



## **AGENDA**

### **N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**February 27, 2014, 9:00 a.m.**

**1751 Varsity Drive**

**NCWRC Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Raleigh, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER** - *Chairman Jim Cogdell*

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Commissioner Wes Seegars*

**INVOCATION** - *Commissioner John Litton Clark*

### **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 Cogdell*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Take action on the November 7, 2013 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS** – Receive Notices of Appointment by Governor Pat McCrory of *Brian White, District 1* for a term ending June 30, 2019; *Joseph Budd, District 7* for a term ending June 30, 2019, and *Albert L. Sneed, Jr., District 9* for a term ending April 25, 2017 (**EXHIBITS B-1, B-2, B-3**)

**RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2013 STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR COMMISSIONERS** - *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 evaluations by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2013 Statements of Economic Interest for Brian White, Joseph Budd and Albert Sneed – *Betsy Haywood, Ethics Liaison*

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**Financial Status Report** - Receive a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund - *Tommy Clark, Budget Director* (**EXHIBIT C**)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fisheries Committee Report** – *Wes Seegars, Chair*

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

**Big Game Committee Report** – *David Hoyle, Jr., Chair*

**Committee of the Whole Report** – *Jim Cogdell, Chair*

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – EXPANDING COMMISSION EDUCATION GOALS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS** - Receive a presentation about partnerships and wildlife conservation education initiatives – *Tanya Poole, Mountain Region Education Specialist*

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE SURVEY** – Receive highlights of a survey conducted among Animal Control Offices – *Ann May, Outreach Biologist, Division of Wildlife Management*

## **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

**Wildlife Management Update** – Receive an update on the activities of the Division of Wildlife Management – *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 state-wide public hearings held in January 2014, the WRC internet portal and correspondence – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT D)*

**2014 – 2015 Wildlife Management Regulation Proposals** – Review and consider for adoption proposed rule changes in wildlife management regulations for 2014 - 2015 – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT E)*

## **INLAND FISHERIES**

**Fisheries, Wildlife Education and Outreach Update** - Receive an update on activities of the Division of Inland Fisheries - *Bob Curry, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

**Summary of Public Comments** - Receive summary of public comments on proposed changes to inland fishing regulations received from state-wide public hearings held in January 2014, the WRC internet portal and correspondence – *Bob Curry (EXHIBIT F)*

**2014 – 2015 Inland Fishing Regulation Proposals** – Review and consider for adoption changes in the 2014 - 2015 inland fishing regulations – *Bob Curry (EXHIBIT G)*

**River Herring Management Plan** - Consider staff recommendation to approve preferred management options for the draft Amendment 2 to the River Herring Fishery Management Plan – *Bob Curry (EXHIBIT H)*

## **DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND LANDS MANAGEMENT**

### **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 – *Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4)*

- Browns Island Tract 1 – Carteret County (**I-1**)
- Silvers Tract – Haywood County (**I-2**)
- Sassafras Tract – Scotland County (**I-3**)
- Mitchell River Olinger Tract – Surry County (**I-4**)

**Phase II Land Acquisitions** – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT J-1, J-2, J-3)*

- Sherrill Tract – Ashe County (**J-1**)
- Birkhead Tract – Randolph County (**J-2**)
- Harrison Tract – Martin County (**J-3**)

**Easement Request, Scotland County** - Consider an easement request across a portion of Sandhills Game Land in Scotland County for the purpose of accessing private property – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT K)*

**Summary of Public Comments** – Review summary of public comments on proposed changes to game land regulations received from statewide district public hearings held in January 2014, the WRC internet portal and correspondence – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT L)*

**2014-2015 Game Land Regulation Proposals** – Review and consider for adoption proposed rule changes in the 2014-2015 game land regulations – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT M)*

## **WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING**

Consider adoption of the following water safety rule amendments - *Kate Pipkin, Rules Biologist (EXHIBITS N-1, N-2, N-3)*

- **Amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0336 – Northampton and Warren Counties** – Consider adoption of an amendment to NCAC 10F .0336 – Northampton and Warren counties, to list counties, correct road names, and provide clarification about locations (**EXHIBIT N-1**)
- **Amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0326 – Pamlico County** – Consider adoption of an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0326 (a)(2) to repeal the unenforceable no wake zone on the Intracoastal Waterway in Pamlico County (**EXHIBIT N-2**)
- **Amendment, Technical Change – 15A NCAC 10F .0354 – Pitt County** – Consider adoption of an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0354(a)(2) to repeal a no wake zone at the Seine Beach area of the Tar River. Incorporate a technical change to (a)(3) that clarifies the description of the no wake zone on Tranters Creek in Pitt and Beaufort counties (**EXHIBIT N-3**)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING**

**Summary of Public Comments** – Review summary of public comments on proposed rules and proposed rule changes pertaining to a Poacher Reward Fund, Vessel Registration, Totally Disabled License Eligibility, and Hunter Education Course Mandatory Time Requirements, received at public hearings held in January 2014, the WRC internet portal and correspondence – *Lisa Hocutt, Customer Support Division Chief (EXHIBIT O)*



**Administrative Regulation Proposals** – Consider adoption of the following proposed new administrative rules and proposed administrative rule amendments – *Lisa Hocutt, Customer Support Division Chief* (**EXHIBITS P-1, P-2, P-3, P-4**)

- **Vessel Registration Proposed Amendments** – Consider adoption of proposed amendments to rules 15A NCAC 10F .0102, 10F .0103, and 10F .0106 (vessel registration) to make them consistent with legislation passed in the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. Consider adoption of a proposed amendment to 10F .0107, to provide two vessel registration validation decals with the requirement that one be applied to the portside bow and one to the starboard side bow of the vessel (**EXHIBIT P-1**)
- **Poacher Reward Fund** – Consider adoption of three proposed rules to establish a Poacher Reward Fund under 15A NCAC 10A .1301, 10A .1302, and 10A .1303, as were presented at public hearings (**EXHIBIT P-2**)
- **Totally Disabled License Eligibility Rule** – Consider adoption of a proposed rule 15A NCAC 10G .0601. The new rule is necessary to comply with legislation passed in the 2013 Session of the General Assembly that authorizes the Wildlife Resources Commission to establish rules defining documentation acceptable for determining eligibility of totally and permanently disabled residents who do not participate in the Social Security System to obtain a discounted lifetime license (**EXHIBIT P-3**)
- **Hunter Education Course Mandatory Time Requirements** – Consider adoption of an amendment to 15A NCAC 10K .0101 to remove the mandatory time requirements for the Hunter Education Course (**EXHIBIT P-4**)

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – PRESENT THE 2014 SHIKAR-SAFARI INTERNATIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD** - Present the 2014 Shikar-Safari Club International Officer of the Year Award to Chad Arnold – *W. E. Boomer, Shikar-Safari Club*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM U.S. FOREST SERVICE** - Introduction by *Gordon Myers, Executive Director*

**COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN** – *Jim Cogdell*

**COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – *Gordon Myers*

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## EXHIBIT A February 27, 2014



**MINUTES  
November 7, 2013  
N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

The November 7, 2013 N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission meeting was called to order by *Commission Chairman* Jim Cogdell at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters in Raleigh. Cogdell reminded everyone that the meeting audio is being streamed live and will be available on the Wildlife Resources Commission website. He requested that everyone silence electronic devices. Commissioners Dell Murphy, John Coley, Michell Hicks, Dalton Ruffin, Tommy Fonville, and Ray White were absent.

Commissioner Garry Spence led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner David Hoyle, Jr. gave the invocation.

### WELCOME AND MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY

Chairman Cogdell advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as presented in the agenda. Chairman Cogdell welcomed the Commissioners and guests.

### COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Jim Cogdell  
Wes Seegars  
Mark Craig  
Ray Clifton

Richard Edwards  
Tom Berry  
Tim Spear  
Garry Spence

Nat Harris  
Joe Barker  
John Litton Clark  
David Hoyle, Jr.

**VISITORS**

Sam Lockridge III – Cleveland County  
Jimmy Harrell – Cleveland Co. Chamber of Commerce  
Jeff Richardson – Cleveland County  
Johnny Hutchins – Cleveland County  
Tom Ray – Veterinarian, NCDA&CS  
Fred Harris – NC Wildlife Federation

Wib Owen  
Tim Gestwicki - NCWF  
Dick Hamilton - NCWF  
Henri McClees- NC Sporting Dog Assoc.  
Joe McClees – NC Sporting Dog Assoc.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by David Hoyle, Jr. and second by John Litton Clark, the Commission approved the August 29, 2013 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes, presented in **Exhibit A**. The Minutes are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Tommy Clark, *Budget Officer*, presented the financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and the Wildlife Endowment Fund as of September 30, 2013 in **Exhibit B**. The Operating Fund balance was \$23,114,019.39. The Endowment Fund balance was \$100,613,770.08.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fisheries Committee Meeting Report** – *Committee Chairman* Wes Seegars reported that the Fisheries Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on November 6, 2013. Chad Thomas, *Coastal Fisheries Supervisor*, updated the committee about the North Carolina River Herring Fisheries Management Plan, a review of proposed Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL) projects under consideration, the status of American shad and hickory shad, and the striped bass stock assessment. Christian Waters, *Fisheries Management Coordinator*, summarized nineteen proposed changes in inland fishing rules for 2014-2015, to be presented at statewide public hearings in January 2014. The Fisheries Committee will recommend approval of the rules proposals later in the meeting. Kyle Briggs, *Fisheries Management Coordinator*, gave an update about renovations to fish hatcheries across the state.



**Big Game Committee Meeting Report** – *Committee Chairman* David Hoyle, Jr. reported that the Big Game Committee met at 11:00 am on November 6, 2013. Topics of discussion included a review of the policy concerning the use of fungicide-treated peanuts as bait. Treatment with fungicide renders the peanuts processed food products, and therefore the exception for striking bear dogs in the vicinity of these products is unlawful. The committee discussed a proposed youth deer season. Staff was tasked with providing more deer harvest data to be considered by the committee in January prior to recommending a regulation change. The committee discussed proposed bear hunting season regulation changes that address the Bear Management Plan objectives. Rules proposals for consideration at statewide public hearings in January will be recommended for approval by the full Commission later in the meeting. Chairman Cogdell thanked Big Game Committee Chair David Hoyle for his years of hard work and more than 30 meetings with stakeholders before bringing these rules proposals forward. Cogdell urged all Commissioners to attend as many District public hearings as possible in January to receive public comments before final consideration of the proposals.

**Land Use and Access Committee Meeting Report** – *Committee Chairman* Tom Berry reported that the Land Use and Access Committee met on November 6, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. The committee reviewed five Phase I potential property acquisitions presented by Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*. The committee will recommend approval of the Allen Tract, Swain County; Page Tract, Cleveland County; Reinberg Tract, Watauga County; and Zacharin Tract, Watauga County for further investigation and possible funding. The Wolf Laurel Tract in Yancey County is being offered as a donation. The committee will recommend that the Commission give final approval of that tract as a Phase II acquisition. The committee received information about two other Phase II properties, both in Bladen County – the McFadden Tract and Faircloth Tract. The committee will recommend approval of those Phase II properties later in the meeting. Staff has been asked to do a financial study on one select game land, to provide a better idea of stewardship expenses associated with game lands acquisition and management.

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Report** – *Chairman* Jim Cogdell reported that the Committee of the Whole met on November 6. Pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3), the Committee of the Whole went into closed session to receive legal advice from counsel. In open session the Committee of the Whole reviewed the rule proposals under consideration to take to public hearings. The committee reviewed several fiscal notes for rulemaking prior to consideration at today's meeting.

#### **AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – STATEWIDE CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE SURVEILLANCE**

The Commission received an update about statewide surveillance efforts to monitor for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a transmissible and fatal encephalopathy that affects cervids. Dr. Maria Palamar, *Wildlife Veterinarian*, provided some of the history of CWD in North America, first discovered in a captive mule deer and now found outside captive herds as well in several states and provinces, but not in North Carolina. Dr. Palamar explained the Sampling Protocol that is being used to evaluate 3000 samples of cervid brain tissue from every county in North Carolina. Preliminary results will be ready in the spring of 2014, with final results available by September of 2014. Dr. Palamar explained that the goal of the Statewide CWD Surveillance is to keep North Carolina free of the disease, and if found, to address containing the disease before it spreads.

## **PROPERTY MATTERS**

**Phase I Potential Land Acquisitions** – Upon a motion by Tom Berry and second by Garry Spence the Commission approved the presentation by Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager* for staff to work with the State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties:

- Allen Tract – Swain County (**Exhibit C-1**)
- Page Tract – Cleveland County (**Exhibit C-2**)
- Reinberg Tract – Watauga County (**Exhibit C-4**)
- Zacharin Tract – Watauga County (**Exhibit C-5**)

**Exhibits C-1, C-2, C-4, and C-5** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**Phase II Land Acquisitions** – On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Nat Harris, the Commission gave final approval to proceed with acquisitions of the McFadden Tract (**Exhibit D-1**) and Faircloth Tract (**Exhibit D-2**), both in Bladen County. The Commission approved proceeding with final acquisition of the Wolf Laurel Tract in Yancey County (**Exhibit C-3**). That tract is being offered as a donation. **Exhibits D-1, D-2, and C-3** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**Onslow County Annexation Request Tabled** – Upon the recommendation of the Land Use and Access Committee with a motion by Tom Berry and second by Garry Spence, the Commission tabled a request from the Town of Holly Ridge to voluntarily annex the Folkstone tract of Stones Creek Game Land (**Exhibit E**). Staff will report to the Commission with more information about the proposed annexation at a later meeting.

**Shooting Range, Cleveland County** – On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Joe Barker, the Commission approved an agreement with Cleveland County to assist in the design and construction of a shooting range facility (**Exhibit F**). **Exhibit F** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**Easement Request, Edgecombe County** – On a motion by Joe Barker and second by Nat Harris, the Commission approved a request from Edgecombe-Martin EMC for a utility easement across a portion of Newbold Pond Public Fishing Area in Edgecombe County (**Exhibit G**). **Exhibit G** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.



**LAND MANAGEMENT RULE PROPOSALS APPROVED FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND PRESENTATION AT PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*, presented **Exhibit H-1**, proposed changes in game land management for 2014-2015 recommended by agency staff for public notice and presentation at nine public hearings. Upon a motion by Mark Craig and second by Tim Spear, the Commission approved the following to be presented at state-wide public hearings in January 2014:

**Applying to Game Lands Generally**

- 1) Designate open hours and days for shooting ranges by posting signs at each shooting range. Currently, all shooting ranges are open Monday through Saturday, sunrise to sunset. Apply range restrictions to ranges that occur on game lands which are not state-owned.

*15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use*

**Applying to Specific Game Lands**

- 1) Make the Lick Creek tract of Alcoa Game Land in Davidson County an archery-only area for deer hunting.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*

- 2) Allow overnight primitive camping year-round in a designated camping area along the Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST) on the Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham County.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*

- 3) Designate Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County as a six-day-per-week game land (it is currently a three-day-per-week game land). Allow dog hunting for deer and bear on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays only, and as otherwise authorized by permit on the Bear Garden Tract.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*

- 4) Relax access restrictions on the Parker Farm Tract of Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties by eliminating permit requirements after January 1, except for turkey. Currently, all hunting and vehicular access to the Parker Farm Tract requires a permit from September 1 through the end of February and from April 7 to May 14.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*

- 5) Allow hunting deer with dogs on Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*

**Exhibit H-1** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Mark Craig made a motion to table a proposal for areas of Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County (**Exhibit H-1 applying to specific game lands**):

Designate the following areas of Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County as still hunting only for deer and bear: all areas of the main tract west of N.C. Hwy 242 and the section which lies between N.C. Hwy 242, S.R. 1509, S.R. 1510, and S.R. 1511.

