



2009-2010 Delayed Hunting Regulations

A number of rules adopted at the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's March Commission meeting will not be in effect when hunting seasons open this fall.

The North Carolina Rules Review Commission referred a number of the proposed rules changes to the General Assembly as a consequence of written opposition, an action required under state law. As a result, these rules changes cannot take effect until reviewed by the Legislature next year. Legislators have 30 days from the start of the next session to propose a bill disapproving any of these rules. If no bill is proposed, the rules automatically go into effect for the 2010-11 season.

Rules **NOT** in effect for the 2009-2010 season:

H1) Require persons harvesting deer through the Deer Management Assistance Program to use tags provided by the Commission and report their harvests, whether those deer are antlerless or antlered. Allow harvest of deer on DMAP areas under the big game harvest report card and the bonus antlerless deer harvest report card, where applicable.

H2) Change the description of where bonus antlerless deer harvest report cards may be used from "private lands" to "lands other than those enrolled in the Commission's Game Land Program" in order to permit the use of these cards on military installations, national wildlife refuges, and other public lands that are NOT game lands.

H3) Remove the daily bag limit for deer.

H4) Allow hunters to use archery equipment to harvest deer during the muzzleloading firearms season on game lands.

H5) Shorten the bow season by one week and open the muzzleloader season one week earlier to create a two week muzzleloader season.

H6) Deer seasons in the Northwestern deer season will be changed so that the regular gun season is extended through January 1. Deer seasons in the Eastern, Central, and Western deer season structures will remain unchanged.

H7) Deer seasons on game lands in the Northwestern deer season will be changed so that the regular gun season is extended through January 1. Deer seasons on game lands in the Eastern, Central, and Western deer season structures will remain unchanged.

H8) Open all private lands in the Eastern, Central, and Northwestern deer seasons to the maximum either-sex deer season.

H9) Assign all of Moore County to the Eastern deer season.

H25) Allow falconry on Sundays, except for migratory game birds.

H26) Allow bow hunting on Sundays on private lands only, except for migratory game birds.

H28) Allow the use of crossbows, without permit, anytime bow and arrows are legal weapons.

H48) Disallow the selling of live foxes and coyotes taken under a depredation permit to controlled hunting preserves.

H50) Allow a landowner with a valid depredation permit to give away the edible portions of deer to anyone. Require the recipient to retain a copy of the depredation permit.

H51) Eliminate the requirement that a landholder must get a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permit for the taking of migratory birds before getting a Commission permit to do so.

For a complete list, visit [North Carolina's 2009-2010 Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping regulations](#). For more information about this year's delayed rules, see our previous [news release](#) and [N.C. Wildlife Update](#).