are on the protected species list. Because North Carolina's state listing process involves the collection of data, surveys, and monitoring, the information is readily available to USFWS for their federal species status review, saving the state time and money when requested by the USFWS.

There can be significant economic benefits to avoiding federal listing of a species. The conservation value of North Carolina's state listing status may preclude the need for the species to become federally listed, which saves the state, local and private sectors both time and money. Based on 2015 endangered species state expenditure data for conservation projects specific to federally listed species, this could be a savings of anywhere from \$2,500 per year (gray bat) to \$1,142,843 per year (red-cockaded woodpecker) in state funds.¹³ Additionally, avoided federal listing may preclude the delay or cancelation of major construction projects. Any project with the potential to jeopardize the existence of a federally listed species must undergo a Section 7 consultation with the USFWS, that could take anywhere from one to 10 years and cost a significant amount of money.¹⁴ For example, the research study required for a NCDOT highway maintenance project with potential impacts to the Northern Long-eared bat in the eastern USFWS region (60 NC counties) cost the state \$400,000 per year for 5 years. Data were collected to help understand the species and its use of habitat to guide future conservation decisions.¹⁵

Research shows that wildlife watching benefits the economy. According to a 2011 USFWS report, thirty percent of the U.S. population 16 years of age and older enjoy closely observing, feeding, and photographing wildlife (wildlife watching).¹⁶ Of those, 72 million individuals, 96 percent, observed wildlife around their homes, and 31 percent took trips away from home to

¹³ <http://ecos.fws.gov/expenditures>

¹⁴ <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered/section7/section7.html>

¹⁵ Personal correspondence with NCDOT staff 2/2017

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/construction/Pages/RRMan.aspx?Order=RR-33A>

¹⁶ http://insidewrc.org/div09_management/documents/FWS-021SurveyReport2011-2WildlifeWatching-FINAL.pdf

watch. In addition to contributing significantly to people's enjoyment of the outdoors, wildlife watching has a substantial impact on the nation's economies. Specific to North Carolina, a 2011 UFWS and Census Bureau report indicated over 2.4 million residents and non-residents engaged in wildlife watching within the state. The almost \$930 million spent in trip and equipment related expenditures substantially contributed to the state and local economies. The report stated that North Carolina had 2,432,000 recorded wildlife watchers ages 16 years and older.¹⁷ Thus, the conservation and preservation of species can be assumed to yield substantial annual benefits to the state.

Private Impact

North Carolina residents value the opportunity to view and interact with nongame state-listed species. Individuals also value protecting these species for present and future generations, even if they will never interact with them.¹⁸ Together, the value of wildlife viewing and related recreation and the value of maintaining biodiversity are the "non-consumptive" benefits of the species protection.

The non-consumptive values of wildlife species can be estimated by measuring residents' willingness to pay for wildlife protection. Although economists and biologists have conducted many studies over the past 30 years to estimate the value of protecting threatened and endangered species, it is difficult to estimate the impact of the agency's proposed listings because benefits are species-specific and location specific. The agency is unaware of any value studies involving the 37 species that are the subject of this rulemaking. Given the species-specific nature of the value individuals place on wildlife protection, the agency is not able to quantify the total social benefit of the proposed listing. However, the benefits are discussed below:

Science and Land Conservation

- A variety of funding opportunities exist for conserving state listed species. These include but are not limited to, the Clean Water Management Trust Fund, and Natural Resources Conservation Service. If an animal is added to the protected species list, projects that incorporate and/or provide benefit to those species receive preferential consideration for funding. Projects can be submitted by state and local governments, private organizations, and nonprofits, but overall, the implementation of these projects are a conservation benefit to North Carolina residents.
- Due to priorities set by funding sources, many projects are proposed to benefit listed species, state or federal, in order to qualify the project for funding. Because federally listed species often cohabitate with state listed species, the entire ecosystem benefits from these types of projects and the conservation actions that listing may provoke.
- Federally listed species are protected from "taking", which includes habitat alteration resulting in harm to the species. It is estimated that approximately half of all federally

¹⁷ <http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/fhw11-nc.pdf>

¹⁸ Wallmo, Kristy and Daniel Lew, 2016. A comparison of regional and national values for recovering threatened and endangered marine species in the United States. *Journal of Environmental Management*, Volume 179. Accessed at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301479716302249>

listed species have at least 80 percent of their habitat on private land.¹⁹ Restrictions and special management considerations that may be costly to landowners are required if it is believed that a proposed development project could impact a listed species. Avoided federal listing may preclude the necessity of costly management.

Ecotourism

- Research shows that society enjoys biodiversity and there are many physical and mental benefits associated with spending time outdoors.²⁰ Although the WRC does not actively collect data specific to ecotourism, the agency does partner and participate in surveys on willingness to pay.²¹ These surveys request participants to answer questions regarding their willingness to travel to see wildlife. Also, the UFWS 2011 report indicated that North Carolina had 2,432,000 recorded wildlife watchers ages 16 years and older.²²
- To the average recreationist, a more diverse and abundant wildlife population may increase recreation in an area. Not only may it increase experiences but also the quality of those experiences. There is no simple mechanism to estimate this benefit.
- Typically, when a species has been state listed it indicates rarity and difficulty for wildlife viewers to spot it. To wildlife enthusiasts like birders, this situation may excite challenge and increase interest in any opportunity to seek the species. The result may in turn be enhanced ecotourism to an area that has known habitat for the species. WRC expects this to be the case for four newly listed species due to their unique physical appearance and/or rarity (Ornate chorus frog, Mabee's salamander, Carolina swamp snake and Caspian tern), and two species that are unique looking and have an interesting life cycle/migration (Wayne's black-throated green warbler and Eastern chicken turtle).

Tax Benefit

- The proposed addition of 14 species to the protected species list may create opportunities for landowners to participate in the Wildlife Conservation Lands program for county tax deferral. This opportunity would only be available to individuals who own priority habitat that meets the minimum requirements for participation in the program, and implement land management efforts that benefit species of concern. These landowners would receive a deferred tax break from county land taxes to implement land management efforts on their property.

This program is driven by property owner's financial situations, which vary from county to county and from landowner to landowner. Typically, participation in the Program is requested when a property's tax value is reassessed. The Program largely serves as a back-up plan for property owners looking for a tax break on property taxes. Additionally, only 1,064 (approximately 20%) of the 5,402 acres registered in the program are species-specific. Participation is usually based on the presence of qualifying habitat.

Ecological Benefit

¹⁹ <https://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/landowners.pdf>

²⁰ Sandifer, Sutton-Grier, Ward, 2015

²¹ Deason, Seekamp, 2015

²² http://insidewrc.org/div09_management/documents/FWS-021SurveyReport2011-2WildlifeWatching-FINAL.pdf.

- Although unquantifiable, the overall value added by maintaining a functional food chain cannot be overstated. Many of these species also provide natural resource benefits such as improved water quality or invasive species curtailment. When the cycle of life gets interrupted, there are ecological concerns which result in management expenses. All living things need food to survive. If their food source is limited or no longer present, they may become unhealthy or may not survive. Unhealthy wildlife can be more susceptible to disease, illness, erratic behavior, and unsafe human and wildlife interactions. All of these results weigh on agency resources and time. By listing species of concern, the agency is proactively managing wildlife needs and potentially mitigating more serious negative impacts.

IV. Uncertainties

State Impact

If staff are asked to review a project with the potential to impact a listed species that has limited historical and habitat range data, staff may recommend a survey before commenting on that project. The cost of data collection is different for each species, and without knowing potential projects that will be proposed in the coming years, the agency has no way to estimate the costs to other agencies or individuals for data collection. However, the agency is able to mitigate those costs by sharing all data collected both in-house and through state endangered species permits via the Natural Heritage natural resource database (www.ncnhp.org/data).

Local Impact

The proposed changes to the protected species list has the potential to increase the number of landowners who are eligible to participate in the Wildlife Conservation Lands Program. Because this is a county property tax deferral program, the landowners make application with the County for enrollment. The County determines the applicant's eligibility and acceptance into the program and participation is renewed annually. The proposed changes to the protected species list has the potential to increase the number of landowners who are eligible to participate in the program, thus increasing a participating county's deferred taxes if they decide to accept a new landowner's management efforts. Counties may also incur a slight increase to the cost of program auditing to ensure the landowner is in compliance with their management plan. Unfortunately, there is no way for the agency to quantify costs, as property taxes vary by county.

The agency also assumes that there could be an increase in the number of court cases dealing with illegal take of 14 species being added to the protected species list. This would minimally impact the county court systems.