*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands*

The motion to table was seconded by Tim Spear and carried.

## **INLAND FISHERIES**

**Inland Fisheries Update** - The Commission received an update on the activities of the Inland Fisheries Division from Bob Curry, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*. Curry announced that an Outstanding Sport Fish Restoration Award has been presented by the American Fisheries Society to the Fisheries research and surveys section. Attendance at the Mountain State Fair wildlife exhibit was 9500. Forty-four thousand people visited the wildlife exhibit at the N.C. State Fair in Raleigh. Curry thanked the N.C. Wildlife Federation and the Wake County Wildlife Club for their sponsorship of licenses that were awarded from activities on National Hunting and Fishing Day.

## **PROPOSED CHANGES IN FISHING REGULATION FOR 2014-2015 RECOMMENDED BY AGENCY STAFF FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND PRESENTATION AT NINE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Bob Curry presented in **Exhibit I-1** the following proposed changes in inland fishing rules for 2014-2015 to take to state-wide public hearings in January 2014. Wes Seegars made a motion to approve the proposals. Garry Spence seconded. The motion carried.

### **Trout**

- 1) Clarify that the entire reach of the North Fork Mills River in Henderson County from the Hendersonville watershed dam to the lower game land boundary is designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters and further classified as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.

*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters*

- 2) Designate 0.5 mile of the West Fork Pigeon River in Haywood County below Lake Logan as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters.

*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters*

*15A NCAC 10D .0104 Fishing on Game Lands*

- 3) Reclassify 0.5 mile of Skitty Creek in Macon County from Hatchery Supported Trout Waters to Wild Trout Waters.

*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters*

- 4) Designate 1.0 mile of the Watauga River in Watauga County from the SR 1103 bridge to the confluence with Laurel Creek as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.

*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters*



- 5) Remove the 1.8-mile section of Watauga River adjacent to NC 105 in Watauga County from Public Mountain Trout Waters.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters*
- 6) Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Big Hungry River in Henderson County, removing 8.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters*
- 7) Remove Clear Creek Reservoir located on South Mountain State Park in Burke County from Public Mountain Trout Waters.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters*

#### **Game Fish**

- 1) Establish a minimum size limit of 16 inches from June 1 through September 30 for striped bass and hybrid striped bass in Lake Norman. The daily creel limit will remain four striped bass or hybrid striped bass in combination.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0314 Striped Bass*
- 2) Prohibit the taking of American and hickory shad with dip nets and bow nets.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0302 Manner of Taking Inland Game Fishes*

#### **Nongame Fish**

- 1) Add John H. Kerr Reservoir to the list of reservoirs where possession of grass carp is prohibited except for those legally taken with archery equipment.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of Taking Nongame Fishes: Purchase and Sale*
- 2) Clarify in the N.C. Administrative Code that the daily possession limit for freshwater mussels taken from impounded waters is 200 in aggregate and remove the daily creel limit for Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*).  
*15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of Taking Nongame Fishes: Purchase and Sale*
- 3) Allow the take of white perch captured by anglers using a cast net to collect nongame fishes for bait or personal consumption in all impounded waters west of Interstate 95 and in Tar River Reservoir (Nash County).  
*15A NCAC 10C .0302 Manner of Taking Inland Game Fishes*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking Nongame Fishes for Bait or Personal Consumption*
- 4) Increase the minimum length limit for American eel from six inches to nine inches and decrease the daily creel limit from 50 to 25 eels.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of Taking Nongame Fishes: Purchase and Sale*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking Nongame Fishes for Bait or Personal Consumption*
- 5) Reduce the minimum mesh size for eel pots from one inch by one-half inch to one-half inch by one-half inch.  
*15A NCAC 10C .0404 Special Device Fishing*



- 6) Add spear guns, gigs, traps (up to three), and eel pots (up to two) to the list of equipment that can be used to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in inland fishing waters with an inland fishing license.

*15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking Nongame Fishes for Bait or Personal Consumption*

- 7) Prohibit the use of bow nets in inland fishing waters.

*15A NCAC 10C .0407 Permitted Special Devices and Open Seasons*

**Other**

- 1) Define in the N.C. Administrative Code "Public Access for Fishing Only" and clarify the activities allowed where angler access to inland fishing waters is provided through private property under an agreement with the landowner. These access locations will be clearly marked through signage indicating "Public Access for Fishing Only."

*15A NCAC 10C .0217 Public Access for Anglers Only*

- 2) Modify the boundary for the North Carolina/Virginia reciprocal license agreement on the Dan River by moving the boundary upstream from the Brantly Steam Plant Dam to the Union Street Dam in Danville, Virginia and on the Staunton River by moving the boundary downstream from the Route 360 bridge crossing to the mouth of Difficult Creek.

*15A NCAC 10C .0203 Reciprocal License Agreements*

- 3) Provide anglers the option to label trotlines, set hooks, and jug hooks with their name and address or with their WRC customer number.

*15A NCAC 10C .0206 Trotlines and Set-hooks*

**Exhibit I-1** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

### **Wildlife Management Update**

Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, presented an update about the activities of the Division of Wildlife Management. Dr. Cobb directed Commissioners to CDs at their places. The CD contains documents of interest to the Commission, including the 2012-2013 Hunter Harvest Survey Report, report on black ducks, a report on diets of red wolves and coyotes in eastern North Carolina done in partnership with North Carolina State University, and the 2013 Black Bear Report. Cobb stated that staff continues to collect data under the CWD Surveillance Plan. Cobb reminded everyone that state-wide public hearings concerning rules proposals begin on January 7 and end on January 23, 2014.

**2014-2015 RULE PROPOSALS FOR HUNTING, TRAPPING AND OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES FOR CONSIDERATION AT STATE-WIDE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Upon a motion by Garry Spence and second by Nat Harris, the Commission voted to take to statewide public hearings proposed changes in hunting, trapping, and other regulated activities for 2014-2015, presented in **Exhibit J-1**:

**Deer**

- 1) Change the gun deer season in Polk County from opening on the Monday of Thanksgiving week and closing the *third* Saturday after Thanksgiving (the current season) to opening on the Monday of Thanksgiving week and closing the *fifth* Saturday after Thanksgiving (the same season as Cleveland and Rutherford counties).  
*15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed)*
- 2) Change the opening day of the Western Deer Archery Season from the *Monday* on or nearest to September 10 to the *Saturday* on or nearest to September 10.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed)*
- 3) Change the closing day of the first segment of the Western Deer Archery Season from a Saturday to a Sunday. Open and close the second segment of the Western Deer Archery Season on Sundays.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed)*
- 4) Change the name of the muzzle-loading firearms and bow and arrow deer season to the blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow deer season. Define a blackpowder firearm as "Any firearm — including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system — manufactured in or before 1898; and 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 pistol, which is designed to use black powder, black powder substitute, or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle and which cannot use fixed ammunition."  
*15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed)*

**Bear**

- 1) Open bear hunting seasons in the following counties in the Piedmont Bear Management Unit (PBMU) to run concurrent with the gun deer season in each of the following counties:
  - Eastern Gun Deer Season: Franklin, Hoke, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, and Wake;
  - Central Gun Deer Season: Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union; and
  - Northwestern Gun Deer Season: Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, and Lincoln.*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear*
- 2) Change the bear hunting seasons in the following Piedmont counties to run concurrent with the gun deer season in each of the following counties:
  - Eastern Gun Deer Season: Harnett, Johnston, Vance, and Warren; and
  - Northwestern Gun Deer Season: Alexander, Catawba, Iredell, Stokes, and Yadkin.*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear*



- 3) Open a bear hunting season in Robeson County on the first Monday in December and close it on the third Saturday thereafter.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear*
- 4) Prohibit the use of dogs to hunt bears or to strike bears from unprocessed food products in the following counties and parts of counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85, Alexander, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98, and Yadkin.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear*
- 5) Allow bears to be taken with the use or aid of unprocessed foods, but not while actually consuming the unprocessed foods, on private lands from the *first open Monday of the bear hunting season to the following Saturday only* in these counties:
- **Coastal Bear Management Unit: Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Cumberland, Currituck, Craven, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Onslow, Robeson, Sampson, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson; and**
  - **Mountain Bear Management Unit: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Clay, Cherokee, Cleveland, Jackson, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey, Watauga, and Wilkes.**

During *all open days* of the bear hunting seasons, hunters may strike bears using dogs at sites with unprocessed foods on private lands, except in these counties and parts of counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85, Alexander, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98, and Yadkin.

*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear*

- 6) Allow bears to be taken with the use or aid of unprocessed foods, but not while actually consuming the unprocessed foods, on private lands during *all open days of each bear hunting season* in these counties of the Piedmont Bear Management Unit (PBMU):
- Eastern Gun Deer Season: Franklin, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Warren, and Wake;
  - Central Gun Deer Season: Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union; and
  - Northwestern Gun Deer Season: Alexander, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, and Yadkin.

*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear*

**Raccoons**

- 1) Remove the restriction on hunting raccoons during daylight hours west of U.S. 1.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0111 Restrictions on Raccoon and Opossum Hunting*

**Manners of Take**

- 1) Reduce the minimum draw weight for crossbows from 150 to 100 pounds.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0116 Permitted Archery Equipment*
- 2) Amend the handgun rule to allow take of deer and bears with any type of handgun and ammunition, except that body armor-piercing projectiles would be prohibited.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0120 Taking Big Game with Handguns*

**Other**

- 1) Allow the public to obtain a permit to sell mounted wild animals, except permits will not be issued to sell any part of a black bear, wild turkey [pursuant to G.S. 113-291.3(b)(4)], or migratory game birds.  
*15A NCAC 10B .0118 Sale of Wildlife*
- 2) Remove the mandatory time requirements for the Hunter Education Course.  
*15A NCAC 10K .0101 Course Requirements*

**Exhibit J-1** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**FISCAL NOTE – 2014-2015 RULE PROPOSALS FOR INLAND FISHERIES, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND LAND MANAGEMENT**

Upon a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Nat Harris, the Commission approved the fiscal note for proposed rules pertaining to inland fisheries, wildlife management and land management, presented in **Exhibit K** by Erica Garner, *Rulemaking Coordinator*. **Exhibit K** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**BOATING SAFETY RULES AND FISCAL NOTES**

Joe Barker made a motion to adopt technical changes, amendments, and fiscal notes pertaining to boating safety rules, presented in **Exhibits L, M, N-1, N-2, O-1, O-2, P-1, and P-2**. The motion was seconded by Wes Seegars and carried. **Exhibits L, M, N-1, N-2, O-1, O-2, P-1, and P-2** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

- **Hyde County – No Wake Zone Technical Corrections** – technical corrections to GPS coordinates for a no wake zone in Hyde County; also a technical change to correct a location name. The technical corrections do not require Notice of Text, public hearing or fiscal note. (**Exhibit L**)



- **Camden County – No Wake Zone Technical Correction** – technical correction to GPS coordinates for a no wake zone in Camden County. The technical correction does not require Notice of Text, public hearing, or fiscal note. **(Exhibit M)**
- **Northampton and Warren Counties** – amendment proposed by agency to provide accurate and updated descriptions and coordinates of locations of no wake zones in Northampton and Warren counties. District 3 public hearing will be held to receive comments on January 23, 2014 in Rocky Mount. **(Exhibit N-1)** Fiscal note associated with proposed amendments in Northampton and Warren counties. **(Exhibit N-2)**
- **Pamlico County** – amendment proposed by agency to remove from NCAC a no wake zone that lies in the Intracoastal Waterway in Pamlico County, and is not enforceable and not marked. Comments will be received at District 2 public hearing in New Bern on January 22, 2014. **(Exhibit O-1)** Fiscal note associated with removal of no wake zone from NCAC. **(Exhibit O-2)**
- **Pitt County** – Presented in **Exhibit P-1**, technical correction to clarify the description of a no wake zone in a portion of Tranters Creek in Pitt County, making it consistent with the description of the portion of Tranters Creek that lies in Beaufort County. Also a proposal by agency to remove a no wake zone on the Tar River near Seine Beach. The boating safety criteria no longer exist for the presence of the no wake zone there. Comments will be received at the District 2 public hearing in New Bern on January 22, 2014. Fiscal note associated with disposal of no wake markers if no wake zone on the Tar River is removed. **(Exhibit P-2)**

#### **POACHER REWARD FUND AND FISCAL NOTE**

On a motion by Joe Barker and second by Wes Seegars, the Commission approved three proposed rules to establish a Poacher Reward Fund to be presented at statewide public hearings, presented in **Exhibit Q-1**. The Commission approved the fiscal note associated with rulemaking for the Poacher Reward Fund. **(Exhibit Q-2)** **Exhibits Q-1 and Q-2** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

#### **VESSEL REGISTRATION AMENDMENTS AND FISCAL NOTE**

The Commission approved staff recommendation to present at a public hearing at WRC Headquarters in Raleigh proposed amendments to some vessel registration rules, presented in **Exhibit R-1**, to make them consistent with legislation passed in the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. The Commission approved the associated fiscal note for the vessel registration rules, presented in **Exhibit R-2**. The motion to approve was made by Garry Spence. The motion was seconded by John Litton Clark and carried. **Exhibits R-1 and R-2** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**TOTALLY DISABLED LICENSE ELIGIBILITY RULE AND FISCAL NOTE**

On a motion by Garry Spence and second by Nat Harris, the Commission approved staff recommendation presented in **Exhibit S-1** by Lisa Hocutt, *Customer Services Section Manager*, to present at statewide public hearings a new proposed rule. The rule is necessary to comply with legislation passed in the 2013 Session of the General Assembly, which authorizes the Wildlife Resources Commission to establish rules defining documentation acceptable for determining eligibility of totally and permanently disabled residents for the purpose of obtaining a discounted lifetime license. The Commission approved the associated fiscal note as presented in **Exhibit S-2**. **Exhibits S-1 and S-2** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

**ADOPTION OF THE 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Chairman Jim Cogdell reminded the Commissioners of the attendance requirement, set by Executive Order, that Commissioners attend at least 75 percent of the meetings each year. Cogdell stated that it is the policy of this Commission that call-in attendance is not permissible for official business meetings. Upon a motion by Wes Seegars and second by John Litton Clark the Commission adopted the proposed 2014 meeting schedule, presented in **Exhibit T**:

**January 30, 2014**  
**February 27, 2014**  
**May 22, 2014**  
**July 10, 2014**  
**August 28, 2014**  
**October 30, 2014**

**COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

*Chairman* Jim Cogdell thanked agency staff for their preparations for the committee meetings on Wednesday and Commission meeting today. He stated that the next meeting of the WRC will be in Raleigh on Thursday, January 30, 2014 and urged everyone to attend.

**COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Executive Director* Gordon Myers directed Commissioners to the Boating Law Enforcement Report. Myers stated that law enforcement summits are ongoing. A report will be provided to the Commission. Myers stated that he will be in contact with Commission members to schedule a Commissioner Orientation day in early December.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jim Cogdell at 10:55 am.

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

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Jim Cogdell, Chairman

Date

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Gordon Myers, Executive Director

Date

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

*Pursuant to G.S. 143-47.7*

**EXHIBIT B-1**

**February 27, 2014**

Notice is given that **Mr. Brian White**

is hereby appointed to the following public office:

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission**

Citation to Law or Other Authority Authorizing the Appointment:

**General Statute §143-241**

Specific Statutory Qualification for the Public Office (if applicable):

**1st Wildlife District Representative**

Address of Appointee:

**30 Ballast Point Drive, Manteo, NC 27954**

County of Residence of the Appointee: **Dare**

Date Term of Appointment Began: **12/11/2013**

Date Term of Appointment Ends: **6/30/2019**

Name of Person the Appointee replaces, if applicable:

**Mr. Ray White**

Date of Appointment: **12/11/2013**

Signature:

**s/ Pat McCrory**

Office of Appointing Authority:

**Office of the Governor, Boards and Commissions**

Distribution:

**Governor**

**Secretary of State**

**Senate President Pro Tempore**

**Speaker of the House**

**Department of Cultural Resources**

**Ethics Commission**

**Board Contact**



**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

*Pursuant to G.S. 143-47.7*

**EXHIBIT B-2**

**February 27, 2014**

Notice is given that **Mr. Joseph Budd**

is hereby appointed to the following public office:

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission**

Citation to Law or Other Authority Authorizing the Appointment:

**General Statute §143-241**

Specific Statutory Qualification for the Public Office (if applicable):

**7th Wildlife District Representative**

Address of Appointee:

**815 Merry Acres Court, Winston Salem, NC 27106**

County of Residence of the Appointee: **Forsyth**

Date Term of Appointment Began: **12/11/2013**

Date Term of Appointment Ends: **6/30/2019**

Name of Person the Appointee replaces, if applicable:

Date of Appointment: **12/11/2013**

Signature:

**s/ Pat McCrory**

Office of Appointing Authority:

**Office of the Governor, Boards and Commissions**

Distribution:

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**Senate President Pro Tempore**

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

*Pursuant to G.S. 143-47.7*

**EXHIBIT B-3**

**February 27, 2014**

Notice is given that **Mr. Al Sneed**

is hereby appointed to the following public office:

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission**

Citation to Law or Other Authority Authorizing the Appointment:

**General Statute §143-241**

Specific Statutory Qualification for the Public Office (if applicable):

**9th Wildlife District Representative**

Address of Appointee:

**11 North Market Street, Ashville, NC 28801**

County of Residence of the Appointee: **Buncombe**

Date Term of Appointment Began: **12/11/2013**

Date Term of Appointment Ends: **4/25/2017**

Name of Person the Appointee replaces, if applicable:

**Mr. Hayden A. Rogers**

Date of Appointment: **12/11/2013**

Signature:

**s/ Pat McCrory**

Office of Appointing Authority:

**Office of the Governor, Boards and Commissions**

Distribution:

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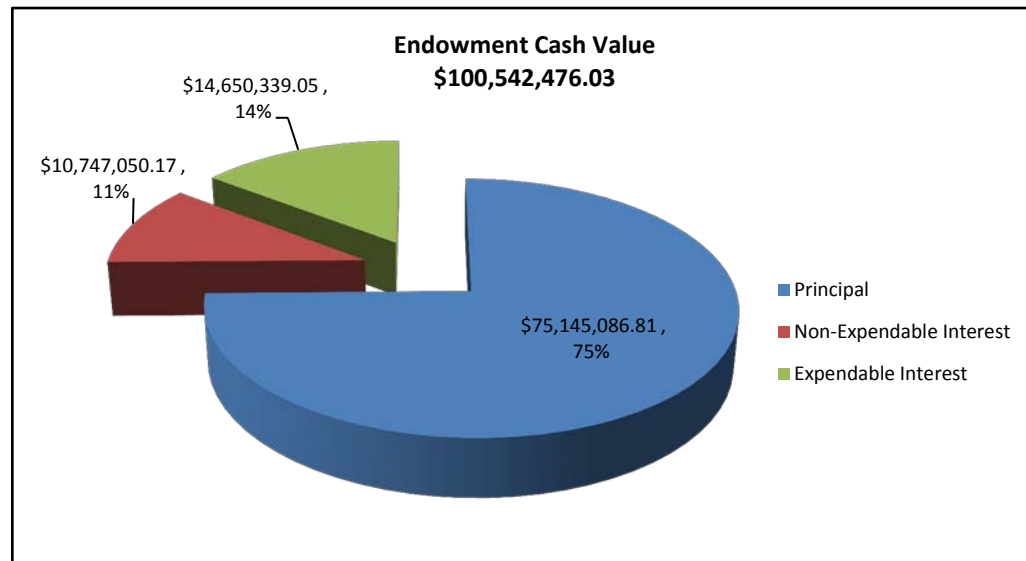
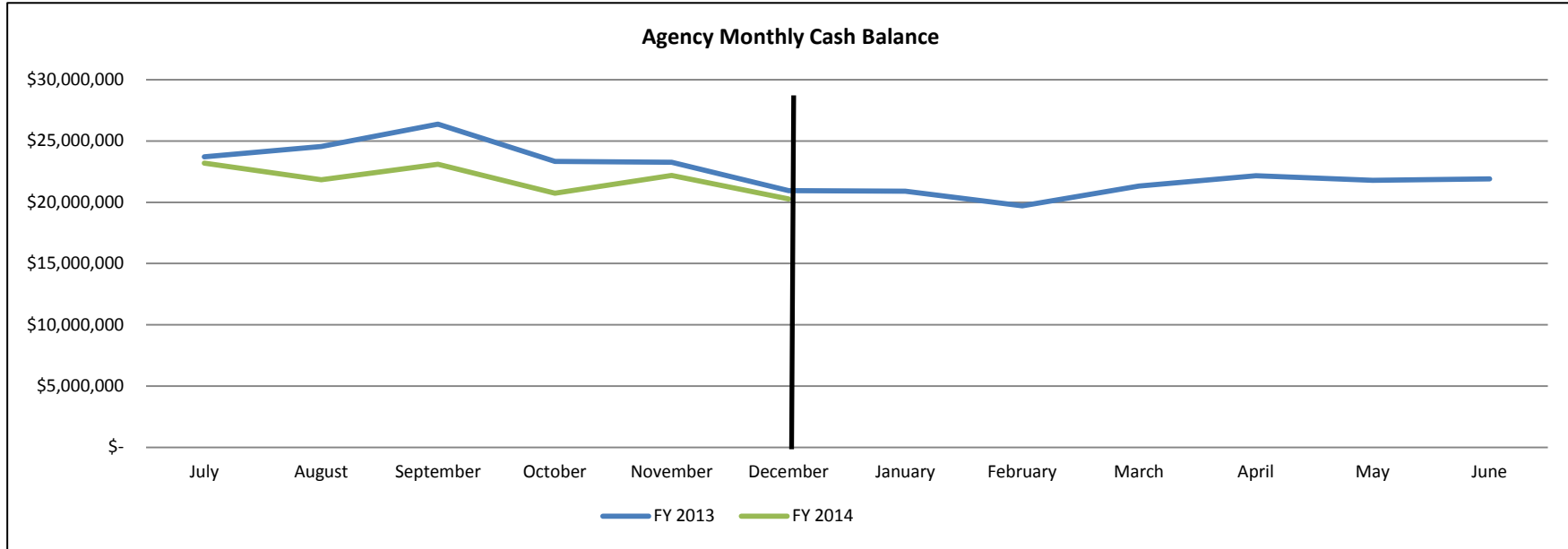
**NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Exhibit C**

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

**February 27, 2014**

	December 2012				December 2013		
<b>Cash Balance July 1</b>		<b>\$ 22,177,706.67</b>				<b>\$ 21,922,571.86</b>	
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>2012-2013 Authorized Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>	<b>2013-2014 Authorized Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>	
Appropriations	\$ 18,476,588.00	\$ 8,584,358.00	46.46%	\$ 12,588,531.00	\$ 6,350,233.00	50.44%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,476,588.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,584,358.00</b>	<b>46.46%</b>	<b>\$ 12,588,531.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,350,233.00</b>	<b>50.44%</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>							
License Receipts		\$ 10,452,589.65		\$ 18,696,335.00	\$ 11,145,045.20		
Vessel Receipts		2,259,195.00		10,010,315.00	2,932,800.00		
Federal Funds		10,935,356.74		17,831,634.00	12,326,606.92		
Publications		249,183.08		345,552.00	283,489.86		
Professional Services		2,248,372.52		4,472,054.00	3,227,515.86		
Agency Reimbursements		401,746.03		4,375,891.00	442,972.77		
Other Receipts		904,428.32		713,714.00	829,292.13		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 27,450,871.34</b>		<b>\$ 56,445,495.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,187,722.74</b>	<b>55.25%</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>							
1100 Administration	\$ 8,582,202.00	\$ 4,184,671.09		\$ 12,062,422.00	\$ 4,694,461.29		
1120 Enforcement	20,451,477.00	10,363,527.40		20,233,048.00	10,358,968.77		
1130 Education	4,042,022.00	1,659,630.16		3,980,997.00	1,668,003.60		
1140 Inland Fisheries	11,823,086.00	6,321,070.68		9,637,991.00	4,166,799.92		
1150 Management	10,897,103.00	7,157,273.56		9,012,014.00	4,944,260.29		
1160 Engineering Services	12,633,273.00	3,995,869.06		14,789,864.00	10,587,128.79		
2170 W/Life Fund Receipts	3,998,906.00	3,577,426.35		3,188,083.00	2,776,039.17		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 72,428,069.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,259,468.30</b>	<b>45.45%</b>	<b>\$ 72,904,419.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,195,661.83</b>	<b>53.76%</b>	
<b>Cash Balance December 31</b>		<b>\$ 20,953,467.71</b>			<b>\$ 20,264,865.77</b>		



Endowment Fund December, 2013		
Revenues	\$	357,700.30
Return on Investment	\$	353,668.28
Transfer to Operations	\$	2,177,402.00
Book Value	\$	100,542,476.03
Market Value	\$	101,723,135.15

# EXHIBIT D

February 27, 2014

## Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Wildlife Management Regulations for 2014-2015

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
H1	Change the current gun deer season in Polk County from opening on the Monday of Thanksgiving week and closing the third Saturday after Thanksgiving to opening on the Monday of Thanksgiving week and closing the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving (the same season as Cleveland and Rutherford counties).	77 :Agree 10 :Disagree	69 :Online 11 :Comment Card 7 :Letter/Email
H2	Change the opening day of the Western Deer Archery Season from the Monday on or nearest to September 10 to the Saturday on or nearest to September 10.	112 :Agree 6 :Disagree	92 :Online 22 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email
H3	Change the closing day of the first segment of the Western Deer Archery Season from a Saturday to a Sunday. Open and close the second segment of the Western Deer Archery Season on Sundays.	83 :Agree 16 :Disagree	76 :Online 20 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
H4	Change the name of the muzzle-loading firearms and bow and arrow deer seasons to the blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow deer seasons. Define a blackpowder firearm as "[a]ny 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 pistol, which is designed to use black powder, black powder substitute, or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle and which cannot use fixed ammunition."	127 :Agree 17 :Disagree	118 :Online 21 :Comment Card 5 :Letter/Email
H5	Open bear hunting seasons in the Piedmont Bear Management Unit (PBMU) to run concurrently with the gun deer season in each of the following counties: Eastern Gun Deer Season= Franklin, Hoke, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, and Wake; Central Gun Deer Season= Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union; Northwestern Gun Deer Season= Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, and Lincoln.	119 :Agree 50 :Disagree	109 :Online 45 :Comment Card 15 :Letter/Email
H6	Change the bear hunting seasons in the following Piedmont counties to run concurrently with the gun deer season in each county: Eastern Gun Deer Season= Harnett, Johnston, Vance, and Warren; and Northwestern Gun Deer Season= Alexander, Catawba, Iredell, Stokes, and Yadkin.	112 :Agree 35 :Disagree	93 :Online 39 :Comment Card 15 :Letter/Email
H7	Open a bear hunting season in Robeson County on the first Monday in December and close it on the third Saturday thereafter (the same season as Brunswick and Columbus counties).	90 :Agree 14 :Disagree	55 :Online 37 :Comment Card 12 :Letter/Email
H8	Prohibit any use of dogs to hunt bears in the following counties and parts of counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85, Alexander, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98, and Yadkin.	137 :Agree 90 :Disagree	160 :Online 55 :Comment Card 12 :Letter/Email
H9	Allow bears to be taken with the aid or use of unprocessed foods (such as corn, raw peanuts, apples, etc.), but not while actually consuming the unprocessed foods, on private lands from the first open Monday of the bear hunting season to the following Saturday only in counties comprising the Coastal Bear Management Unit and Mountain Bear Management Unit: Coastal Bear Management Unit= Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Cumberland, Currituck, Craven, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Onslow, Robeson, Sampson, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson; and Mountain Bear Management Unit= Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Clay, Cherokee, Cleveland, Jackson, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey, Watauga, and Wilkes. During all open days of the bear hunting seasons, hunters may strike bears using dogs at sites with unprocessed foods on private lands, except where prohibited by local law and in these counties and parts of counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85, Alexander, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98, and Yadkin.	444 :Agree 1791 :Disagree	990 :Online 184 :Comment Card 1061 :Letter/Email

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
H10	Allow bears to be taken with the use or aid of unprocessed foods, but not while actually consuming the unprocessed foods, on private lands during all open days of bear hunting seasons which run concurrently with the gun deer season in counties in the Piedmont Bear Management Unit: Eastern Gun Deer Season= Franklin, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Warren, and Wake; Central Gun Deer Season= Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union; and Northwestern Gun Deer Season= Alexander, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, and Yadkin	288 :Agree 1740 :Disagree	815 :Online 155 :Comment Card 1058 :Letter/Email
H11	Remove the restriction on hunting raccoons during daylight hours west of U.S. 1.	105 :Agree 80 :Disagree	110 :Online 69 :Comment Card 6 :Letter/Email
H12	Reduce the minimum draw weight for crossbows from 150 to 100 pounds.	110 :Agree 54 :Disagree	136 :Online 22 :Comment Card 6 :Letter/Email
H13	Allow deer and bears to be taken with any type of handgun and ammunition, except that body armor-piercing projectiles would be prohibited.	116 :Agree 65 :Disagree	154 :Online 21 :Comment Card 6 :Letter/Email
H14	Allow the public to obtain a permit to sell mounted wild animals, or their parts that are stuffed or otherwise permanently preserved, except permits will not be issued to sell any part of a black bear or wild turkey (prohibited by state law) or migratory game birds (prohibited by federal law).	140 :Agree 25 :Disagree	136 :Online 23 :Comment Card 6 :Letter/Email
O	Propose a Regulation (Hunting)		151 :Online 139 :Comment Card 37 :Letter/Email
O	Propose a Regulation (General)		14 :Online 29 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email

## Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Wildlife Management Regulations for 2014-2015 by District

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**Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Wildlife Management Regulations for 2014-2015  
by District**