Private Impact

Lack of species-specific studies on North Carolina residents' willingness to pay for protection of listed species prevents WRC from estimating the total benefits of the proposed rules. However, a 2008 meta-analysis of studies valuing endangered, threatened, and rare species found that individuals value fish, marine mammals, and birds more highly than mammals and reptiles, as a group, and wildlife with consumption benefits are more highly valued than those with non-

consumptive benefits alone.²³ The total benefits are dependent upon the consumptive uses (i.e., hunting or fishing) or non-consumptive uses (i.e., viewing) of the wildlife, the relative “charisma” of each species, the level of species endangerment, and participation in the Wildlife Conservation Lands program.

It is also important to note that the values of the benefits created by listing 14 new species and uplisting 9 species may be offset to some degree by the 7 delisted and 7 downlisted species. In their meta-analysis, Richardson and Loomis found that individuals are generally more willing to pay to prevent a species’ extinction than they are to increase the population above the minimum viable level.²⁴ This finding suggests protecting the most-threatened species could provide greater benefits than equivalent protections for less-threatened species, all else being equal. Downlisting or delisting species could indicate to North Carolina residents that the species is less threatened, therefore reducing the value of protection measures and their associated benefits. However, downlisting or delisting a species may also reduce development restrictions and state staff time costs.

The recreational and consumptive value of a listed species reflects only the economic, not the ecological, benefits of the species. The value that North Carolina residents place on species protection is limited by our incomplete understanding of the species’ ecological role.²⁵

V. Economic Impact Summary

Each species is different, as are the reasons attributing to their decline. However, WRC expects the public awareness, research, and conservation efforts associated with placing a species on the protected species list to bring about awareness and management efforts that will spur the public and private cooperation necessary to reverse the decline.

Private individuals will benefit from the proposed listings and associated conservation efforts because of the non-consumptive value of wildlife recreation opportunities and preserving biodiversity. Conservation efforts at a state level also reduce the probability of a species being federally listed, which could place restrictions on private land use and development. Private landowners may be eligible for the Wildlife Conservation Lands program due to the newly listed species, which would make them eligible for county tax deferment. And researchers may be eligible for additional funding opportunities for these species.

Wildlife recreation benefits our state’s economy. In addition, listing or uplisting a species draws additional research funding, which benefits the state in both fees collected for collection licenses necessary to study the species and scientific data from those individuals with collection licenses

²³ Richardson, Leslie and John Loomis, 2008. The Total Economic Value of Threatened, Endangered and Rare Species: An Updated Meta-Analysis. *Ecological Economics*. Volume 68. Accessed at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0921800908004771>

²⁴ Richardson, Leslie and John Loomis, 2008. The Total Economic Value of Threatened, Endangered and Rare Species: An Updated Meta-Analysis. *Ecological Economics*. Volume 68. Accessed at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0921800908004771>

²⁵ Loomis, John and Douglas White, 1996. Economic Benefits of Rare and Endangered Species: Summary and Meta-Analysis. *Ecological Economics*, Volume 18. Accessed at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0921800996000298>

and endangered species permits. Data collected by the state on listed species also saves time and money associated with the required data collection for federally listed species and the potential avoidance of federal listing of state listed species. These benefits are also realized by local governments.

Although these benefits are not quantifiable with available data, the agency expects the benefits of the proposed species listings to outweigh the costs.

In estimating the economic impact of the proposed amendments to the protected species list, the agency was unable to quantify most of the identified costs, which are expected to include:

State

- Officer patrol time for newly listed species
- Officer court time for newly listed species cases
- Development project review
- Endangered species permit review
- Monitoring for 7 newly listed species

Local

- Tax deferment for landowners in WCLP

Private

- Collection license fee for newly listed species
- Data collection prior to development projects
- Replacement costs for illegal take of newly listed species
- Court fees for illegal take of newly listed species.

Although most of the costs are not quantifiable with available data, the agency was able to quantify training material development (\$74) and Conservation Plan development for the 7 newly listed species (\$10,360), and estimates a cost of approximately \$10,434 in year one. Again, the agency expects the benefits of the proposed species listings to outweigh the costs.

EXHIBIT P-1

February 16, 2017



Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Enforcement Division Regulations for 2017-2018 as of February 6, 2017

| Proposal | Proposed Text | Position Count | Comment Types |
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| D1 | <p>Establish Commission rules required to implement the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (WVC). Rule components include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative and procedural guidelines necessary to carry out the WVC, specifically referencing the Compact Operations Manual and North Carolina General Statute 113-300.6; • Standards and conditions for processing and resolving citations issued to non-residents who commit misdemeanor hunting, fishing, or trapping violations in North Carolina and fail to comply with terms of their citation(s); • Standards and conditions for administrative suspensions of a resident's hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses due to failure to comply with the terms of a citation in another WVC member state, and specific requirements for resolving citations and reinstating North Carolina license privileges; • Standards for reviewing resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license suspensions received in other WVC member states that are the result of a conviction or accumulation of convictions of wildlife violations; • Standards for reporting resident and non-resident license suspension information to other WVC member states; and • Procedure for appealing the suspension of a North Carolina hunting, fishing, or trapping license under the WVC through the Office of Administrative Hearings. | <p>149: Agree 16: Disagree</p> | <p>25: Online 138: Comment Card 2: Letter/Email</p> |

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Enforcement Division Regulations for 2017-2018 by District
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Letter and Petitions Received During the Public Comment Period for the
2017-2018 Regulatory Cycle
Enforcement Division

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following letters representing an organization*:

- 1) Supports the implementation of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (D1)
Pamlico Albemarle Wildlife Conservationists, signed by Attila Nemezc, President
- 2) Supports the implementation of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (D1)
North Carolina Wildlife Federation, signed by Tim Gestwicki, CEO

*Complete letters provided electronically. Hard copies available upon request.

EXHIBIT P-2

February 16, 2017



PROPOSED CHANGES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS FOR 2017-2018 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- D1) Establish Commission rules required to implement the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (WVC). Rule components include:
- Administrative and procedural guidelines necessary to carry out the WVC, specifically referencing the Compact Operations Manual and North Carolina General Statute 113-300.6;
 - Standards and conditions for processing and resolving citations issued to non-residents who commit misdemeanor hunting, fishing, or trapping violations in North Carolina and fail to comply with the terms of their citation(s);
 - Standards and conditions for administrative suspensions of a resident's hunting, fishing, or trapping license due to failure to comply with the terms of a citation in another WVC member state, and specific requirements for resolving citations and reinstating North Carolina license privileges;
 - Standards for reviewing resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license suspensions received in other WVC member states that are the result of a conviction or accumulation of convictions of wildlife violations;
 - Standards for reporting resident and non-resident license suspension information to other WVC member states; and
 - Procedure for appealing the suspension of a North Carolina hunting, fishing, or trapping license under the WVC through the Office of Administrative hearings.

15A NCAC 10A .1401 - .1406 (pages 1 – 6)

1 **15A NCAC 10A .1401 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2 (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish the rules necessary to carry out the purposes of Chapter 113
3 Article 22B, the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (hereinafter referred to as WVC).

4 (b) Applicability. The rules in Section .1400 shall apply to any person possessing a license, privilege or right to hunt,
5 fish, trap, possess, or transport wildlife in the State of North Carolina. Violations under this Section apply to only
6 hunting, fishing and trapping. This rule shall not apply to any suspensions or convictions committed in North Carolina
7 or any other WVC state prior to the effective date of North Carolina's entry into the WVC.

8 (c) Definitions. The definitions in G.S. 113-300.6 Article II shall apply throughout this Subchapter and to all forms
9 prescribed pursuant to this Subchapter unless otherwise indicated.

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11 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-300.7*

12 *Eff. August 1, 2017*

1 **15A NCAC 10A .1402 WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT MANUAL**

2 (a) Subject to all applicable statutes and the constitution of the State of North Carolina, the Wildlife Violator Compact
3 Operations Manual and G.S. 113-300.6 hereby establish the administrative and procedural guidelines for participation
4 in the WVC.

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6 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-300.7*

7 *Eff. August 1, 2017*

1 **15A NCAC 10A.1403 WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT CONDITIONS FOR NON-RESIDENTS**

2 (a) Non-residents of North Carolina who are residents of a WVC member state at the time of a misdemeanor hunting,
3 fishing, or trapping violation occurring in North Carolina, may be released on personal recognizance when the
4 violation consists of a written citation requiring a violator to resolve the violation directly with the court, either in
5 person, by mail or through an attorney.

6 (b) The following violations are not subject to the provisions of the WVC.

7 (1) any felony or misdemeanor violation of any North Carolina law with which the non-resident is
8 charged other than a hunting, trapping or fishing violation.

9 (2) any hunting, fishing or trapping offense which also gives rise to a charge of assault, manslaughter
10 or murder.

11 (3) any violation which the laws, policies or procedures of the State of North Carolina dictate shall be
12 handled otherwise.

13 (c) Upon failure to comply with the terms of a citation for violation of North Carolina hunting, fishing or trapping
14 laws, the licensing agency shall send notice of failure to comply, via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the
15 violator's last known address, and report the failure to comply to the home state to start suspension procedures in
16 accordance with the compact manual.

17 (d) The following shall constitute the only valid methods of restoring license privileges in response to a notice of
18 suspension of North Carolina license privileges for non-compliance.

19 (1) resolving the citation in person.

20 (2) submission of payment by a method acceptable to the North Carolina Court System where allowed.

21 (3) resolving through an attorney where allowed.

22 (e) Upon resolving the citation, the non-resident must notify the North Carolina licensing agency so that hunting,
23 fishing or trapping privileges can be restored.

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25 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-300.7*

26 *Eff. August 1, 2017*

1 **15A NCAC 10A.1404 WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT CONDITIONS FOR RESIDENTS**

2 (a) North Carolina residents committing hunting, fishing, or trapping violations in another WVC member state, who
3 upon release on personal recognizance from the issuing state, failed to resolve the violation, will have their hunting,
4 fishing or trapping privileges suspended in North Carolina.

5 (b) If a North Carolina licensing agency receives notice of an unresolved violation, a Notice of Suspension will be
6 prepared and sent to the violator.

7 (1) the notice shall have a delayed effective date of at least 14 business days, to allow the violator to
8 contact the court in the issuing state and resolve the case.

9 (2) the notice shall be delivered personally or by letter sent by certified mail, return receipt requested,
10 to the last known address of the licensee or permit holder.

11 (3) the notice of suspension shall inform the violator of the facts supporting the suspension and
12 procedures to be followed in resolving the matter with the court in the issuing state.

13 (4) the notice shall provide the procedure for appealing the suspension.

14 (c) Any suspensions received by a North Carolina licensing agency shall remain in effect until such time as the North
15 Carolina resident resolves the violation in the issuing state.

16 (d) When a North Carolina resident resolves a violation with the court in the issuing state, it is the responsibility of
17 the resident to present documents to the North Carolina licensing agency that acknowledge compliance. Upon receipt
18 of acceptable documentation, an acknowledgement of compliance will be issued directly to that person by the licensing
19 agency.

20 (e) The following are to be deemed sufficient evidence of compliance in response to a notice of suspension for non-
21 compliance.

22 (1) copy of the court judgment.

23 (2) a copy of a Notice of Compliance from the issuing state.

24 (f) If the acknowledgement of compliance is presented after the effective date of the suspension, reinstatement will
25 be handled in accordance with the laws, policies and procedures of North Carolina.

26 (1) any reinstatement or restoration fees shall be established and assessed in accordance with the laws,
27 policies and procedures of North Carolina.

28 (g) Residents receiving a Notice of Suspension from the North Carolina licensing agency under the WVC provisions
29 for failure to resolve a citation issued in another WVC member state may file a petition with the Office of
30 Administrative Hearings, within 60 days from the date of delivery by certified mail to the residents last known address,
31 pursuant to G.S. 150B-23.

32 (h) The issuing state will be notified if the suspension order is overturned by the Office of Administrative Hearings.
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34 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-300.7*
35 *Eff. August 1, 2017*

1 **15A NCAC 10A.1405 RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF SUSPENSIONS**

2 (a) When a North Carolina licensing agency receives notice of suspension of a North Carolina resident’s hunting,
3 fishing, or trapping privileges or licenses by a WVC member state, that are the result of a conviction or an
4 accumulation of convictions of wildlife violations in one or more states which participate in the WVC, that agency
5 shall determine whether the violation, or accumulation of violations, leading to the suspension could have led to the
6 suspension of rights, privileges, or licenses under North Carolina law. If it is determined that the resident’s privileges
7 or licenses would have been suspended under North Carolina law, the resident’s licenses, rights, and privileges to
8 hunt, fish, or trap in North Carolina, shall be suspended pursuant to Article 22B of G.S. 113 for the same period as
9 imposed by the WVC member state where the violation occurred.

10 (b) North Carolina shall communicate suspension information to other member states, using the WVC database.
11 Information may include but is not limited to: name, date of birth, physical description, and last known address,
12 violation(s) and convictions upon which the suspension is based, the scope of the suspension (i.e., fishing, hunting,
13 trapping, all privileges or rights), effective dates of the suspension and term of the suspension.

14 (c) In the event documentation of a violation and subsequent license suspension is needed by a member state for
15 license suspension hearings or other purposes, North Carolina may provide certified copies of the citation or other
16 charging instrument, any arrest or investigation reports, suspension orders and the disposition of the matter.

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18 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-300.7*
19 *Eff. August 1, 2017*

1 **15A NCAC 10A.1406 APPEALS**

2 (a) A final agency decision made by the North Carolina licensing agency to suspend any North Carolina hunting,
3 4 fishing or trapping license pursuant to the WVC is appealable to the Office of Administrative Hearings pursuant to
5 G.S. 150B-23. Notice of the right to appeal shall be included in the correspondence notifying the licensee of the final
6 agency decision.

7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-300.7*
8 *Eff. August 1, 2017*

EXHIBIT Q

February 16, 2017



PROPOSED PERMANENT RULEMAKING AMENDMENT TO 15A NCAC 10F .0339 – MCDOWELL COUNTY

The Wildlife Resources Commission has received a formal application from the McDowell County Board of Commissioners requesting rule amendments for several no-wake zones on Lake James. McDowell County held a public hearing on November 14, 2016 and submitted a certified Resolution, requesting that the Wildlife Resources Commission promulgate rulemaking under 15A NCAC 10F .0339.

Agency Enforcement has investigated the area and recommends changes in the rule to mitigate hazards to boater safety.

Under 15A NCAC 10F .0339(a)(2) the existing no-wake zone in the vicinity of the Marion Moose Lodge would be extended shore to shore to include all waters from a line west of the Marion Moose Lodge property to a line northeast of the Marion Moose Lodge. Residents and Enforcement have identified multiple hazards to boater safety and to people who recreate and fish in the area. This is a congested, narrow channel with a blind bend surrounded by docks on both sides, which has resulted in several boating incidents. Please see attached matrix.

Under 15A NCAC 10F .0339(a)(13), no-wake zone is proposed within 50 yards of the peninsula at Waterglyn Cove Subdivision. Hazards to boater safety include the presence of swimmers who swim near multiple docks along the shoreline. Boaters exit the coves on either side of the peninsula at high speeds, creating hazards to swimmers near the shore. Please see attached matrix.

A technical amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0339(a)(10) will better define the no-wake zone within Plantation Point Cove.

Under 15A NCAC 10F .0339(a)(14), a no-wake zone will be established within 50 yards of the Hidden Cove Boating Access Area.

Also the amendments under 10F .0339(a)(11) and (a)(12) will be removed from the NCAC. Goodman's Campground, the swim area and boat docks do not exist and there is no hazard. The waters of the Catawba River at Deerfield Campground are not navigable.

Private property owners agree to be responsible for purchase, placement and maintenance of buoys to mark the no-wake zones, at no expense to county or state government. No fiscal note is required.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve publishing *Notice of Text* in the *NC Register* for adoption of amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0339 with an open comment period of at least 60 days and one local public hearing per the Administrative Procedure Act. Upon the close of the open comment period, the WRC will then consider adoption of an extension of the no wake zone.