Proposal	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	Out of State
H8	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 7 : Agree 9 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 26 : Agree 11 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 26 : Agree 8 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 11 : Agree 9 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 13 : Agree 4 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 13 : Agree 4 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 12 : Agree 12 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 16 : Agree 11 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 12 : Agree 20 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 1 : Agree 0 : Disagree
	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 6 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 10 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 4 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 33 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 4 : Comment Card 2 : Letter/Email 28 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 6 : Comment Card 1 : Letter/Email 13 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 5 : Comment Card 1 : Letter/Email 11 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 6 : Comment Card 2 : Letter/Email 9 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 6 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 18 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 7 : Comment Card 5 : Letter/Email 15 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 11 : Comment Card 1 : Letter/Email 20 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 0 : Comment Card 0 : Letter/Email 1 : Online
H9	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 49 : Agree 43 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 79 : Agree 118 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 64 : Agree 192 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 48 : Agree 481 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 33 : Agree 292 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 26 : Agree 190 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 33 : Agree 129 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 43 : Agree 117 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 30 : Agree 192 : Disagree	<b><u>Position Count:</u></b> 2 : Agree 36 : Disagree
	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 22 : Comment Card 18 : Letter/Email 52 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 15 : Comment Card 91 : Letter/Email 91 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 12 : Comment Card 165 : Letter/Email 79 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 37 : Comment Card 51 : Letter/Email 441 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 9 : Comment Card 190 : Letter/Email 126 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 8 : Comment Card 181 : Letter/Email 27 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 13 : Comment Card 103 : Letter/Email 46 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 23 : Comment Card 91 : Letter/Email 46 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 45 : Comment Card 135 : Letter/Email 42 : Online	<b><u>Comment Types:</u></b> 0 : Comment Card 36 : Letter/Email 2 : Online
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Letter and Petitions Received During the Public Comment Period for the  
2014-2015 Regulatory Cycle  
Division of Wildlife Management

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

- 1) Opposed to allowing bears to be taken with the aid or use of unprocessed foods (H9 & H10)  
North Carolina Wildlife Federation, signed by Tim Gestwicki, Chief Executive Officer
- 2) Opposed to allowing bears to be taken with the aid or use of unprocessed foods (H9 & H10)  
The Humane Society, signed by Kim Alboum, N.C. State Director
- 3) Supports allowing bears to be taken with the aid or use of unprocessed foods (H9 & H10)  
Safari Club International, signed by Craig Kauffman, President
- 4) Supports allowing bears to be taken with the aid or use of unprocessed foods and opening the Piedmont counties to bear hunting (H5, H9 & H10)  
N.C Bowhunters Association, signed by Andy Smith, President
- 5) Request the Commission add language to the NCAC stating bear hunting with dogs is not allowed where prohibited by local law (H8)  
Pamlico County Commissioners, signed by Paul Delamar, Chairman

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following petitions:

- 1) Request a third segment of archery season in the Western Deer Season to begin on the first Monday after the close of the gun season until January 1  
118 signatures

\*Complete letters on the CD distributed to Commissioners on Feb. 27, 2014. Hard copies available upon request.

# EXHIBIT E

February 27, 2014

## PROPOSED CHANGES IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR 2014-2015 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- H1) Change the gun deer season in Polk County from opening on the Monday of Thanksgiving week and closing the *third* Saturday after Thanksgiving (the current season) to opening on the Monday of Thanksgiving week and closing the *fifth* Saturday after Thanksgiving (the same season as Cleveland and Rutherford counties).  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed) (page 4)*
- H2) Change the opening day of the Western Deer Archery Season from the *Monday* on or nearest to September 10 to the *Saturday* on or nearest to September 10.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed) (page 5)*
- H3) Change the closing day of the first segment of the Western Deer Archery Season from a Saturday to a Sunday. Open and close the second segment of the Western Deer Archery Season on Sundays.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed) (page 5)*
- H4) Change the name of the muzzle-loading firearms and bow and arrow deer season to the blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow deer season. Define a blackpowder firearm as “Any firearm — including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system — manufactured in or before 1898; and 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 pistol, which is designed to use black powder, black powder substitute, or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle and which cannot use fixed ammunition.”  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (White-tailed) (page 6)*

- H5) Open bear hunting seasons in the following counties in the Piedmont Bear Management Unit (PBMU) to run concurrent with the gun deer season in each of the following counties:
- Eastern Gun Deer Season: Franklin, Hoke, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, and Wake;
  - Central Gun Deer Season: Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union; and
  - Northwestern Gun Deer Season: Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, and Lincoln.
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear (page 8)*
- H6) Change the bear hunting seasons in the following Piedmont counties to run concurrent with the gun deer season in each of the following counties:
- Eastern Gun Deer Season: Harnett, Johnston, Vance, and Warren; and
  - Northwestern Gun Deer Season: Alexander, Catawba, Iredell, Stokes, and Yadkin.
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear (page 8)*
- H7) Open a bear hunting season in Robeson County on the first Monday in December and close it on the third Saturday thereafter.
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear (page 8)*
- H8) Prohibit the use of dogs to hunt bears or to strike bears from unprocessed food products in the following counties and parts of counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85, Alexander, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98, and Yadkin.
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear (page 8)*
- H9) Allow bears to be taken with the aid or use of unprocessed foods, but not while actually consuming the unprocessed foods, on private lands from the *first open Monday of the bear hunting season to the following Saturday only* in these counties:
- Coastal Bear Management Unit: Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Cumberland, Currituck, Craven, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Onslow, Robeson, Sampson, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson; and
  - Mountain Bear Management Unit: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Clay, Cherokee, Cleveland, Jackson, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey, Watauga, and Wilkes.
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear (page 8)*

- H10) Allow bears to be taken with the aid or use of unprocessed foods, but not while actually consuming the unprocessed foods, on private lands during *all open days of each bear hunting season* in these counties of the Piedmont Bear Management Unit (PBMU):
- Eastern Gun Deer Season: Franklin, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Warren, and Wake;
  - Central Gun Deer Season: Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union; and
  - Northwestern Gun Deer Season: Alexander, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, and Yadkin.
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear (page 8)*
- H11) Remove the restriction on hunting raccoons during daylight hours west of U.S. 1.
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0111 Restrictions on Raccoon and Opossum Hunting (page 10)*
- H12) Reduce the minimum draw weight for crossbows from 150 to 100 pounds.
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0116 Permitted Archery Equipment (page 11)*
- H13) Amend the handgun rule to allow take of deer and bears with any type of handgun and ammunition, except that body armor-piercing projectiles would be prohibited.
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0120 Taking Big Game with Handguns (page 12)*
- H14) Allow the public to obtain a permit to sell mounted wild animals, or their parts that are stuffed or otherwise permanently preserved, except permits will not be issued to sell any part of a black bear or wild turkey (prohibited by state law) or migratory game birds (prohibited by federal law).
- Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10B .0118 Sale of Wildlife (page 13)*

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

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

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

(A) Saturday on or nearest October 15 through January 1 in all of Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus\*, Cumberland, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond\*\*, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland\*\*, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.

\*Unlawful to hunt or kill deer in Lake Waccamaw or within 50 yards of its shoreline.

\*\*Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek and Sandhills Game Lands.

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

\*Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on Buffalo Cove game land.

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

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

(E) Saturday on or nearest September 10 through January 1 in those parts of Camden, Gates and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, in those parts of Anson and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, and in that part of Currituck County known as the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

(F) Monday of Thanksgiving week through the fifth Saturday after Thanksgiving Day in all of ~~Cleveland~~ and Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford counties, except for South Mountain Game Land.

- (2) Deer of Either Sex. Except on Game Lands, deer of either sex may be taken during the open seasons and in the counties and portions of counties listed in this Subparagraph: (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for either sex seasons on Game Lands):

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

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

(C) Youth either sex deer hunts. First Saturday in October for youth either sex deer hunting by permit only on a portion of Belews Creek Steam Station in Stokes County designated by agents of the Commission and 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  
3 on apportion of Warrior Creek located on W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkes County  
4 designated by agents of the Commission.
- 5 (D) The last open day of the Deer with Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph  
6 (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Buncombe\*, Haywood, Henderson, Madison and  
7 Transylvania 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 \*\*see 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for deer of either sex 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  
13 Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell  
14 and Yancey counties.
- 15 (F) The first six open days and the last six 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  
19 (a)(1) of this Rule in and east of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln  
20 and Gaston counties and in the following parts of counties:  
21 Buncombe: That part east of NC 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers,  
22 west of US 25, and north of NC 280; and  
23 Henderson. That part east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280.
- 24 (b) Open Seasons (Bow and Arrow) for hunting deer:
- 25 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph and the bag  
26 limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow  
27 during the following seasons:
- 28 (A) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday thereafter in the counties and  
29 parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part  
30 (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and  
31 Sandhills Game Lands.
- 32 (B) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday before Thanksgiving in the  
33 counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer with Visible Antlers  
34 specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule except for that portion of  
35 Buffalo Cove Game Land in Wilkes County.
- 36 (C) ~~Monday~~ Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the Sunday prior to the opening of the  
37 blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part C of Subparagraph  
38 (c)(1) of this Rule; and the Sunday immediately following the closing of blackpowder  
39 firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part C of Subparagraph (c)(1) of this  
40 Rule to the Sunday ~~third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to~~  
41 ~~the Saturday~~ before Thanksgiving in the counties and parts of counties having the open  
42 seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (C) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this  
43 Rule and in ~~Cleveland~~ Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford counties.
- 44 (D) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving in the  
45 counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers  
46 specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek,  
47 Rockfish Creek and Sandhills Game Lands.
- 48 (2) Restrictions
- 49 (A) Dogs may not be used for hunting deer during the bow and arrow season, except a single  
50 dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-  
51 291.1(k).
- 52 (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer  
53 may be used during the bow and arrow deer hunting season.
- 54 (c) Open Seasons (~~Blackpowder Muzzle Loading~~ 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 muzzle-loading~~ 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~~ 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 muzzle-loading~~ firearms and bow and arrow season in and east of the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, ~~Watauga~~ Watauga, and Ashe. Deer of either sex may be taken on the last day of this season in all other counties.
- (B) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the ~~blackpowder muzzle-loading~~ 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; and 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 pistol, which is designed to use black powder, black powder substitute, or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle and which 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 must 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. 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.
- (e) Bag limits. In and east of Vance, Franklin, Wake, Harnett, Moore and Richmond counties, the possession limit is six deer, up to four of which may be deer with visible antlers. In all other counties of the state the possession limit 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 deer. In addition to the bag limits described above, a hunter may obtain multiple bonus antlerless deer harvest report cards from the Wildlife Resources Commission or any Wildlife Service Agent to allow the harvest of two additional antlerless deer per card on lands others than lands enrolled in the Commission's game land program during any open deer season in all counties and parts of counties of the State identified in Part (G) of Subparagraph (a)(2) of this



1 Rule. Antlerless deer harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not count as part of the  
2 possession and season limit. Hunters may also use the bonus antlerless harvest report cards for deer harvested  
3 during the season described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule within the boundaries of participating municipalities,  
4 except on state-owned game lands. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as  
5 distinguished from spikes protruding through the skin. The bag limits described above do not apply to deer  
6 harvested in areas covered in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) as described in G.S. 113-291.2(e)  
7 for those individuals using Commission-issued DMAP tags and reporting harvest as described on the DMAP  
8 license. Season bag limits shall be set by the number of DMAP tags issued and in the hunters' possession. All deer  
9 harvested under this program, regardless of the date of harvest, shall be tagged with these DMAP tags and reported  
10 as instructed on the DMAP license. The hunter does not have to validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card  
11 provided with the hunting license for deer tagged with the DMAP tags. Any deer harvested on lands enrolled in the  
12 DMAP and not tagged with DMAP tags may only be harvested during the regularly established deer seasons subject  
13 to all the restrictions of those seasons, including bag limits, and reported using the big game harvest report card or  
14 the bonus antlerless harvest report card.  
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16 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;*  
17 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
18 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996, July 1, 1995; December 1, 1994; July 1,*  
19 *1994; July 1, 1993;*  
20 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
21 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
22 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*  
23 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (Approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*  
24 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
25 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July*  
26 *17, 2003);*  
27 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; July 10, 2010; June 1, 2008; May*  
28 *1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*  
29 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*  
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**15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

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

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

(b) Restrictions

- (1) For purposes of this paragraph, bait means “any natural, unprocessed food product that is not a processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r) and is not a bear bait attractant, including scented sprays, aerosols, scent balls and scent powders.”
- (2) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait on private lands only from the first open Monday through the following Saturday only in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5).
- (3) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
- (4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait on private lands only during the entire season in the counties identified in Subparagraph (a)(6).
- (5) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85, Alexander, Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98 and Yadkin counties. In all other counties and parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.

~~(b)(c)~~ No Open Season. There is no open season in any area not included in Paragraph (a) of this Rule or in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear sanctuaries:

Avery, Burke and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only  
Beaufort, Bertie and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary  
Beaufort and Pamlico counties--Gum Swamp bear sanctuary  
Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary  
Brunswick County--Green Swamp bear sanctuary  
Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary  
Carteret, Craven and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary  
Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary  
Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary  
Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary  
Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only  
Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary  
Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary  
Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary  
Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary  
Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary

1 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary  
 2 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary  
 3 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary  
 4 McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only  
 5 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary  
 6 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary  
 7 ~~(d)~~ Bag limits shall be:  
 8 (1) daily, one;  
 9 (2) possession, one;  
 10 (3) season, one.  
 11 ~~(d)~~ (e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be tagged and the kill reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B  
 12 .0113.  
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 14 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 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, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1,*  
 24 *2006; June 1, 2005.*  
 25 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10B .0111 RESTRICTIONS ON RACCOON AND OPOSSUM HUNTING**

2 ~~(a)~~ Axes or saws may not be carried when raccoon or opossum hunting.

3 ~~(b) Except in Richmond County, raccoon may not be shot during daylight hours west of US 1.~~

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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1;*

6 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

7 *Amended Eff. August 1, 1981; August 1, 1979; August 1, 1978; August 1, 1977.*

8 *Amended Effective August 1, 2014*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0116 PERMITTED ARCHERY EQUIPMENT**

2 (a) Only longbows and recurved bows having a minimum pull of 40 pounds, compound bows having a minimum  
3 pull of 35 pounds and crossbows shall be used for taking game.

4 (b) Only arrows with a fixed minimum broadhead width of seven-eighths of an inch or a mechanically opening  
5 broadhead with a width of at least seven-eighths of an inch in the open position shall be used for taking bear, deer or  
6 wild turkey. Blunt-type arrow heads may be used in taking small animals and birds including rabbits, squirrels,  
7 quail, grouse and pheasants. Poisonous, drugged, barbed, or explosive arrowheads shall not be used for taking any  
8 game.

9 (c) Crossbows shall have a minimum pull rated at least 100 ~~450~~ pounds. Heads on bolts used with crossbows shall  
10 conform to those described for arrows in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

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12 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1(a);

13 *Eff. September 1, 1980;*

14 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2012; July 10, 2010; May 1, 2007; August 1, 2002; July 1, 2000; July 1,*  
15 *1998; July 1, 1996; August 1, 1990.*

16 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0120 TAKING ~~DEER AND BEAR BIG GAME~~ WITH HANDGUNS**

2 Handguns of any type may be used to take deer and bear. Ammunition of any type may be used to take deer and  
3 bear, except armor-piercing projectiles shall not be used.