15A NCAC 10F .0339 MCDOWELL COUNTY

(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the following waters located on Lake James in McDowell County, ~~as designated by the United States Aids to Navigation system:~~ County:

- (1) ~~that area adjacent to the shoreline of the McDowell Wildlife Club property; the cove east of Old Wildlife Club Road, beginning at a line from a point on the northwest shore at 35.73649 N, 81.92296 W to a point on the southeast shore at 35.73595 N, 81.92194 W;~~
- (2) that area adjacent to the shoreline of the Marion Moose Club property; those waters including coves, shore to shore in the vicinity of the Marion Moose Club property, east of the line from a point on the north shore at 35.72026 N, 81.97292 W, to a point on the south shore at 35.71908 N, 81.97257 W, and south of the line from a point on the west shore at 35.72214 N, 81.96807 W to a point on the east shore at 35.72305 N, 81.96642 W;
- (3) ~~that area known as Morgan Cove;~~
- (4) ~~that area within 50 yards of the shoreline at the New Manna Baptist Youth Camp;~~
- (5) ~~that area within 50 yards of the shoreline at Burnett's Landing;~~
- (6) ~~the cove area adjacent to the State Park swimming area;~~
- (6) ~~the coves adjacent to Lake James State Park swimming area southeast of a line from a point on the northeast shore at 35.73402 N, 81.90450 W to a point on the southwest shore at 35.73268 N, 81.90614 W;~~
- (7) ~~the cove area adjacent to the State Park picnic area and dock;~~
- (8) (7) ~~that area within 50 yards of camping areas in the Lake James State Park;~~
- (9) (8) that area within 50 yards of the boat launching ramp at the Marion Lake Club; including the cove between Waterylyn Subdivision and Lakeview Shores Subdivision and extending within 50 yards of the shoreline of Lakeview Point Subdivision and within 50 yards of the boat launching ramp at the Marion Lake Club;
- (10) (9) that area within 50 yards in either direction from the marina docks in Plantation Point Cove southwest of a line from a point on the north shore at 35.71672 N, 81.98065 W to a point on the south shore at 35.71616 N, 81.98010 W;
- (11) ~~that area of Goodman's Landing Cove within 50 yards of the swimming area and boat docks of Goodman's Campground;~~
- (12) ~~that area beginning at the rock shoals located at Deerfield Campground downstream for a distance of approximately 200 yards;~~
- (13) ~~that area along the shoreline of the development known as Lakeview Pointe;~~
- (14) (10) ~~that area at the Waterylyn Subdivision Cove;~~
- (15) ~~that area at the North Fork of the Catawba River where it enters Lake James;~~
- (11) ~~that area within 50 yards of the boat ramp at Lake James Landing, near the mouth of the North Fork of the Catawba River;~~
- (16) (12) ~~that area within 50 yards of the Bear Creek Marina; and~~
- (17) ~~that cove which is bounded by Waterylyn Subdivision to the west beginning at the point of the shoreline known as the Island and extending in a straight line eastward to the boundary between the Carrier and Finger property within Lakeview Shores Subdivision.~~
- (13) the waters within 50 yards of the peninsula at Waterylyn Cove Subdivision, from the point on land east of the cove east of Old Wildlife Club Road at 35.73600 N, 81.92185 W to a point on land west of Waterylyn Cove at 35.73549 N, 81.91900 W; and
- (14) the waters within 50 yards of the boat ramp in Hidden Cove.

(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate any motorboat or vessel at greater than no-wake speed within any of the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Restricted Swimming Areas. No person operating or responsible for the operation of any vessel, surfboard or waterskis shall permit the same to enter any marked swimming area located on the regulated area.

(d) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of McDowell County is designated a suitable agency for placement and maintenance of the markers implementing this Rule.

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

David Walker, Chairman
Barry McPeters, Vice Chairman
Randy Hollifield, Commissioner
Tony Brown, Commissioner
Matthew Crawford, Commissioner



Ashley Wooten
County Manager
Cheryl Mitchell
Clerk to the Board
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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McDOWELL COUNTY

WHEREAS under authority of North Carolina General Statutes Section 75A-15(a) any subdivision of the State of North Carolina may at any time, after public notice, make formal application to the Wildlife Resources Commission for special rules and regulations with reference to the safe and reasonable operation of vessels on any water within territorial limits.

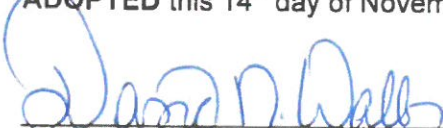
AND WHEREAS McDowell County has given public notice of its intention to make formal application to the Wildlife Resources Commission for special rules and regulations with reference to the safe and reasonable operation of vessels on Lake James within the territorial limits of McDowell County, and for the implementation of Uniform Waterway Marker Systems in the waters of the county.

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with G.S. 75A-15, the Board of Commissioners of McDowell County requests the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to promulgate special rules and regulations with reference to safe and reasonable operation of vessels on the waters of Lake James located in said County, the pertinent substance of which proposed regulations is as follows:

- A. A No Wake Zone designation at the point of land on Lake James between Waterglyn Cove and the Wildlife Club Property cove.
- B. A No Wake Zone designation in the vicinity of the Marion Moose Center including Gaddy Cove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Board of Commissioners requests the said Commission to promulgate regulations fully implementing the Uniform Waterway Marker System in all of the waters of the said County.

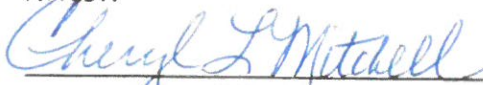
ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2016



David N. Walker, Chair



ATTEST:



Cheryl L. Mitchell, Clerk to the Board

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NO-WAKE ZONING MATRIX

SECTION 1:

Name of organization/entity: McDowell County

Primary contact information: Ashley R. Wooten

Exact location of requested no-wake zone:

Body of water: Lake James

Location: extension of NWZ in vicinity of Marion Moose Lodge Center and Gaddy Cove

Popular name of area, if any: Marion Moose Lodge

Width of No-Wake Zone: Narrowest Point: approximately 100 yards

Widest Point: approximately 212 yards

Brief Description of area (example: bridge overpass, obstructed views, Intracoastal Waterway; etc) This part of the Lake is heavily populated with docks jutting out into a busy traffic area between the Arbor and Black Forest subdivisions and the Marion Moose Lodge. In addition, it is a narrow channel with shallow water on the Black Forest side and extremely congested on weekends and holidays during the spring and summer months. Furthermore, it is a very popular fishing area which adds to more congestion especially during the evening and night hours. Lastly, there is a blind bend coming from the main area of Lake heading around to the Marion Moose Lodge which possess a serious danger to boaters who area operating at greater than no wake speed.

Attach map of designated no-wake zone

Ensure proposed no-wake zone map/and or location is agreed upon by point of contact

Attach detailed reason given from point of contact for the request

The residents of Lake James and the Wildlife Officers who patrol those waters feel that there are hazards to boater safety and to the people who recreate and fish in the area at and around the Marion Moose Lodge. This is due to this area of the Lake being a narrow channel with multiple docks that extend from the shoreline. In addition, this part of the Lake is very congested on the weekends and holidays during the spring and summer months. Furthermore, there is also a blind bend surrounded by docks on both sides which has in the past resulted in several boating incidents.

Is the proposed no-wake zone located within an area that is regulated by the U.S Army Corp of Engineers or the Division of Coastal Management (CAMA) i.e.; Intracoastal Waterway?

YES

NO

(When dealing with the point of contact, please advise that placement of markers in these waters is subject to prior approval of above agency in waters where applicable. NCWRC has no authority to supersede these rules.)

SECTION 2:

PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD

What public safety hazard exists? There are several public safety hazards that exist in this area of the Lake James. As stated above, this part of the Lake is heavily populated with docks jutting out into a busy traffic area between the Arbor and Black Forest subdivisions and the Marion Moose Lodge. In addition, it is a narrow channel with shallow water on the Black Forest side and extremely congested on weekends and holidays during the spring and summer months. Furthermore, it is a very popular fishing area which adds to more congestion especially during the evening and night hours. Lastly, there is a blind bend coming from the main area of Lake heading around to the Marion Moose Lodge which possess a serious danger to boaters who are operating at greater than no wake speed, and has in the past produced several boating incidents.

Is this a public swimming or recreational area?

NO

YES would the establishment of a swimming area or placement of regulatory buoys be more appropriate? YES NO

SECTION 3:

NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS

Identify any and all potential hazards associated with the proposed no-wake zone (check all that apply)

OBSTRUCTIONS (Identify)

NARROW CHANNEL (give approximate width) 100 yards at the end of the Black Forest dock to the docks at the Marion Moose Lodge. In addition, most of the waters on the Black Forest side of this channel is not navigable due to it being very shallow with a lot of submerged trees.

SHALLOW WATER (give average depth) 6 feet is the average depth with an area near the blind bend next to Black Forest that is about 2 feet deep. This shallow section runs for about 100 yards along the shoreline and goes out about 50 yards into the Lake. There is also a lot of brush and submerged trees along this particular shoreline.

OBSTRUCTED VISION (for approximately how great a distance) 120 yards

STRUCTURES (Check all applicable)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DAM | <input type="checkbox"/> LOCK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPILLWAY | <input type="checkbox"/> JETTY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SUBMERGED STRUCTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRESTLE | <input type="checkbox"/> SANDBAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POWER LINE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHOAL (on the Black Forest side) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FUELING DOCK | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE DOCKS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RESTURANT DOCKS | <input type="checkbox"/> BRIDGE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESS AREA/BOAT LAUNCH (at the Marion Moose Lodge) | <input type="checkbox"/> PIER |

OTHER (list and describe) Boats fishing in this area, especially around the blind bend coming from the main part of the Lake creates an obstacle for boaters to maneuver around.

SECTION 4:

If approved, will the no-wake zone extend into a designated channel?

NO

YES (if yes, identify on map)

What is the total distance boaters will travel at a no-wake speed? Approximately 822 yards

Estimated time to travel for boaters through the proposed no-wake zone at no-wake speed.

Estimated time is approximately nine and half minutes.

SECTION 5:

List any other known incidents, safety concerns or problems that have occurred? In the past we have had several boating incidents in this area of the Lake. Some of those incidents have resulted in serious injuries. This part of the Lake is very congested especially on weekends and holidays. In addition, this part of the Lake is very narrow with docks jutting out on both sides, along with the Black Forest side being very shallow. Furthermore, it is located in a blind bend coming from the main part of the Lake between the Arbor and Black Forest subdivisions heading west towards the Marion Moose Lodge. Moreover, there is a lot of boat traffic coming out of both the Marion Moose Lodge and the subdivisions located along this proposed stretch of water. Lastly, this is also a very popular fishing area which tends to create a lot of obstacles for boaters to maneuver around.

Rate traffic density in this area from light to heavy **LIGHT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 HEAVY**

Is traffic density specific to weekend/and or holidays? Yes. I would say that most of the traffic is seasonal, with heavy traffic on weekends and of course on holidays. In addition, late in the evening and at night, this stretch of water is a very popular fishing spot. With that said, it is not uncommon to have several boats anchored in this area fishing.

Does traffic density or ability to maneuver a vessel due to traffic cause safety issues? YES NO This is very congested area of the Lake, with docks jutting out into the Lake on both sides of a narrow channel. With that said, there is thirty-two boat slips at the Arbor subdivision on the port side as you head towards the Marion Moose Lodge. In addition, there is a blind bend coming from the main part of the Lake between the Arbor and Black Forest subdivisions which everyone must go through. Moreover, it is a popular area to fish which tends to create another obstacle for boaters to maneuver around, especially at night.

Rate the likelihood of an incident occurring in this area compared to other similar areas on this same body of water **VERY UNLIKELY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 MORE LIKELY**

SECTION 6:

OFFICER RECOMENDATION

YES: NO:

Reason for decision: As a North Carolina Wildlife Enforcement Officer, I have patrolled the waters of Lake James for over Ten years. During those ten years I have often wondered why the area around the Marion Moose Lodge was not a posted no wake zone. As stated above, this part of the Lake is heavily populated with docks jutting out into a busy traffic area between the Arbor and Black Forest subdivisions and the Marion Moose Lodge. It should be noted that there are thirty-two boat slips at the Arbor subdivision that extends out into the Lake which adds another safety concern for both the homeowners and boaters in this area. In addition, it is a narrow channel with shallow water on the Black Forest side and extremely congested on weekends and holidays during the spring and summer months. Furthermore, it is a very popular fishing area which adds to more congestion especially during the evening and night hours. Moreover, there is a blind bend coming from the main area of Lake between the Arbor and Black Forest subdivisions heading around to the Marion Moose Lodge which possess a serious danger to boaters who area operating at greater than no wake speed. Lastly, other Wildlife Officers and myself have investigated several boating incidents and have witnessed numerous near misses around this area of the Lake. With-that-said, I believe it would certainly be in the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commissions' best interest to make this area of Lake James a posted no wake zone. It is only a matter of time before we have a tragic incident where someone may lose their life over an area that we could and should regulate.

Master Officer Gale P. Wilson Jr. #970

NO-WAKE ZONING MATRIX

SECTION 1:

Name of organization/entity: McDowell County

Primary contact information: Ashley Wooten, County Manager 828-652-7121

Exact location of requested no-wake zone:

Body of water: Lake James

Location: waters within 50 yards of the point of land between Waterglyn Cove and the cove where the McDowell Wildlife Club property is located (contiguous with the NWZ at the mouth of Waterglyn Cove and the mouth of the McDowell Wildlife Club property cove)

Popular name of area, if any: point of land at the end of Waterglyn Way

Width of No-Wake Zone: About 350 yards in length parallel to the shore

Narrowest Point: 50 yards from shore

Widest Point: 50 yards from shore

Brief Description of area (example: bridge overpass, obstructed views, Intracoastal Waterway; etc) __ this point of land is heavily populated with docks jutting out in the busy traffic area between the McDowell Wildlife Club cove and the Waterglyn Shores Cove.

Attach map of designated no-wake zone

Ensure proposed no-wake zone map/and or location is agreed upon by point of contact

Attach detailed reason given from point of contact for the request

The residents feel that there are hazards to boater safety and to the people who recreate in those waters at the end of the point and near the multiple docks that extend from the shoreline. Boaters reach the mouths of the surrounding coves and resume very high speeds, endangering those along the point.

Is the proposed no-wake zone located within an area that is regulated by the U.S Army Corp of Engineers or the Division of Coastal Management (CAMA) i.e.; Intracoastal Waterway?

YES

NO

(When dealing with the point of contact, please advise that placement of markers in these waters is subject to prior approval of above agency in waters where applicable. NCWRC has no authority to supersede these rules.)

SECTION 2:

PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD

What public safety hazard exists? There are two public safety hazards that I believe exist. First, there is a definite hazard to those who swim from and around the private docks located in the proposed no-wake zone. Second, there is a hazard to those who are on the docks due to the amount of wake and wash that hits these docks. This of course is due to boats pulling wakeboarders and surfers within close proximity of the private docks along the shoreline.

Is this a public swimming or recreational area?

NO

YES

Would the establishment of a swimming area or placement of regulatory buoys be more appropriate? YES NO

SECTION 3:

NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS

Identify any and all potential hazards associated with the proposed no-wake zone (check all that apply)

OBSTRUCTIONS (Identify) _____

NARROW CHANNEL (give approximate width) _____

SHALLOW WATER (give average depth) _____

OBSTRUCTED VISION (for approximately how great a distance) _____

STRUCTURES (Check all applicable)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DAM | <input type="checkbox"/> LOCK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPILLWAY | <input type="checkbox"/> JETTY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SUBMERGED STRUCTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRESTLE | <input type="checkbox"/> SANDBAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POWER LINE | <input type="checkbox"/> SHOAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FUELING DOCK | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE DOCKS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RESTURANT DOCKS | <input type="checkbox"/> BRIDGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACCESS AREA/BOAT LAUNCH | <input type="checkbox"/> PIER |

OTHER (list and describe) _____

SECTION 4:

If approved, will the no-wake zone extend into a designated channel?

NO

YES (if yes, identify on map)

What is the total distance boaters will travel at a no-wake speed? 50 yards

Estimated time to travel for boaters through the proposed no-wake zone at no-wake speed? Due to the proposed no-wake zone being parallel to the shore, it should take less than 2 minutes for someone to reach any dock in the no-wake zone.

SECTION 5:

List any other known incidents, safety concerns or problems that have occurred? I have in the past been called out to one of the private docks along the proposed area to investigate damage caused by a wake due to boats pulling wakeboarders and surfers too close to the docks. In addition, I have received calls from concerned homeowners inside the proposed area about the potential hazards and close calls that they have personally witnessed.

Rate traffic density in this area from light to heavy

LIGHT 1 2 3 4 5 **6** 7 8 9 10 **HEAVY**

Is traffic density specific to weekend/and or holidays? I would say that most of the traffic is seasonal, with heavy traffic on weekends and of course on holidays.

Does traffic density or ability to maneuver a vessel due to traffic cause safety issues?