4 (a) ~~Handguns used to take big game animals shall be capable of receiving and firing a type of ammunition approved~~  
5 ~~for such use by this rule.~~

6 (b) ~~Type of Ammunition. Only metallic center fire cartridges firing single projectiles shall be used to take big game~~  
7 ~~with handguns. Armor piercing projectiles shall not be used.~~

8 (c) ~~Power and Caliber. Handgun ammunition used to take big game shall be no less than .24 caliber.~~

9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1;*

10 *Eff. October 1, 1983;*

11 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2005.*

12 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10B .0118 SALE OF WILDLIFE**

2 (a) The carcasses or pelts of bobcats, opossums and raccoon which have been lawfully taken by any hunting  
3 method, upon compliance with applicable fur tagging requirements set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0400, may be sold  
4 to licensed fur dealers. The sale of carcasses or pelts of bobcats, opossum and raccoon killed accidentally or taken  
5 by hunting for control of depredations is permitted under the conditions set forth in 15A NCAC 10B .0106(e)(4) and  
6 15A NCAC 10B .0127.

7 (b) Except as otherwise provided in Paragraphs ~~(a), and (a).~~ (d) and (e) of this Rule, the sale of game birds and  
8 game animals or parts thereof is prohibited, except that processed products other than those made from edible  
9 portions may be sold provided that no label or advertisement identifies the product as a game bird, game animal, or  
10 part thereof and provided further that the game bird or game animal was lawfully acquired. and the product is not  
11 readily identifiable as a game bird or game animal, or part thereof.

12 (c) The sale of edible portions or products of game birds and game animals is prohibited, except as may be  
13 otherwise provided by statute.

14 (d) The pelt, or feathers of deer, elk, fox, pheasant, quail, rabbit or squirrel (fox and gray), may be bought or sold  
15 for the purpose of making fishing ~~flies~~ flies provided the source of these animals can be documented as being legally  
16 obtained from out of state sources or from lawfully operated commercial breeding facilities. The buying and selling  
17 of migratory game birds shall be in accordance with C.F.R. 50, part ~~20.91(j).~~ 20.91.

18 (e) The Executive Director or his designee may issue Trophy Wildlife Sale permits as authorized in G.S. 113-274  
19 for the sale of lawfully taken and possessed individual dead wildlife specimens or their parts that are mounted,  
20 stuffed, or otherwise permanently preserved that may be sold under applicable statutes. A copy of the permit must  
21 be retained with the specimen. If the Executive Director believes that issuing the permit would be contrary to the  
22 best interests of the conservation of wildlife resources, he must not issue the permit pursuant to § 113-276.2.

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25 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-291.3; 113-337; 113-274; 113-276.2*  
26 *Eff. November 9, 1980;*  
27 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002; April 1, 1991; February 1, 1990.*  
28 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2014*

# EXHIBIT F

## February 27, 2014

### Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Fishing Regulations for 2014-2015

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
F1	Clarify that the entire reach of the North Fork Mills River in Henderson County from the Hendersonville watershed dam to the lower game land boundary is designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters and further classified as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.	25 :Agree 4 :Disagree	17 :Online 9 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F2	Designate 0.5 mile of the West Fork Pigeon River in Haywood County below Lake Logan as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters.	24 :Agree 31 :Disagree	36 :Online 14 :Comment Card 5 :Letter/Email
F3	Reclassify 0.5 mile of Skitty Creek in Macon County from Hatchery Supported Trout Waters to Wild Trout Waters.	22 :Agree 0 :Disagree	10 :Online 9 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F4	Designate 1.0 mile of the Watauga River in Watauga County from the SR 1103 bridge to the confluence with Laurel Creek as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.	28 :Agree 3 :Disagree	19 :Online 9 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F5	Remove the 1.8-mile section of Watauga River adjacent to NC 105 in Watauga County from Public Mountain Trout Waters.	25 :Agree 1 :Disagree	14 :Online 9 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F6	Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Big Hungry River in Henderson County, removing 8.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters.	26 :Agree 1 :Disagree	14 :Online 10 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F7	Remove Clear Creek Reservoir located on South Mountain State Park in Burke County from Public Mountain Trout Waters.	27 :Agree 1 :Disagree	14 :Online 11 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F8	Establish a minimum size limit of 16 inches from June 1 through September 30 for striped bass and hybrid striped bass in Lake Norman. The daily creel limit will remain four striped bass or hybrid striped bass in combination.	29 :Agree 5 :Disagree	21 :Online 9 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email
F9	Prohibit the taking of American and hickory shad with dip nets and bow nets.	30 :Agree 8 :Disagree	26 :Online 8 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email
F10	Allow the take of white perch captured by anglers using a cast net to collect nongame fishes for bait or personal consumption in all impounded waters west of Interstate 95 and in Tar River Reservoir (Nash County).	37 :Agree 1 :Disagree	28 :Online 7 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F11	Add John H. Kerr Reservoir to the list of reservoirs where possession of grass carp is prohibited except for those legally taken with archery equipment.	21 :Agree 5 :Disagree	15 :Online 8 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F12	Clarify that the daily possession limit for freshwater mussels taken from impounded waters is 200 in aggregate and remove the daily creel limit for Asiatic clam ( <i>Corbicula fluminea</i> ).	24 :Agree 3 :Disagree	17 :Online 7 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F13	Increase the minimum length limit for American eel from six inches to nine inches and decrease the daily creel limit from 50 to 25 eels.	19 :Agree 5 :Disagree	14 :Online 7 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F14	Reduce the minimum mesh size for eel pots from one inch by one-half inch to one-half inch by one-half inch.	20 :Agree 6 :Disagree	14 :Online 9 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F15	Add spear guns, gigs, traps (up to three), and eel pots (up to two) to the list of equipment that can be used to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in inland fishing waters with an inland fishing license.	49 :Agree 3 :Disagree	39 :Online 10 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F16	Prohibit the use of bow nets in inland fishing waters.	26 :Agree 8 :Disagree	23 :Online 8 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
F17	Define in the N.C. Administrative Code "Public Access for Fishing Only" and clarify the activities allowed where angler access to inland fishing waters is provided through private property under an agreement with the landowner. These access locations will be clearly marked through signage indicating "Public Access for Fishing Only".	59 :Agree 6 :Disagree	46 :Online 15 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email



Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
F18	Modify the boundary for the North Carolina/Virginia reciprocal license agreement on the Dan River by moving the boundary upstream from the Brantly Steam Plant Dam to the Union Street Dam in Danville, Virginia and on the Staunton River by moving the boundary downstream from the Route 360 bridge crossing to the mouth of Difficult Creek.	39 :Agree 2 :Disagree	30 :Online 7 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email
F19	Provide anglers the option to label trotlines, set hooks, and jug hooks with their name and address or with their WRC customer number.	74 :Agree 4 :Disagree	56 :Online 18 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email
O	Propose a Regulation (Fishing)		22 :Online 26 :Comment Card 14 :Letter/Email
O	Propose a Regulation (General)		14 :Online 29 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email



## Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Fishing Regulations for 2014-2015 by District

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Letter and Petitions Received During the Public Comment Period for the  
2014-2015 Regulatory Cycle  
Division of Inland Fisheries

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

- 1) Supports designating 0.5 mile of the West Fork Pigeon River in Haywood County below Lake Logan as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classifying this stretch as Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters (F2)  
Trout Unlimited, Land O'Sky Chapter, signed by John Miko, President
- 2) Supports designating 0.5 mile of the West Fork Pigeon River in Haywood County below Lake Logan as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classifying this stretch as Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters (F2)  
Trout Unlimited, Pisgah Chapter, signed by Chris Ellis, President
- 3) Supports designating 0.5 mile of the West Fork Pigeon River in Haywood County below Lake Logan as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classifying this stretch as Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters (F2)  
Trout Unlimited, Cataloochee Chapter, signed by Barry A Murphy, President

In addition to the individual comments tallied, the Commission received the following petitions:

- 1) Request Persimmon Creek in Cherokee County be placed back on the state trout stocking list.  
125 signatures

\*Complete letters on the CD distributed to Commissioners on Feb. 27, 2014. Hard copies available upon request.

# EXHIBIT G

February 27, 2014

## PROPOSED CHANGES IN INLAND FISHERIES REGULATIONS FOR 2014-2015 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- F1) Clarify that the entire reach of the North Fork Mills River in Henderson County from the Hendersonville watershed dam to the lower game land boundary is designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters and further classified as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (pages 7 and 14)*
- F2) Designate 0.5 mile of the West Fork Pigeon River in Haywood County below Lake Logan as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rules:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 13)*  
*15A NCAC 10D .0104 Fishing on Game Lands (page 17)*
- F3) Reclassify 0.5 mile of Skitty Creek in Macon County from Hatchery Supported Trout Waters to Wild Trout Waters.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 7)*
- F4) Designate 1.0 mile of the Watauga River in Watauga County from the SR 1103 bridge to the confluence with Laurel Creek as Public Mountain Trout Waters and classify as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (pages 9 and 14)*
- F5) Remove the 1.8-mile section of Watauga River adjacent to NC 105 in Watauga County from Public Mountain Trout Waters.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (pages 9 and 14)*
- F6) Modify the upper boundary of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters on Big Hungry River in Henderson County, removing 8.0 miles of Public Mountain Trout Waters.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (page 7)*
- F7) Remove Clear Creek Reservoir located on South Mountain State Park in Burke County from Public Mountain Trout Waters.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0205 Public Mountain Trout Waters (pages 11)*

- F8) Establish a minimum size limit of 16 inches from June 1 through September 30 for striped bass and hybrid striped bass in Lake Norman. The daily creel limit will remain four striped bass or hybrid striped bass in combination.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0314 Striped Bass (page 18)*
- F9) Prohibit the taking of American and hickory shad with dip nets and bow nets.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0302 Manner of Taking Inland Game Fishes (page 19)*
- F10) Allow the take of white perch captured by anglers using a cast net to collect nongame fishes for bait or personal consumption in all impounded waters west of Interstate 95 and in Tar River Reservoir (Nash County).  
*Adopt amendments to the following rules:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0302 Manner of Taking Inland Game Fishes (page 19)*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking Nongame Fishes for Bait or Personal Consumption (page 22)*
- F11) Add John H. Kerr Reservoir to the list of reservoirs where possession of grass carp is prohibited except for those legally taken with archery equipment.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of Taking Nongame Fishes: Purchase and Sale (page 20)*
- F12) Clarify in the N.C. Administrative Code that the daily possession limit for freshwater mussels taken from impounded waters is 200 in aggregate and remove the daily creel limit for Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*).  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of Taking Nongame Fishes: Purchase and Sale (page 20)*
- F13) Increase the minimum length limit for American eel from six inches to nine inches and decrease the daily creel limit from 50 to 25 eels.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0401 Manner of Taking Nongame Fishes: Purchase and Sale (page 20)*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking Nongame Fishes for Bait or Personal Consumption (page 22)*
- F14) Reduce the minimum mesh size for eel pots from one inch by one-half inch to one-half inch by one-half inch.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0404 Special Device Fishing (page 24)*
- F15) Add spear guns, gigs, traps (up to three), and eel pots (up to two) to the list of equipment that can be used to take nongame fish for bait or personal consumption in inland fishing waters with an inland fishing license.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0402 Taking Nongame Fishes for Bait or Personal Consumption (page 22)*
- F16) Prohibit the use of bow nets in inland fishing waters.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10C .0407 Permitted Special Devices and Open Seasons (pages 25-30)*

- F17) Define in the N.C. Administrative Code “Public Access for Fishing Only” and clarify the activities allowed where angler access to inland fishing waters is provided through private property under an agreement with the landowner. These access locations will be clearly marked through signage indicating “Public Access for Fishing Only”.

*Adopt the following rule:*

*15A NCAC 10C .0217 Public Access for Anglers Only (page 32)*

- F18) Modify the boundary for the North Carolina/Virginia reciprocal license agreement on the Dan River by moving the boundary upstream from the Brantly Steam Plant Dam to the Union Street Dam in Danville, Virginia and on the Staunton River by moving the boundary downstream from the Route 360 bridge crossing to the mouth of Difficult Creek.

*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*

*15A NCAC 10C .0203 Reciprocal License Agreements (page 33)*

- F19) Provide anglers the option to label trotlines, set hooks, and jug hooks with their name and address or with their WRC customer number.

*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*

*15A NCAC 10C .0206 Trotlines and Set-hooks (page 34)*



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

2 (a) Designation of Public Mountain Trout Waters. For the purposes of this Rule, artificial lure is defined as a  
3 fishing lure that neither contains nor has been treated by any substance that attracts fish by the sense of taste or  
4 smell. Natural bait is defined as any living or dead organism (plant or animal), or parts thereof, or prepared  
5 substances designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell. The waters listed herein or in 15A NCAC 10D  
6 .0104 are designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters and further classified as Wild Trout Waters or Hatchery  
7 Supported Waters. For specific classifications, see Subparagraphs (1) through (6) of this Paragraph. These waters  
8 are posted and lists thereof are filed with the clerks of superior court of the counties in which they are located:

- 9 (1) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. The listed waters in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1)(A)  
10 through (Y) are classified as Hatchery Supported Public Mountain Trout Waters. Where specific  
11 watercourses or impoundments are listed, indentation indicates that the watercourse or  
12 impoundment listed is tributary to the next preceding watercourse or impoundment listed and not  
13 so indented. This classification applies to the entire watercourse or impoundment listed except as  
14 otherwise indicated in parentheses following the listing. Other clarifying information may also be  
15 included parenthetically. The tributaries of listed watercourses or impoundments are not included  
16 in the classification unless specifically set out therein.

17 (A) Alleghany County:

18 New River (not trout water)

19 Little River (Whitehead to McCann Dam) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply  
20 to portion between Whitehead and a point 275 yards downstream of the  
21 intersection of SR 1128 and SR 1129 as marked by a sign on each bank. See  
22 Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

23 Brush Creek (NC 21 bridge to confluence with Little River, except where  
24 posted against trespass)

25 Big Pine Creek

26 (Big) Glade Creek

27 Bledsoe Creek

28 Pine Swamp Creek

29 South Fork New River (not trout water)

30 Prather Creek

31 Cranberry Creek

32 Piney Fork

33 Meadow Fork

34 (B) Ashe County:

35 New River (not trout waters)

36 North Fork New River (Watauga County line to Sharp Dam)

37 Helton Creek (Virginia State line to New River) [Delayed Harvest  
38 Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]

39 Big Horse Creek (Mud Creek at SR 1363 to confluence with North Fork  
40 New River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to portion between SR  
41 1324 bridge and North Fork New River. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this  
42 Rule.]