YES NO

Rate the likelihood of an incident occurring in this area compared to other similar areas on this same body of water

VERY UNLIKELY 1 2 3 4 5 **6** 7 8 9 10 **MORE LIKELY**

SECTION 6:

OFFICER RECOMENDATION

YES:

NO:

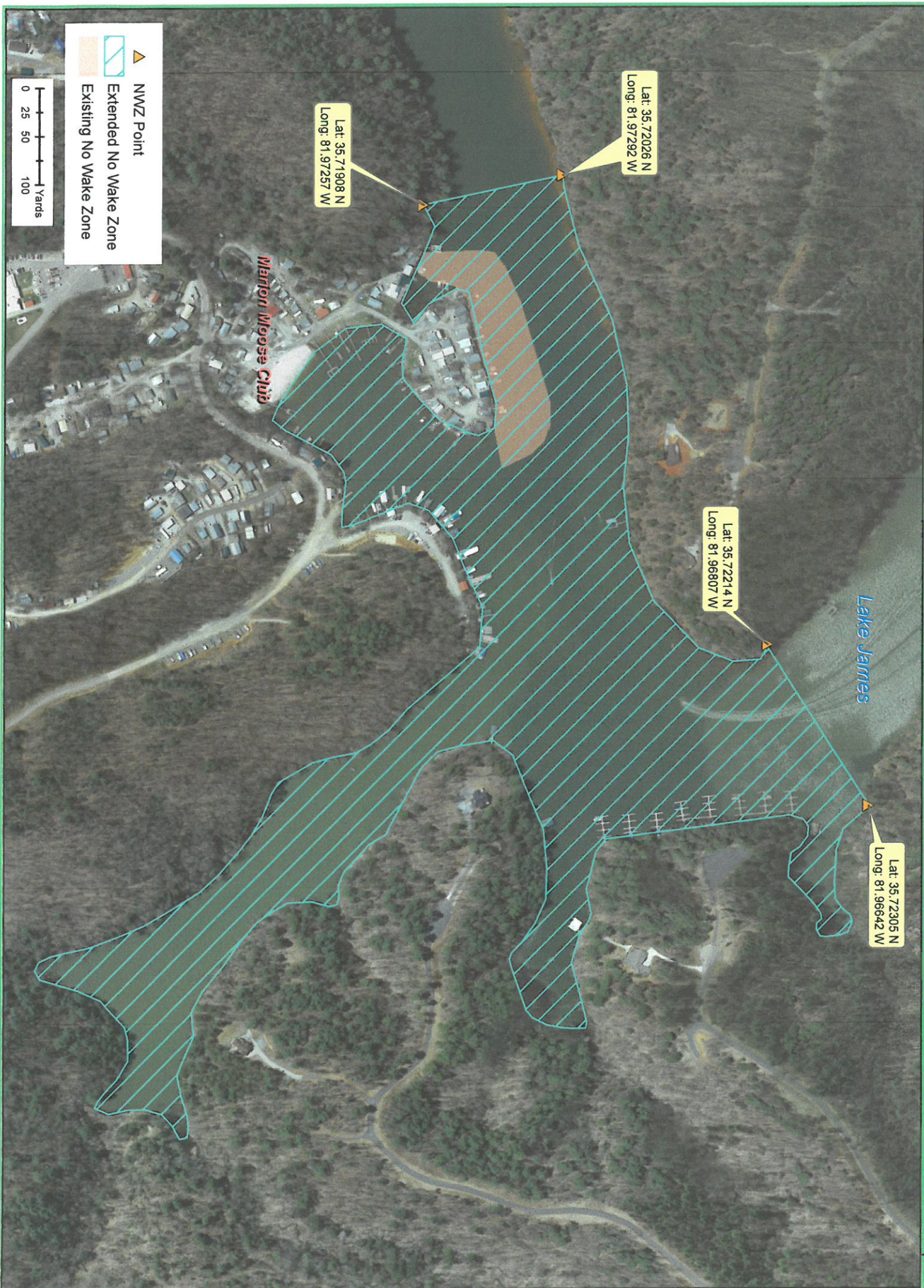
Reason for decision: I recommend this area for a no-wake zone based on two legitimate reasons. First, the Waterglyn community already has a posted no-wake zone around most of the subdivision as well as the Marion Lake Club which is located near this area. Therefore, I see no reason why this proposed area shouldn't have one as well. This of course is due to the fact that there are potential hazards that do exist to both the homeowners and their property. Moreover, this proposed area would have no effect on the normal operation of boats on this specific part of Lake James due to the proposed area being parallel to the shoreline.

Second, there is a legitimate hazard to homeowners and the potential for damage to property due to the wake coming from boats operating too close to the private docks. As previously stated, "the residents in this area feel that there are hazards to boater safety and to the people who recreate in those waters at the end of the point and near the multiple docks that extend from the shoreline. Boaters reach the mouths of the surrounding coves and resume very high speeds, endangering those along the point." In addition, there is at this time is no such law that prevents motorboats from coming in close proximity to private docks on Lake James like there is with PWC's. With that said, I believe that a no-wake zone would perhaps help curtail some of the potential hazards that currently exist and would definitely prevent an incident from happening in the future.

Lastly, I believe that the residents who live within this specific area fully understand that dealing with wake is part of living on the lake. Also, I am certain that they are well aware that this proposed no-wake zone if passed, will not completely alleviate wake and wash from coming upon their docks. Having said that, I feel that it is our responsibility as a regulatory agency to help assist these residents with their concerns and to deter a potential incident from happening.

Officer: Master Officer Gale P. Wilson Jr. #970

15A NCAC 10F .0339 (a) (2) - No Wake Zone Proposed Extension
Marion Moose Club vicinity, Lake James, McDowell County





Lake James

Old Wildlife Club Rd

Lat: 35.73600 N
Long: 81.92185 W

Waterglyn Cove Subdivision

Lat: 35.73549 N
Long: 81.91900 W

Waterglyn Cove

 NWZ Point

 Proposed No Wake Zone

 Existing No Wake Zone





15A NCAC 10F .0339 (a) (14) - New No Wake Zone
Hidden Cove, Lake James, McDowell County



Lake James

Hidden
Cove

Boat Ramp

126

No Wake Zone

0 50 100
Yards



EXHIBIT R

February 16, 2017



PROPOSED PERMANENT RULEMAKING AMENDMENT TO 15A NCAC 10F .0303 – BEAUFORT COUNTY

The Wildlife Resources Commission received a formal application from the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners requesting a no-wake zone in the waters of Little Creek, a tributary of Blounts Creek. The Beaufort County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on October 3, 2016 and submitted a Resolution (attached) requesting that the WRC undertake rulemaking for a no-wake zone in the waters of Little Creek. Private property owners agree to be responsible for purchase of buoys and permits to mark the zone, at no expense to county or state government. No fiscal note is required.

Agency Enforcement has investigated the area and recommends the no-wake zone to mitigate hazards to boater safety. Little Creek is very short, narrow and shallow with approximately 15 docks. The small creek has become heavily travelled by boats and personal water craft that use the boating access area on Blounts Creek nearby and enter and exit Little Creek at high speeds.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve publishing *Notice of Text* in the *NC Register* for adoption of an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0303(a)(6) with an open comment period of at least 60 days and one local public hearing per the Administrative Procedure Act. Upon the close of the open comment period, the WRC will then consider adoption of an extension of the no wake zone.

15A NCAC 10F .0303 BEAUFORT COUNTY

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

- (1) that portion of Broad Creek south of a line from a point on the east shore at 35.49472 N, 76.95693 W to a point on the west shore at 35.49476 N, 76.96028 W and north of a line from a point on the east shore at 35.48485 N, 76.95178 W to a point on the west shore at 35.48495 N, 76.95619 W;
- (2) that portion of Blounts Creek south of a line 100 yards north of the Blounts Creek Boating Access Area, from a point on the east shore at 35.40846 N, 76.96091 W to a point on the west shore at 35.40834 N, 76.96355 W, and north of a line 100 yards south of Cotton Patch Landing, from a point on the east shore at 35.40211 N, 76.96573 W to a point on the west shore at 35.40231 N, 76.96702 W;
- (3) the waters of Battalina Creek, within the territorial limits of the Town of Belhaven;
- (4) the navigable portion of Nevil Creek extending upstream from its mouth at the Pamlico River;
- (5) that portion of Blounts Creek north of a line 35 yards south-southeast of the Mouth of the Creek Bridge from a point on the east shore at 35.43333 N, 76.96985 W to a point on the west shore at 35.43267 N, 76.97196 W and south of a line 350 yards north-northeast of the Mouth of the Creek Bridge from a point on the east shore at 35.43553 N, 76.96962 W to a point on the west shore at 35.43645 N, 76.96998 W; and
- (6) that portion of Tranters Creek east of a line from a point on the north shore at 35.56961 N, 77.09159 W to a point on the south shore at 35.56888 N, 77.09118 W and north of a line from a point on the east shore at 35.56714 N, 77.08941 W to a point on the west shore at 35.56689 N, ~~77.09029 W~~ 77.09029 W; and
- (7) the waters of Little Creek beginning at a line near its mouth from a point on the east shore at 35.41917 N, 76.97102 W to a point on the west shore at 35.41900 N, 76.96940 W.

(b) Speed Limit. It is unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed in the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Beaufort County and the City Council of the City of Washington are designated as suitable agencies for placement and maintenance of the markers implementing this Rule.

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

Eff. February 1, 1976;

Amended Eff. September 1, 2013; September 1, 2010; June 1, 1998; April 1, 1997; June 1, 1989; March 1, 1987; April 1, 1986; March 4, 1979;

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

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NO WAKE
ZONE FOR THE WATERS OF LITTLE CREEK – A TRIBUTARY OF
BLOUNT’S CREEK WITHIN THE CHOCOWINITY TOWNSHIP,
BEAUFORT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, On July 12, 2016 the County was contacted by residents living along Little Creek requesting the County’s assistance in creating a N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission “No Wake Zone” for this Blount’s Creek tributary; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to establish a No Wake Zone for Little Creek for the purpose of mitigating hazards to water safety; and

WHEREAS, the NC Wildlife Resources Commission is the agency responsible for establishing official No Wake Zones; and

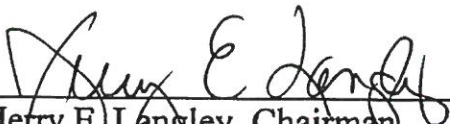
WHEREAS, the County advertised a formal public hearing in the Washington Daily News on September 19th and 26th, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the proposed establishment of a No Wake Zone at its regularly scheduled meeting held on October 3, 2016.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that a No Wake Zone be established for the waters of Little Creek, a tributary of Blount’s Creek in the Chocowinity Township located approximately one (1) mile upstream from the Mouth of the Creek Rd bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if approved, the residents adjacent to Little Creek and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission will arrange for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of the required signage, buoys, and/or markings that will delineate the No Wake Zone. Further, the adjacent residents will be responsible for any required environmental permitting and associated fees.

Adopted this 3rd day of October, 2016



Jerry E. Langley, Chairman
Beaufort County Board of Commissioners



Kathleen Mosher, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

NO-WAKE ZONING MATRIX

SECTION 1:

Name of organization/entity: _Beaufort County

Primary contact information: _Seth Laughlin Planning Director
Beaufort County Government

220 North Market Street

Washington, NC 27889

Office (252) 946-7182

Mobile (252) 902-4842

Fax (252)940-6154

Exact location of requested no-wake zone:

Body of water: __Little Creek_____

Location: ___off of Blounts Creek northwest of Blounts Creek BAA

Popular name of area, if any: _____

Width of No-Wake Zone: Narrowest Point:____ Widest Point:____

Brief Description of area (example: bridge overpass, obstructed views, Intracoastal Waterway; etc) _____

Attach map of designated no-wake zone

Ensure proposed no-wake zone map/and or location is agreed upon by point of contact

Attach detailed reason given from point of contact for the request

(from Seth Laughlin) I am writing to you today to begin discussion between the WRC and Beaufort County related to the initial request made by Mrs. Jean Tucker (635 Island Drive, Chocowinity, NC) for a No Wake Zone on Little Creek, a tributary of Blounts Creek (see email below). Please see attached Maps. I met with the Tuckers yesterday onsite and discussed the process for requesting a No Wake Zone and heard their concerns. As Little Creek is generally quite shallow (as little as a 2.5' deep channel at low-water conditions), the main issue is related to wave runner/jet ski use. Since these craft require very little water to operate and can achieve rapid acceleration, these are the most common craft traveling quickly. Likewise, many of the residents outboard motor craft must navigate slowly, with motors trimmed up when maneuvering the creek. You have the potential of larger, vulnerable boats traveling slowly interacting with high-speed wave runners in very confined conditions. Like many of our creeks, Little Creek has many existing boat docks and enough bends in direction that site distances are an issue for high-speed travel.

Is the proposed no-wake zone located within an area that is regulated by the U.S Army Corp of Engineers or the Division of Coastal Management (CAMA) i.e.; Intracoastal Waterway?

YES

NO

(When dealing with the point of contact, please advise that placement of markers in these waters is subject to prior approval of above agency in waters where applicable. NCWRC has no authority to supersede these rules.)

SECTION 2:

PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD

What public safety hazard exists? _____

Is this a public swimming or recreational area?

NO

YES would the establishment of a swimming area or placement of regulatory buoys be more appropriate? YES NO

SECTION 3:

NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS

Identify any and all potential hazards associated with the proposed no-wake zone (check all that apply)

OBSTRUCTIONS (Identify) _____

NARROW CHANNEL (give approximate width) _____

SHALLOW WATER (give average depth) 3 ft _____

OBSTRUCTED VISION (for approximately how great a distance) _____

Rate traffic density in this area from light to heavy. 1 **LIGHT** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
HEAVY

Is traffic density specific to weekend/and or holidays? Yes _____

Does traffic density or ability to maneuver a vessel due to traffic cause safety issues? YES
NO

Rate the likelihood of an incident occurring in this area compared to other similar areas on this same body of water. 3 **VERY UNLIKELY** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **MORE LIKELY**

SECTION 6:

OFFICER RECOMENDATION

YES:

NO:

Reason for decision: This is a very short shallow creek with approximately 15 docks. The creek averages 150 feet wide and on around 300 feet at the mouth of the creek. With this narrow shallow creek becoming a no wake zone we are only protecting the boating public and the property owners who own property on this creek. I spoke with several property owners while I was inspecting this creek and they stated that the problem that they see is with Personal Water Craft traveling in the creek and making a fast turn and then exiting the creek. This is a dead end creek that only goes approximately 500 to 600 yard. This will not be a burden on the boating public.

Officer: *Sergeant William C Cain III 146*

15A NCAC 10F .0303 (a) (7) - Proposed No Wake Zone
Little Creek, Beaufort County



 NWZ Point
 Proposed No Wake Zone

0 25 50 100
Yards

EXHIBIT S

February 16, 2017



FINAL ADOPTION – 15A NCAC 10F .0330 – CARTERET COUNTY

The Wildlife Resources Commission approved proceeding with permanent rulemaking for amendments to 15A NCAC 10F. 0330 Carteret County, for a no-wake zone in a cove at Dolphin Bay Estates in the Town of Cedar Point, and for permanent rulemaking to replace a temporary rule that was effective September 1, 2016, to clarify and correct the description of the no-wake zone in the waters of Taylor's Creek, shore to shore, in Beaufort. The proposed text was published in the *North Carolina Register Volume 31, Issue 11* on December 1, 2016 with an open comment period per the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

One public hearing was held during the open comment period on December 20, 2016, with no comments.

Staff recommends final adoption of the rule amendments by the Commission. Upon adoption, the rule will be presented for final review by the Rules Review Commission. If RRC approves, the Rule will be codified in the North Carolina Administrative Code on April 1, 2017.

15A NCAC 10F .0330 CARTERET COUNTY

- (a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the following waters in Carteret County:
- (1) the waters of Money Island ~~Slough~~ Slough, beginning at the east end of Money Island near the Anchorage Marina Basin and ending at the west end of Money Island where Brooks Avenue ~~deadends~~ dead ends at the slough;
 - (2) the waters of Taylor Creek ~~located within the territorial limits of the Town of Beaufort;~~ Taylor's Creek in Beaufort, shore to shore from where it Taylor's Creek meets the Newport River at the western end, to a line at the eastern end between a point on the north shore at 34.70762 N, 76.61784 W, south-southwest to the eastern tip of Carrot Island;
 - (3) the waters of Pelletier ~~Creek~~ Creek, beginning at the entrance to Pelletier Creek at the Intracoastal Waterway and ending at U.S. Highway 70;
 - (4) the waters of Bogue Sound Harbor Channel in Morehead ~~City~~ City, between Sugar Loaf Island and the seawall on the south side of Evans, ~~Shepard~~ Shepard, and Shackelford ~~Streets~~ Streets, and bounded on the east by the State Ports ~~Authority~~ Authority, and on the west by the eastern right-of-way margin of South 13th Street extended;
 - (5) the waters of Gallant's ~~Channel~~ Channel, from the US 70 crossing over the Grayden Paul bridge to Taylor's Creek;
 - (6) the waters of Cedar Island Bay and ~~Harbor~~ Harbor, from N.C. Highway 12 to Cedar Island Bay Channel Light 8;
 - (7) the waters of the small cove on the west side of Radio Island south of Old Causeway Road;

- (8) the waters of the Newport ~~River~~ River, beginning at the north side of the Beaufort Drawbridge and ending at marker #6;
- (9) the waters of Spooners Creek within the territorial limits of the Town of Morehead City as delineated by appropriate markers;
- ~~(10) the waters of Taylor's Creek from the eastern end of the current no-wake zone eastward to Channel Marker #1A;~~
- ~~(11)~~(10) the waters of the Newport River at Bogue ~~Sound~~ Sound, including all waters surrounding the Port of Morehead City to Brandt Island as delineated by appropriate markers;
- ~~(12)~~(11) the waters of Morgans Creek as delineated by appropriate markers;
- ~~(13)~~(12) the waters of Cannonsgate Marina and the Cannonsgate Marina Channel, beginning at its intersection with Bogue Sound at 34.70163 N, 76.98157 W, as delineated by appropriate markers;
- ~~(14)~~(13) the waters of the Newport River within 200 yards of the Newport River Beach Access Boat Ramp, beginning at the shore north of the U.S. 70 bridge at a point at 34.72141 N, 76.68707 W, west to a point at 34.72128 N, 76.68893 W, north to a point at 34.72376 N, 76.68911 N, then east to the shore at 34.72371 N, 76.68631 W; ~~and~~
- ~~(15)~~(14) the waters of Palmetto Drive canal, a tributary to the White Oak River, beginning at a point on the western shore at 34.67903N, 77.10142W to a point on the eastern shore at 34.67899 N, 77.10098 W and extending the entire length of the ~~canal~~; canal; and
- (15) that portion of the canal at Dolphin Bay Estates, a tributary to the White Oak River, beginning 30 yards inside the entrance to the canal and extending the entire length of the canal.