43 Buffalo Creek (SR 1133 bridge to NC 194-88 bridge)

44 Big Laurel Creek

45 Three Top Creek (portion not on game lands)

46 South Fork New River (Todd Island park) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply.  
47 See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule]

48 Cranberry Creek (Alleghany County line to South Fork New River)

49 Nathans Creek

50 Peak Creek (headwaters to Trout Lake, except Blue Ridge Parkway waters)

51 Trout Lake [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5)  
52 of this Rule.]

53 Roan Creek

54 Beaver Creek

55 Old Fields Creek

56 (C) Avery County:

- 1 Nolichucky River (not trout waters)
- 2 North Toe River – upper (Watauga Street to Roby Shoemaker Wetlands and
- 3 Family Recreational Park, except where posted against trespass)
- 4 North Toe River – lower (SR 1164 to Mitchell County line, except where posted
- 5 against trespass)
- 6 Squirrel Creek
- 7 Elk River (SR 1305 crossing immediately upstream of Big Falls to the
- 8 Tennessee State line)
- 9 Wildcat Lake
- 10 Catawba River (not trout water)
- 11 Johns River (not trout water)
- 12 Wilson Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2)
- 13 of this Rule.]
- 14 Lost Cove Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see
- 15 Subparagraph (a)(4) of this Rule.]
- 16 Buck Timber Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph
- 17 (a)(2) of this Rule.]
- 18 Cary Flat Branch [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2)
- 19 of this Rule.]
- 20 Boyde Coffey Lake
- 21 Linville River [Land Harbor line (below dam) to Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line,
- 22 except where posted against trespass]
- 23 Milltimber Creek
- 24 (D) Buncombe County:
- 25 French Broad River (not trout water)
- 26 Ivy Creek (Ivy River) (Dillingham Creek to US 19-23 bridge)
- 27 Dillingham Creek (Corner Rock Creek to Ivy Creek)
- 28 Stony Creek
- 29 Corner Rock Creek (Little Andy Creek to confluence with Walker Branch)
- 30 Reems Creek (Sugar Camp Fork to US 19-23 bridge, except where posted against
- 31 trespass)
- 32 Swannanoa River (SR 2702 bridge near Ridgecrest to Wood Avenue Bridge,
- 33 intersection of NC 81W and US 74A in Asheville, except where posted against
- 34 trespass)
- 35 Bent Creek (headwaters to N.C. Arboretum boundary line)
- 36 Lake Powhatan
- 37 Rich Branch (downstream from confluence with Rocky Branch)
- 38 Cane Creek (headwaters to SR 3138 bridge)
- 39 (E) Burke County:
- 40 Catawba River (Muddy Creek to the City of Morganton water intake dam) [Special
- 41 Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(7) of this Rule.]
- 42 South Fork Catawba River (not trout water)
- 43 Henry Fork (lower South Mountains State Park line downstream to SR 1919
- 44 at Ivy Creek)
- 45 Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountain State Park
- 46 boundary) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph
- 47 (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- 48 Johns River (not trout water)
- 49 Parks Creek (portion not on game lands not trout water)
- 50 Carroll Creek (game lands portion above SR 1405)
- 51 Linville River (portion within Linville Gorge Wilderness Area, and portion
- 52 below Lake James powerhouse from upstream bridge on SR 1223 to Muddy
- 53 Creek)
- 54 (F) Caldwell County:
- 55 Catawba River (not trout water)
- 56 Johns River (not trout water)

- Wilson Creek (game lands portion downstream of Lost Cove Creek to Brown Mountain Beach dam, except where posted against trespass) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to game lands portion between Lost Cove Creek and Phillips Branch. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- Estes Mill Creek (not trout water)
- Mulberry Creek (portion not on game lands not trout water)
- Boone Fork [not Hatchery Supported trout water. See Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.]
- Boone Fork Pond
- Yadkin River (Happy Valley Ruritan Community Park to SR 1515)
- Buffalo Creek (mouth of Joes Creek to McCloud Branch)
- Joes Creek (first falls upstream of SR 1574 to confluence with Buffalo Creek)
- (G) Cherokee County:
- Hiwassee River (not trout water)
- Shuler Creek (Joe Brown Highway (SR 1325) bridge to Tennessee line)
- Davis Creek (confluence of Bald and Dockery creeks to Hanging Dog Creek)
- Valley River (headwaters to US 19 business bridge in Murphy)
- Hyatt Creek (Big Dam Branch to Valley River)
- Junaluska Creek (Ashturn Creek to Valley River)
- (H) Clay County:
- Hiwassee River (not trout water)
- Fires Creek (USFS Road 340A to the foot bridge in the US Forest Service Fires Creek Picnic Area) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- Fires Creek (foot bridge in the US Forest Service Fires Creek Picnic Area to SR 1300)
- Tusquitee Creek (headwaters to lower SR 1300 bridge)
- Nantahala River (not trout water)
- Buck Creek (game land portion downstream of US 64 bridge)
- (I) Graham County:
- Little Tennessee River (not trout water)
- Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee State line)
- Cheoah River (not trout water)
- Yellow Creek (Lake Santeelah hydropower pipeline to Cheoah River)
- Santeelah Reservoir (not trout water)
- West Buffalo Creek
- Santeelah Creek (Johns Branch to Lake Santeelah)
- Big Snowbird Creek (USFS foot bridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Road 2579) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS Road 2579 to SR 1127 bridge)
- Tulula Creek (headwaters to lower bridge on SR 1275)
- Cheoah Reservoir
- Fontana Reservoir (not trout water)
- Stecoah Creek
- Panther Creek (confluence of Stand Creek and Rock Creek to Lake Fontana)
- (J) Haywood County:
- Pigeon River (Stamey Cove Branch to upstream US 19-23 bridge)
- Cold Springs Creek (Fall Branch to Pigeon River)
- Jonathan Creek (upstream SR 1302 bridge to Pigeon River, except where posted against trespass)
- Richland Creek (Russ Avenue (US 276) bridge to US 19 bridge)
- West Fork Pigeon River (Tom Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to the portion from Queen

- Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (K) Henderson County:
- (Rocky) Broad River (Rocky River Lane to Rutherford County line)
  - Green River (Lake Summit Powerhouse to game land boundary)
  - (Big) Hungry River (S.R. 1885 to Green River)
  - French Broad River (not trout water)
  - Cane Creek (railroad bridge upstream SR 1551 to US 25 bridge)
  - Mud Creek (not trout water)
  - Clear Creek (Laurel Fork to SR 1582)
  - Mills River (not trout water)
  - North Fork Mills River (~~game lands portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam to the lower game land boundary~~). [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (L) Jackson County:
- Tuckasegee River (confluence with West Fork Tuckasegee River to SR 1534 bridge at Wilnot) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to that portion between the downstream NC 107 bridge and the falls located 275 yards ~~upstreams~~ upstream of US 23-441 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
  - Scott Creek (entire stream, except where posted against trespass)
  - Dark Ridge Creek (Jones Creek to Scotts Creek)
  - Savannah Creek (Headwaters to Bradley's Packing House on NC 116)
  - Greens Creek (Greens Creek Baptist Church on SR 1730 to Savannah Creek)
  - Cullowhee Creek (Tilley Creek to Tuckasegee River)
  - Cedar Cliff Lake
  - Bear Creek Lake
  - Wolf Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.]
  - Wolf Creek Lake
  - Balsam Lake
  - Tanasee Creek [not Hatchery Supported trout water, see Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.]
  - Tanasee Creek Lake
- (M) Macon County:
- Little Tennessee River (not trout water)
  - Nantahala River (Nantahala Dam to Swain County line) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to the portion from Whiteoak Creek to the Nantahala hydropower discharge canal. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
  - Queens Creek Lake
  - Burningtown Creek (Left Prong to Little Tennessee River)
  - Cullasaja River (Sequoiah Dam to US 64 bridge near junction of SR 1672)
  - ~~Skitty Creek~~
  - Cliffside Lake
  - Cartoogechaye Creek (downstream US 64 bridge to Little Tennessee River)
- (N) Madison County:
- French Broad River (not trout water)
  - Shut-in Creek
  - West Fork Shut-in Creek (lower game land boundary to confluence with East Fork Shut-in Creek)
  - Spring Creek - upper (junction of NC 209 and NC 63 to US Forest Service road 223)
  - Spring Creek - lower (NC 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews Avenue) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
  - Meadow Fork Creek

- Roaring Fork (Fall Branch to Meadow Fork)
- Max Patch Pond
- Big Laurel Creek (Mars Hill Watershed boundary to the SR 1318 bridge, also known as Big Laurel Road bridge, downstream of Bearpen Branch)
- Big Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge to US 25-70 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- Spillcorn Creek
- Shelton Laurel Creek (confluence of Big Creek and Mill Creek to NC 208 bridge at Belva)
- Shelton Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- Puncheon Fork (Hampton Creek to Big Laurel Creek)
- Big Pine Creek (SR 1151 bridge to French Broad River)
- Ivy Creek (not trout waters)
- Little Ivy Creek (confluence of Middle Fork and Paint Fork at Beech Glen to confluence with Ivy Creek at Forks of Ivy)
- (O) McDowell County:
- Catawba River – upper (Catawba Falls Campground to Old Fort Recreation Park)
- Catawba River – lower (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- Buck Creek (portion not on game lands, not trout water)
- Little Buck Creek (game land portion)
- Curtis Creek game lands portion downstream of US Forest Service boundary at Deep Branch. [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- North Fork Catawba River (headwaters to SR 1569 bridge)
- Armstrong Creek (Cato Holler line downstream to upper Greenlee line)
- Mill Creek (upper railroad bridge to I 40 bridge, except where posted against trespass) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to that portion between US 70 bridge and I 40 bridge. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (P) Mitchell County:
- Nolichucky River (not trout water)
- Big Rock Creek (headwaters to NC 226 bridge at SR 1307 intersection)
- Little Rock Creek (Green Creek Bridge to Big Rock Creek, except where posted against trespass)
- Cane Creek (SR 1219 to SR 1189 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to that portion from NC 226 bridge to SR 1189 bridge. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- Grassy Creek (East Fork Grassy Creek to mouth)
- East Fork Grassy Creek
- North Toe River (Avery County line to SR 1121 bridge)
- North Toe River (US 19E bridge to NC 226 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (Q) Polk County:
- Broad River (not trout water)
- North Pacolet River (Joels Creek to NC 108 bridge)
- Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to the natural gas pipeline crossing) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply to the portion from Fishtop Falls Access Area to Cove Creek. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (R) Rutherford County:
- (Rocky) Broad River (Henderson County line to US 64/74 bridge, except where posted against trespass)
- (S) Stokes County:
- Dan River (Virginia State line downstream to a point 200 yards below the end of SR 1421)

- (T) Surry County:  
Yadkin River (not trout water)  
Big Elkin Creek (dam 440 yards upstream of NC 268 bridge to a point 265 yards downstream of NC 268 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank)  
Ararat River (SR 1727 bridge downstream to the NC 103 bridge)  
Araat River (NC 103 bridge to US 52 bridge) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]  
Stewarts Creek (not trout water)  
Pauls Creek (Virginia State line to 0.3 mile below SR 1625 bridge - lower Caudle property line)  
Fisher River (Cooper Creek) (Virginia State line to Interstate 77)  
Little Fisher River (Virginia State line to NC 89 bridge)  
Mitchell River (0.6 mile upstream of the end of SR 1333 to the SR 1330 bridge below Kapps Mill Dam) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]
- (U) Swain County:  
Little Tennessee River (not trout water)  
Calderwood Reservoir (Cheoah Dam to Tennessee State line)  
Cheoah Reservoir  
Fontana Reservoir (not trout water)  
Alarka Creek (game lands boundary to Fontana Reservoir)  
Nantahala River (Macon County line to existing Fontana Reservoir water level)  
Tuckasegee River (not trout water)  
Deep Creek (Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary line to Tuckasegee River)  
Connelly Creek (Camp Branch to Tuckasegee River)
- (V) Transylvania County:  
French Broad River (confluence of North Fork French Broad River and West Fork French Broad River to the Island Ford Road (SR 1110) Access Area)  
Davidson River (Avery Creek to lower US Forest Service boundary line)  
East Fork French Broad River (Gladys Fork to French Broad River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]  
Little River (confluence of Lake Dense outflow to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]  
Middle Fork French Broad River  
West Fork French Broad River (Camp Cove Branch to confluence with North Fork French Broad River)
- (W) Watauga County:  
New River (not trout waters)  
South Fork New River (canoe launch 70 yards upstream of US 421 bridge to lower boundary of Brookshire Park)  
Meat Camp Creek  
Norris Fork Creek  
Middle Fork New River (Lake Chetola Dam to South Fork New River)  
Yadkin River (not trout water)  
Stony Fork (headwaters to Wilkes County line)  
Elk Creek (SR 1510 bridge at Triplett to Wilkes County line, except where posted against trespass)  
~~Watauga River (adjacent to the intersection of SR 1557 and SR 1558 to NC 105 bridge and SR 1114 upper (S.R. 1114 bridge to NC 194 bridge at Valle Crucis). [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]~~  
Watauga River lower (S.R. 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek ) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule]  
Beech Creek



- 1 Buckeye Creek Reservoir  
2 Buckeye Creek (Buckeye Creek Reservoir dam to Grassy Gap Creek)  
3 Coffee Lake [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of  
4 this Rule.]  
5 Beaverdam Creek (confluence of Beaverdam Creek and Little Beaverdam Creek  
6 to an unnamed tributary adjacent to the intersection of SR 1201 and SR 1203)  
7 Laurel Creek  
8 Cove Creek (SR 1233 bridge at Zionville to SR 1233 bridge at Amantha)  
9 Dutch Creek (second bridge on SR 1134 to mouth)  
10 (X) Wilkes County:  
11 Yadkin River (not trout water)  
12 Roaring River (not trout water)  
13 East Prong Roaring River (from Bullhead Creek downstream to Stone  
14 Mountain State Park lower boundary) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply.  
15 See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]  
16 East Prong Roaring River (Stone Mountain State Park lower boundary to  
17 Brewer's Mill on SR 1943)  
18 Stone Mountain Creek [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See  
19 Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]  
20 Middle Prong Roaring River (headwaters to second bridge on SR 1736)  
21 Bell Branch Pond  
22 Boundary Line Pond  
23 West Prong Roaring River (not trout waters)  
24 Pike Creek  
25 Pike Creek Pond  
26 Cub Creek (0.5 miles upstream of SR 2460 bridge to SR 1001 bridge)  
27 Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with  
28 Yadkin River) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of  
29 this Rule.]  
30 Middle Fork Reddies River (Clear Prong) (headwaters to bridge on SR  
31 1580)  
32 South Fork Reddies River (SR 1355 bridge to confluence with Middle  
33 Fork Reddies River)  
34 North Fork Reddies River (Vannoy Creek) (headwaters to Union  
35 School bridge on SR 1559)  
36 Darnell Creek (North Prong Reddies River) (downstream ford on  
37 SR 1569 to confluence with North Fork Reddies River)  
38 Lewis Fork Creek (not trout water)  
39 South Prong Lewis Fork (Fall Creek to SR 1155 bridge)  
40 Fall Creek (SR 1300 bridge to confluence with South Prong Lewis Fork  
41 except portions posted against trespass)  
42 Elk Creek – upper (Watauga County line to lower boundary of Blue Ridge  
43 Mountain Club) [Delayed Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5)  
44 of this Rule.]  
45 Elk Creek – lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development) [Delayed  
46 Harvest Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule.]  
47 (Y) Yancey County:  
48 Nolichucky River (not trout water)  
49 Cane River [Bee Branch (SR 1110) to Bowlens Creek]  
50 Bald Mountain Creek (except portions posted against trespass)  
51 Indian Creek (not trout water)  
52 Price Creek (junction of SR 1120 and SR 1121 to Indian Creek)  
53 North Toe River (not trout water)  
54 South Toe River (Clear Creek to lower boundary line of Yancey County  
55 recreation park except where posted against trespass)

- (2) Wild Trout Waters. All waters designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters on the game lands listed in Subparagraph (b)(2) of 15A NCAC 10D .0104, are classified as Wild Trout Waters unless classified otherwise in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule. The trout waters listed in this Subparagraph are also classified as Wild Trout Waters.
- (A) Alleghany County:  
Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)  
Stone Mountain Creek (that portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
- (B) Ashe County:  
Big Horse Creek (Virginia State Line to Mud Creek at SR 1363) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]  
Unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek (portion located on Three Top Mountain Game Land) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
- (C) Avery County:  
Birchfield Creek (entire stream)  
Cow Camp Creek (entire stream)  
Cranberry Creek (headwaters to US 19E/NC 194 bridge)  
Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond) [Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(4) of this Rule.]  
Gragg Prong (entire stream)  
Horse Creek (entire stream)  
Jones Creek (entire stream)  
Kentucky Creek (entire stream)  
North Harper Creek (entire stream)  
Plumtree Creek (entire stream)  
Roaring Creek (entire stream)  
Rockhouse Creek (entire stream)  
Shawneehaw Creek (portion adjacent to Banner Elk Greenway)  
South Harper Creek (entire stream)  
Webb Prong (entire stream)  
Wilson Creek [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
- (D) Buncombe County:  
Carter Creek (game land portion) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lures only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
- (E) Burke County:  
All waters located on South Mountain State Park, except Clear Creek Reservoir, the main stream of Jacob Fork between the mouth of Shinnys Creek and the lower park boundary where Delayed Harvest Regulations apply, and Henry Fork and tributaries where Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraphs (a)(3) and (a)(5) of this Rule.  
Nettle Branch (game land portion)
- (F) Caldwell County:  
Buffalo Creek (Watauga County line to Long Ridge Branch including tributaries on game lands)  
Joes Creek (Watauga County line to first falls upstream of the end of SR 1574)  
Rockhouse Creek (entire stream)
- (G) Cherokee County:  
Bald Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]  
Dockery Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]  
North Shoal Creek (game land portions, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]
- (H) Graham County:

- Franks Creek (entire stream) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]
- Little Buffalo Creek (entire stream)
- South Fork Squally Creek (entire stream)
- Squally Creek (entire stream)
- (I) Haywood County
- Hemphill Creek [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of the Rule.]
- Hurricane Creek (including portions of tributaries on game lands) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]
- (J) Jackson County:
- Buff Creek (entire stream) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]
- Gage Creek (entire stream)
- North Fork Scott Creek (entire stream)
- Tanasee Creek (entire stream)
- Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina State line)
- Wolf Creek (entire stream, except Balsam Lake and Wolf Creek Lake)
- (K) Madison County:
- Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary, including tributaries) [Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.]
- (L) Mitchell County:
- Green Creek (headwaters to Green Creek Bridge, except where posted against trespass)
- Little Rock Creek (headwaters to Green Creek Bridge, including all tributaries, except where posted against trespass)
- Wiles Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
- (M) Transylvania County:
- All waters located on Gorges State Park
- Whitewater River (downstream from Silver Run Creek to South Carolina State line)
- (N) Watauga County:
- Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
- Dutch Creek (headwaters to second bridge on SR 1134)
- Howard Creek (entire stream)
- Laurel Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain developments, including tributaries) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations apply. See subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
- Maine Branch (headwaters to North Fork New River)
- North Fork New River (from confluence with Maine and Mine branches to Ashe County line)
- Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge Road bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffee Lake) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations Apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
- Watauga River (Avery County line to SR 1580 bridge)
- Winkler Creek (lower bridge on SR 1549 to confluence with South Fork New River)
- (O) Wilkes County:
- Big Sandy Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
- Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries) [Catch and Release/Artificial Lure Only Trout Waters Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule.]
- Garden Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)
- Harris Creek and tributaries (portions on Stone Mountain State Park) [Catch and Release Artificial Lures Only Regulations apply. See Subparagraph (a)(4) of this Rule.]
- Widow Creek (portion on Stone Mountain State Park)

- (P) Yancey County:  
Cattail Creek (Bridge at Mountain Farm Community Road (Private) to NC 197 bridge)  
Licksillet Creek (entire stream)  
Middle Creek (game land boundary to mouth)
- (3) Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only Trout Waters. Those portions of designated wild trout waters as listed in this Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Catch and Release/Artificial Lures Only waters. Only artificial lures having one single hook may be used. No trout may be harvested or be in possession while fishing these streams:
- (A) Ashe County:  
Big Horse Creek (Virginia State line to Mud Creek at SR 1363 excluding tributaries)  
Unnamed tributary of Three Top Creek (portion located on Three Top Mountain Game Lands)
- (B) Avery County:  
Wilson Creek (game land portion)
- (C) Buncombe County:  
Carter Creek (game land portion)
- (D) Burke County:  
Henry Fork (portion on South Mountains State Park)
- (E) Haywood County:  
West Fork Pigeon River (game land portion below Lake Logan Dam)
- ~~(F)~~(F) Jackson County:  
Flat Creek  
Tuckasegee River (upstream of Clarke property)
- ~~(G)~~(G) McDowell County:  
Newberry Creek (game land portion)
- ~~(H)~~(H) Watauga County:  
Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries)  
Laurel Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club and Powder Horn Mountain developments, including tributaries)  
Pond Creek (headwaters to Locust Ridge bridge, excluding the pond adjacent to Coffee Lake)
- ~~(I)~~(I) Wilkes County:  
Dugger Creek (portions on Blue Ridge Mountain Club, including tributaries)
- (4) Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only Trout Waters. Those portions of designated wild trout waters as listed in this Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Catch and Release/Artificial Flies Only waters. Only artificial flies having one single hook may be used. No trout may be harvested or be in possession while fishing these streams:
- (A) Avery County:  
Elk River (portion on Lees-McRae College property, excluding the millpond)  
Lost Cove Creek (game land portion, excluding Gragg Prong and Rockhouse Creek)
- (B) Transylvania County:  
Davidson River (headwaters to Avery Creek, excluding Avery Creek, Looking Glass Creek and Grogan Creek)
- (C) Yancey County:  
South Toe River (headwaters to Upper Creek, including tributaries)  
Upper Creek (entire stream)
- (5) Delayed Harvest Trout Waters. Those portions of designated Hatchery Supported Trout Waters as listed in this Subparagraph, excluding tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Delayed Harvest Waters. Between 1 October and one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday of the following June, inclusive, it is unlawful to possess natural bait, use more than a single hook on an artificial lure, or harvest or possess trout while fishing these waters. These waters are closed to fishing between one-half hour after sunset on the Friday before the first Saturday in June and 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June. At 6:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in June these waters are open for fishing under Hatchery Supported Waters rules for youth anglers

only. Youth is defined as a person under 16 years of age. At 12:00 p.m. on the first Saturday in June these streams open for fishing under Hatchery Supported Waters rules for all anglers:

- (A) Alleghany County:
  - Little River (Whitehead to a point 275 yards downstream of the intersection of SR 1128 and SR 1129 as marked by a sign on each bank)
- (B) Ashe County:
  - Trout Lake
  - Helton Creek (Virginia state line to New River)
  - South Fork New River (Todd Island Park)
  - Big Horse Creek (SR 1324 bridge to North Fork New River)
- (C) Burke County:
  - Jacob Fork (Shinny Creek to lower South Mountains State Park boundary)
- (D) Caldwell County:
  - Wilson Creek (game lands portion downstream of Lost Cove Creek to Phillips Branch)
- (E) Clay County:
  - Fires Creek (USFS Road 340A to the foot bridge in the US Forest Service Fires Creek Picnic Area)
- (F) Graham County:
  - (Big) Snowbird Creek (USFS foot bridge at the old railroad junction to USFS Road 2579)
- (G) Haywood County:
  - West Fork Pigeon River (Queen Creek to the first game land boundary upstream of Lake Logan)
- (H) Henderson County:
  - North Fork Mills River (~~game land portion below the Hendersonville watershed dam to~~ the lower game land boundary)
- (I) Jackson County:
  - Tuckasegee River (downstream NC 107 bridge falls located 275 yards upstream of the US 23-441 bridge as marked by a sign on each bank)
- (J) Macon County:
  - Nantahala River (Whiteoak Creek to the Nantahala hydropower discharge canal)
- (K) Madison County:
  - Big Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge to the US 25-70 bridge)
  - Shelton Laurel Creek (NC 208 bridge at Belva to the confluence with Big Laurel Creek)
  - Spring Creek (NC 209 bridge at Hot Springs city limits to iron bridge at end of Andrews Avenue)
- (L) McDowell County:
  - Catawba River (portion adjacent to Marion Greenway)
  - Curtis Creek (game lands portion downstream of U.S. Forest Service boundary at Deep Branch)
  - Mill Creek (US70 bridge to I 40 bridge)
- (M) Mitchell County:
  - Cane Creek (NC 226 bridge to SR 1189 bridge)
  - North Toe River (US 19E bridge to NC 226 bridge)
- (N) Polk County:
  - Green River (Fishtop Falls Access Area to confluence with Cove Creek)
- (O) Surry County:
  - Mitchell River (0.6 mile upstream of the end of SR 1333 to the SR 1330 bridge below Kapps Mill Dam)
  - Ararat River (NC 103 bridge to US 52 bridge)
- (P) Transylvania County:
  - East Fork French Broad River (Gladly Fork to French Broad River)
  - Little River (confluence of Lake Dense to 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls)
- (Q) Watauga County:
  - ~~Watauga River (adjacent to intersection of SR 1557 and SR 1558 to NC 105 bridge and SR 1114 upper (S.R. 1114 bridge to NC 194 bridge at Valle Crucis)~~
  - Watauga River lower (S.R. 1103 bridge to confluence with Laurel Creek)

- 1 Coffee Lake  
2 (R) Wilkes County:  
3 East Prong Roaring River (from Bullhead Creek downstream to the Stone Mountain State  
4 Park lower boundary)  
5 Stone Mountain Creek (from falls at Allegheny County line to confluence with East  
6 Prong  
7 Roaring River and Bullhead Creek in Stone Mountain State Park)  
8 Reddies River (Town of North Wilkesboro water intake dam to confluence with Yadkin  
9 River)  
10 Elk Creek – upper (Watauga County line to lower boundary of Blue Ridge Mountain  
11 Club)  
12 Elk Creek – lower (portion on Leatherwood Mountains development)  
13 (6) Wild Trout/Natural Bait Waters. Those portions of designated Wild Trout Waters as listed in this  
14 Subparagraph, including tributaries except as noted, are further classified as Wild Trout/Natural  
15 Bait Waters. All artificial lures and natural baits, except live fish, are allowed provided they are  
16 fished using only one single hook. The creel limit, size limit, and open season are the same as  
17 other Wild Trout Waters [see 15A NCAC 10C .0305(a)]:  
18 (A) Cherokee County:  
19 Bald Creek (game land portions)  
20 Dockery Creek (game land portions)  
21 North Shoal Creek (game land portions)  
22 (B) Graham County:  
23 Deep Creek  
24 Long Creek (game land portion)  
25 Franks Creek  
26 (C) Haywood County:  
27 Hemphill Creek (including tributaries)  
28 Hurricane Creek (including portions of tributaries on game lands)  
29 (D) Jackson County:  
30 Buff Creek  
31 Chattooga River (SR 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)  
32 (lower) Fowler Creek (game land portion)  
33 Scotsman Creek (game land portion)  
34 (E) Macon County:  
35 Chattooga River (SR 1100 bridge to South Carolina state line)  
36 Jarrett Creek (game land portion)  
37 Kimsey Creek  
38 Overflow Creek (game land portion)  
39 Park Creek  
40 Tellico Creek (game land portion)  
41 Turtle Pond Creek (game land portion)  
42 (F) Madison County:  
43 Big Creek (headwaters to the lower game land boundary, including tributaries)  
44 (G) Transylvania County:  
45 North Fork French Broad River (game land portions downstream of SR 1326)  
46 Thompson River (SR 1152 to South Carolina state line, except where posted against  
47 trespass,  
48 including portions of tributaries within this section located on game lands)  
49 (7) Special Regulation Trout Waters. Those portions of Designated Public Mountain Trout Waters as  
50 listed in this Subparagraph, excluding tributaries as noted, are further classified as Special  
51 Regulation Trout Waters. Regulations specific to each water are defined below:  
52 Burke County  
53 Catawba River (Muddy Creek to City of Morganton water intake dam).  
54 Regulation: The daily creel limit is 7 trout and only one of which may be greater than 14  
55 inches in length. There are no bait restrictions and no closed season.  
56 (b) Fishing in Trout Waters



- 1 (1) Hatchery Supported Trout Waters. It is unlawful to take fish of any kind by any manner from  
2 designated public mountain trout waters during the closed seasons for trout fishing. The seasons,  
3 size limits, creel limits and possession limits apply in all waters, whether designated or not, as  
4 public mountain trout waters. Except in power reservoirs and city water supply reservoirs so  
5 designated, it is unlawful to fish in designated public mountain trout waters with more than one  
6 line. Night fishing is not allowed in most hatchery supported trout waters on game lands [see 15A  
7 NCAC 10D .0104(b)(1)].
- 8 (2) Wild Trout Waters. Except as otherwise provided in Subparagraphs (a)(3), (a)(4), and (a)(6) of  
9 this Rule, the following rules apply to fishing in wild trout waters.
- 10 (A) Open Season. There is a year round open season for the licensed taking of trout.
- 11 (B) Creel Limit. The daily creel limit is four trout.
- 12 (C) Size Limit. The minimum size limit is seven inches.
- 13 (D) Manner of Taking. Only artificial lures having only one single hook may be used. No  
14 person shall possess natural bait while fishing wild trout waters except those waters listed  
15 in Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.
- 16 (E) Night Fishing. Fishing on wild trout waters is not allowed between one-half hour after  
17 sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.

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19 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 113-272; 113-292;*  
20 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
21 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;*  
22 *October 1, 1992;*  
23 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*  
24 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*  
25 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*  
26 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*  
27 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 6/21/01 and 04/18/02);*  
28 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
29 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17*  
30 *2003);*  
31 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May*  
32 *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*  
33 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*  
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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 be  
7 used in any impounded waters located entirely on game lands. Bow and arrow may be used to take nongame fishes  
8 in impounded waters located entirely on game lands with the exception of those waters mentioned in 15A NCAC  
9 10C .0404(a). Blue crabs taken by hook and line (other than set-hooks) in designated waterfowl impoundments  
10 located on game lands must have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) and the daily possession  
11 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, and Big Laurel Creek downstream  
22 from the US 25-70 bridge to the French Broad River, Pigeon River downstream of Waterville  
23 Reservoir to the Tennessee state line, Nolichucky River, Mill Ridge Pond Cheoah River  
24 downstream of Santeetlah Reservoir, Little River from 100 yards downstream of Hooker Falls  
25 downstream to the Dupont State Forest boundary, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense, Lake Alfred, Lake  
26 Julia, Fawn Lake, ~~the portion of West Fork Pigeon River below Lake Logan~~, North Fork Catawba  
27 River downstream of the mouth of Armstrong Creek, Green River downstream of the natural gas  
28 pipeline crossing, and Spring Creek below US Forest Service road 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 (3) All designated public mountain trout waters located on the game lands listed in Subparagraph  
41 (b)(2) of this Rule are wild trout waters unless classified otherwise. [See 15A NCAC 10C  
42 .0205(a)(1)].

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

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46 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-272; 113-292; 113-305;*

47 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

48 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1996; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993;*  
49 *July 1, 1992;*

50 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*

51 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*

52 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*

53 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; August 1, 2004.*

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

(a) The daily creel limit for Striped Bass and its hybrids is eight fish in the aggregate, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) of this Rule. There is no minimum size limit for these fish, but only two of them may be less than 16 inches, except in waters identified in Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) of this Rule. There is no closed season, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) of this Rule.