(b) Speed Limit. It is unlawful to operate a motorboat or vessel at a speed greater than no-wake speed while on the waters of the regulated areas designated in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The following agencies shall be designated as suitable agencies for placement and maintenance of the markers implementing this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers:

- (1) the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County, with respect to the regulated areas designated in Subparagraphs (1), (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), ~~(10), (12) and (13)~~ (11) and (12) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule;
- (2) the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Beaufort, with respect to the regulated area designated in Subparagraph (2) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule;
- (3) the Board of Commissioners of Morehead City, with respect to Subparagraph (4), (9), and ~~(14)~~ (13) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule;
- (4) the North Carolina State Ports Authority, with respect to the regulated area designated in Subparagraph ~~(11)~~ (10) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule; and
- (5) the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Cedar Point with respect to the regulated ~~area~~ areas designated in Subparagraphs ~~Subparagraphs~~ (15) (14) and (15) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule ~~Rule~~. shall be designated as suitable agencies for placement and maintenance of the markers implementing this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.





▲ Proposed NMWZ Point
■ Proposed No Wake Zone
▨ Existing No Wake Zones

Marker Type

- no wake
- buoy
- homemade sign?
- marker



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February 16, 2017



FINAL ADOPTION – 15A NCAC 10F .0314 – NEW HANOVER COUNTY

The Wildlife Resources Commission approved proceeding with permanent rulemaking for amendments to 15A NCAC 10F. 0314 New Hanover County, for technical changes to clarify text, correct marker numbers, and add GPS coordinates. The proposed text was published in the *North Carolina Register Volume 31, Issue 11* on December 1, 2016 with an open comment period per the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

One public hearing was held during the open comment period on December 20, 2016, with no comments.

Staff recommends final adoption of the rule amendments by the Commission. Upon adoption, the rule will be presented for final review by the Rules Review Commission. If RRC approves, the Rule will be codified in the North Carolina Administrative Code on April 1, 2017.

15A NCAC 10F .0314 NEW HANOVER COUNTY

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

- (1) that area bounded on the north by the ~~bridge of US 74-76~~ Bridge crossing the Intracoastal Waterway, on the south by a line ~~parallel to the center line of said highway and shore to shore~~ intersecting Intracoastal Waterway marker number 127, on the west by the ~~high-water line shore~~ of Wrightsville Sound, and on the east by a line perpendicular to ~~the center line of said highway~~ US Highway 74-76 and intersecting marker ~~number 27~~ number 25 in Motts Channel;
- (2) that area of Motts Channel between marker ~~number 27~~ number 25 at the Intracoastal Waterway on the west and marker number 16 at the entrance from Banks Channel on the east;
- (3) that area bounded on the west by the ~~bridge of US 76~~ Bridge crossing Bradley Creek, on the north and south by the banks of ~~said creek,~~ Bradley Creek, on the east by a line ~~parallel to the center line of the aforesaid highway,~~ said line being 1,000 feet, more or less, eastwardly therefrom and intersecting the westernmost port (black) marker in Bradley Creek Channel; from a point on the southwest shore at 34.21293 N; 77.83171 W, to a point on the northeast shore at 34.21437 N; 77.83061 W;
- (4) ~~that part of Lee's Cut between the Intracoastal Waterway and the eastern boundary of the Lee's Cut Channel Walk property at Wrightsville Beach;~~ from its western intersection with the Intracoastal Waterway at 34.21979 N; 77.80965 W, to its eastern intersection with Banks Channel at 34.21906 N, 77.79645 W;

- (5) the unnamed channel lying between the shore west of Bahama Drive in the Town of Wrightsville Beach and an unnamed island located approximately 500 feet northeast of the US 74 bridge over Banks Channel;
- (6) those waters of the Northeast Cape Fear River between the US Hwy. 117 bridge and ~~the Seaboard Coastline Railroad bridge.~~ the railroad trestle sixty yards east of the Castle Hayne Boating Access Area.

(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within any of the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Placement ~~and Maintenance~~ of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County is designated a suitable agency for placement ~~and maintenance~~ of the markers implementing this Rule, subject to the approval of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

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

Eff. February 1, 1976;

Amended Eff. July 1, 1993; May 1, 1989; June 1, 1987; May 1, 1987;

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

Amended Eff. April 1, 2017.

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FINAL ADOPTION – 15A NCAC 10F .0327 – MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The Wildlife Resources Commission approved proceeding with permanent rulemaking for an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F. 0327 Montgomery County, for a no-wake zone on Lake Tillery, shore to shore in the vicinity of the Lilly's Bridge Boating Access Area. The proposed text was published in the *North Carolina Register Volume 31, Issue 08* on October 17, 2016 with an open comment period per the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

One public hearing was held during the open comment period on November 3, 2016, with no comments.

Staff recommends final adoption of the rule amendments by the Commission. Upon adoption, the rule will be presented for final review by the Rules Review Commission. If RRC approves, the Rule will be codified in the North Carolina Administrative Code on April 1, 2017.

15A NCAC 10F .0327 MONTGOMERY COUNTY

(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the waters and portions of waters described as follows:

- (1) Badin Lake:
 - (A) Lakeshore Drive Cove as delineated by appropriate markers.
 - (B) Entrance to fueling site and marina west of the main channel of Lake Forest Drive Cove.
 - (C) Gar Creek.
 - (D) Beyer's Island waterfront channel facing the mainland
- (2) Lake Tillery:
 - (A) Woodrun Cove as delineated by appropriate markers.
 - (B) Carolina Forest Cove as delineated by appropriate markers.
 - (C) The waters in the vicinity of the Lilly's Bridge Boating Access Area shore to shore, from a line north of the Route 1110 bridge at a point on the eastern shore at 35.23223 N, 80.06166 W, to a point on the western shore at 35.23289 N, 80.06318 W, to a line southwest of the Lilly's Bridge Boating Access Area, from a point on the eastern shore at 35.23067 N; 80.06262 W, to a point on the western shore at 35.23156 N; 80.06437 W.
- (3) Tuckertown Reservoir.

(b) Speed Limit Near Shore Facilities. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within 50 yards of any marked boat launching area, dock, pier, bridge, marina, boat storage structure, or boat service area on the waters of the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

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

(d) Restricted Swimming Areas. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter any marked public swimming area established with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission on the waters of the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(e) Placement ~~and Maintenance~~ of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County is hereby designated a suitable agency for placement ~~and maintenance~~ of the markers implementing (a)(1)(A), (B), (C), (D), (2)(A) and (B), and (3) of this Rule in accordance with the Uniform System. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is hereby designated a suitable agency for placement and maintenance of the markers implementing (a)(2)(C) of this Rule.

History Note: *Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15*
Eff. November 1, 1977;
Amended Eff. December 1, 1990; May 1, 1989; March 25, 1978;
Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 1998;
Amended Eff. April 1, 1999; July 1, 1998;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; April 1, 2003;
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. December 6, 2016.
Amended Eff. April 1, 2017.

15A NCAC 10E .0327 (a) (2) (C) - Proposed No Wake Zone
Lake Tillery, Montgomery County



EXHIBIT V

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR READOPTION OF 10H AND 10F RULES

| RULES | READOPTON DEADLINE |
|---|---------------------------|
| 10H .0300 – Holding Wildlife in Captivity | July 2018 |
| 10H .0800 – Falconry | July 2018 |
| 10H .1000 – Taxidermy | July 2018 |
| | |
| 10F (all) – Motorboats and Water Safety | December 2018 |
| | |
| 10H .0100 – Controlled Hunting Preserves for Domestically Raised Game Birds | December 2019 |
| 10H .0900 – Game Bird Propagators | December 2019 |
| 10H .1100 – Furbearer Propagation | December 2019 |
| 10H .1200 – Controlled Fox Hunting Preserves | December 2019 |
| 10H .1300 – Reptiles and Amphibians | December 2019 |