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

(c) In the Cape Fear River upstream of Buckhorn Dam; the Deep River to the first impoundment; the Haw River to the first impoundment; B. Everett Jordan Reservoir; Lake Rhodhiss; Lake Hickory; and Lookout Shoals Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate and the minimum size limit is 20 inches.

(d) In Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Reservoir, the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate. The minimum size limit for these fish is 20 inches from October 1 through May 31. There is no minimum size limit for these fish from June 1 through September 30.

(e) In Lake Norman the daily creel limit on Striped Bass and its hybrids is four in the aggregate. ~~The aggregate and the minimum size limit for these fish is 16 inches. inches from October 1 through May 31. There is no minimum size limit for these fish from June 1 through September 30.~~

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

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

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

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

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

(k) The Executive Director may, by proclamation, suspend or extend the hook-and-line season for Striped Bass in the inland and joint waters of coastal rivers and their tributaries. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued under this authority.

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

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1 **15A NCAC 10C .0302 MANNER OF TAKING INLAND GAME FISHES**

2 (a) Except as provided in this Rule, it is unlawful for any person to take inland game fishes from any of the waters  
3 of North Carolina by any method other than with hook and line. Landing nets may be used to land fishes caught on  
4 hook and line. Game fishes taken incidental to commercial fishing operations in joint fishing waters or coastal  
5 fishing waters shall be immediately returned to the water unharmed. Game fishes taken incidental to the use of  
6 ~~licensed~~ special devices for taking nongame fishes from inland fishing waters as authorized in Rule 10C .0402 of  
7 this Subchapter or as authorized by 15A NCAC 10C .0407 by anglers licensed under G.S. 113-272.2(c) shall be  
8 immediately returned to the water unharmed, ~~except that a daily creel limit of American and hickory shad may be~~  
9 ~~taken with dip nets and bow nets from March 1 through April 30 in those waters where such gear may be lawfully~~  
10 ~~used, except white perch may be taken when captured in a cast net being used to collect nongame fishes in all~~  
11 ~~impounded waters west of Interstate 95 and in the Tar River Reservoir (Nash County).~~

12 (b) In the inland waters of the Roanoke River upstream of U.S. 258 bridge, only a single barbless hook or a lure  
13 with a single barbless hook may be used from 1 April to 30 June. Barbless as used in this Rule, requires that the  
14 hook does not have a barb or the barb is bent down.

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16 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-273; 113-292; 113-302;  
17 Eff. February 1, 1976;  
18 Amended Eff. July 1, 1996; October 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; May 1, 1992; January 1, 1982;  
19 Temporary Amendment Eff. November 1, 1998;  
20 Amended Eff. August 1, 2002; April 1, 1999.  
21 Amended Eff. August 1, 2014  
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**15A NCAC 10C .0401 MANNER OF TAKING NONGAME FISHES: PURCHASE AND SALE**

(a) Except as permitted by the rules in this Section, it is unlawful to take nongame fishes from the inland fishing waters of North Carolina in any manner other than with hook and line or grabbling. Nongame fishes may be taken by hook and line or grabbling at any time without restriction as to size limits or creel limits, with the following exceptions:

- (1) Blue crabs shall have a minimum carapace width of five inches (point to point) and it is unlawful to possess more than 50 crabs per person per day or to exceed 100 crabs per vessel per day.
- (2) While boating on or fishing in the following inland fishing waters, no person shall take river herring (alewife and blueback) that are greater than six inches in total length or possess such herring regardless of origin in:
  - (A) Roanoke River downstream of Roanoke Rapids Dam,
  - (B) Tar River downstream of Rocky Mount Mill Dam,
  - (C) Neuse River downstream of Milburnie Dam,
  - (D) Cape Fear River downstream of Buckhorn Dam,
  - (E) Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam,
  - (F) Lumber River including Drowning Creek,
  - (G) all the tributaries to the rivers listed above,
  - (H) all other inland fishing waters east of Interstate 95.
- (3) Grass carp shall not be taken or possessed on Lake James, Lookout Shoals Lake, Lake Norman, Mountain Island Reservoir and Reservoir, Lake Wylie, Wylie and John H. Kerr Reservoir, except that one fish per day may be taken by bow and arrow with archery equipment.
- (4) No trotlines or set-hooks shall be used in the impounded waters located on the Sandhills Game Land or in designated public mountain trout waters.
- (5) In Lake Waccamaw, trotlines or set-hooks may be used only from October 1 through April 30.
- (6) In inland fishing waters, gray trout (weakfish) recreational seasons, size limits and creel limits are the same as those established by Marine Fisheries Commission rule or proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director in adjacent joint or coastal fishing waters.

(b) The season for taking nongame fishes by other hook and line methods in designated public mountain trout waters is the same as the trout fishing season.

(c) ~~Nongame fishes, except alewife and blueback herring, excluding those less than six inches in length collected from Kerr Reservoir (Granville, Vance, and Warren counties), blue crab, and bowfin, taken by hook and line, grabbling or by licensed special devices may be sold. Eels less than six inches in length may not be taken from inland waters for any purpose, sold, with the following exceptions:~~

- (1) alewife and blueback herring, excluding those less than six inches in length collected from Kerr Reservoir (Granville, Vance, and Warren counties)
- (2) blue crab
- (3) bowfin

(d) Freshwater mussels, including the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*), may be taken only from impounded waters, except mussels shall not be taken in Lake Waccamaw and in University Lake in Orange County. ~~It is unlawful to possess more than 200 freshwater mussels. The daily possession limit for freshwater mussels is 200 in the aggregate, except there is no daily possession limit for the Asiatic clam (*Corbicula fluminea*).~~

(e) In waters that are stocked and managed for catfish and located on game lands, on Commission-owned property, or on the property of a cooperator, including waters within the Community Fishing Program, it is unlawful to take channel, white, or blue catfish (forked tail catfish) by means other than hook and line; the daily creel limit for forked tail catfish is six fish in aggregate. Waters to which this creel limit applies shall be posted, as specified in 15A NCAC 10E .0103.

(f) In Lake Norman and Badin Lake, the daily creel limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches is one fish.

(g) The daily creel limit for American eels taken from inland fishing waters is 25, and the minimum size limit is 9 inches.

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4                   *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
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6                   *2003);*  
7                   *Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May*  
8                   *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*  
9                   *Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*  
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**15A NCAC 10C .0402 TAKING NONGAME FISHES FOR BAIT OR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Chatham County
  - Deep River
  - Rocky River
  - Bear Creek
- (2) Lee County
  - Deep River
- (3) Moore County
  - Deep River

1           (4)     Randolph County  
2                   Deep River below the Coleridge Dam  
3                   Fork Creek

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

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8     *History Note:     Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-135; 113-135.1; 113-272; 113-272.3; 113-292;*  
9                   *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
10                   *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000; July 1, 1998; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1992; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989;*  
11                   *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001;*  
12                   *Amended Eff. July 18, 2002;*  
13                   *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*  
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15                   *17, 2003);*  
16                   *Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006.*  
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1 **15A NCAC 10C .0404 SPECIAL DEVICE FISHING**

2 (a) ~~Bow and Arrow. The use of bow [as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0116(a)] and arrow~~ Archery equipment. The  
3 use of archery equipment, as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0116, as a licensed special device is authorized for taking  
4 nongame fishes at any time from all inland fishing waters other than impounded waters located on the Sandhills  
5 Game Land and designated public mountain trout waters. Unless prohibited by Marine Fisheries Commission rules  
6 in 15A NCAC 03, bow and arrow may be used in joint fishing waters.

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

- 16 (1) owner's N.C. motor boat registration number;  
17 (2) owner's U.S. vessel documentation name; or  
18 (3) owner's last name and initials.

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

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

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

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

30 (f) Eel pots. It is unlawful to use pots with mesh sizes smaller than ~~one one-half~~ one-half inch by one-half ~~inch~~ inch unless  
31 ~~such pots contain an escape panel that is at least four inches square with a mesh size of one inch by one-half inch~~  
32 ~~located in the outside panel of the upper chamber of rectangular pots and in the rear portion of cylindrical pots.~~  
33 Each pot must be marked by attaching a floating buoy which shall be of solid foam or other solid buoyant material  
34 and no less than five inches in diameter and no less than five inches in length. Buoys may be of any color except  
35 yellow. The owner shall be identified on the attached buoy by using engraved buoys or by engraved metal or plastic  
36 tags attached to the 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 and 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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**15A NCAC 10C .0407 PERMITTED SPECIAL DEVICES AND OPEN SEASONS**

Except in designated public mountain trout waters, and in impounded waters located on the Sandhills Game Land, there is a year-round open season for the licensed taking of nongame fishes by archery equipment ~~bow and arrow~~. The use of special fishing devices, including crab pots in impoundments located entirely on game lands is prohibited. Seasons and waters in which the use of other special devices is authorized are indicated by counties below:

- (1) Alamance:
  - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Alamance Creek below NC 49 bridge and Haw River;
  - (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- (2) Alexander: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters; and with spear guns in Lake Hickory and Lookout Shoals Reservoir;
- (3) Alleghany: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in New River, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (4) Anson:
  - (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
  - (b) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Pee Dee River below Blewett Falls Dam;~~
  - (c)(b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River from Blewett Falls downstream to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad trestle;
- (5) Ashe: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in New River (both forks), except designated public mountain trout waters;
- (6) Beaufort:
  - (a) ~~July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Pungo River, and in the Tar and Pamlico Rivers above Norfolk and Southern Railroad bridge; and with gigs in all inland public waters;~~
  - (b) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters;~~
- (7) Bertie:
  - (a) ~~July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Broad Creek (tributary of Roanoke);~~
  - (b) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- (8) Bladen:
  - (a) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Black River;~~
  - (b) ~~July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Cape Fear River between Lock and Dam 1 and 3 and in Black River, except that hand-crank electrofishing is prohibited within 400 yards of Lock and Dam 1, 2, and 3 on Cape Fear River;~~
- ~~(9) Brunswick: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Alligator Creek, Hoods Creek, Indian Creek, Orton Creek below Orton Pond, Rices Creek, Sturgeon Creek and Town Creek;~~
- ~~(10)~~(9) Buncombe: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(11)~~(10) Burke:
  - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Johns River and designated public mountain trout waters;
  - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters and Lake James;
- ~~(12)~~(11) Cabarrus:
  - (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
  - (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(13)~~(12) Caldwell: July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(14)~~(13) Camden:
  - (a) ~~July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland public waters;~~
  - (b) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- ~~(15) Carteret: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters except South River and the tributaries of the White Oak River;~~
- ~~(16)~~(14) Caswell:
  - (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
  - (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Moons Creek;

- (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Hyco Reservoir;
- ~~(17)~~(15) Catawba:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Catawba River below Lookout Dam;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, spear guns, and gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(18)~~(16) Chatham:
- (a) December 1 to April 15 with dip and gill nets in the Cape Fear River, Deep River, Haw River and Rocky River (local law);
- (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Cape Fear River, and Haw River;
- (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Deep River; and with gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(19)~~(17) Cherokee: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(20)~~(18) Chowan:
- ~~(a) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;
- ~~(21)~~(19) Clay: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(22)~~(20) Cleveland:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs, traps and spear guns in all public waters;
- ~~(23)~~(21) Columbus:
- (a) December 1 to March 1 with gigs in all inland public waters, except Lake Waccamaw and its tributaries;
- ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Livingston Creek;~~
- ~~(c)~~(b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Waccamaw and Lumber rivers;
- ~~(24)~~(22) Craven:
- ~~(a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in the main run of the Trent and Neuse Rivers;~~
- ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Pitch Kettle, Grindle, Slocum (downstream of the US 70 bridge), Spring and Hancock Creeks and their tributaries; and with seines in the Neuse River;~~
- ~~(25)~~(23) Currituck:
- ~~(a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Tulls Creek and Northwest River;~~
- ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- ~~(26)~~(24) Dare:
- ~~(a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Mashoes Creek, Milltail Creek, East Lake and South Lake;~~
- ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes, ponds, and other impounded waters;~~
- ~~(27)~~(25) Davidson:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, and with traps in all public waters except Leonard's Creek, Abbott's Creek below Lake Thom-A-Lex dam, and the Abbott's Creek arm of High Rock Lake upstream from the NC 8 bridge;
- ~~(28)~~(26) Davie:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- (b) July 1 to August 31 for taking only carp and suckers with seines in Dutchmans Creek from US 601 to Yadkin River and in Hunting Creek from SR 1338 to South Yadkin River;
- ~~(29)~~(27) Duplin:
- ~~(a) December 1 to June 5 with seines in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River downstream from a point one mile above Serecta Bridge;~~
- ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the main run of the Northeast Cape Fear River downstream from a point one mile above Serecta Bridge;~~

- 1 ~~(30)~~(28) Durham:
- 2 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Neuse River;
- 3 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- 4 ~~(31)~~ Edgecombe: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all public waters;
- 5 ~~(32)~~(29) Forsyth: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except traps may not be used in
- 6 Belews Creek Reservoir;
- 7 ~~(33)~~(30) Franklin:
- 8 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Tar River;
- 9 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Parrish, Laurel Mill, Jackson,
- 10 Clifton, Moore's and Perry's Ponds, and in the Franklinton City ponds;
- 11 ~~(34)~~(31) Gaston:
- 12 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- 13 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs, traps and spear guns in all public waters;
- 14 ~~(35)~~ Gates: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
- 15 ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 16 ~~(36)~~(32) Graham: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
- 17 waters;
- 18 ~~(37)~~(33) Granville:
- 19 (a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Kerr Reservoir;
- 20 (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Neuse River and the Tar River below US 158
- 21 bridge;
- 22 (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- 23 ~~(38)~~(34) Greene: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets and reels in Contentnea Creek;
- 24 ~~(39)~~(35) Guilford:
- 25 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Haw River, Deep River below Jamestown Dam, and
- 26 Reedy Fork Creek below US 29 bridge;
- 27 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;
- 28 ~~(40)~~ Halifax: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Beech Swamp, Clarks Canal, Conocoannara
- 29 Swamp, Fishing Creek below the Fishing Creek Mill Dam, Kehukee Swamp, Looking Glass Gut,
- 30 Quankey Creek, and White's Mill Pond Run;
- 31 ~~(41)~~(36) Harnett:
- 32 ~~(a)~~ January 1 to May 31 with gigs in Cape Fear River and tributaries;
- 33 ~~(b)~~ March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Cape Fear River;
- 34 ~~(42)~~(37) Haywood: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Lake Junaluska and designated
- 35 public mountain trout waters;
- 36 ~~(43)~~(38) Henderson: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain
- 37 trout waters;
- 38 ~~(44)~~(39) Hertford:
- 39 ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with traps in Wiccacon Creek;
- 40 ~~(b)~~ March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
- 41 ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 42 ~~(45)~~(40) Hyde:
- 43 ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;
- 44 ~~(b)~~ March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
- 45 ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 46 ~~(46)~~(41) Iredell: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters; and with spear guns in Lookout
- 47 Shoals Reservoir and Lake Norman;
- 48 ~~(47)~~(40) Jackson: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
- 49 waters;
- 50 ~~(48)~~ Johnston: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Black Creek, Little River, Middle Creek, Mill
- 51 Creek, Neuse River and Swift Creek;
- 52 ~~(49)~~(41) Jones:
- 53 ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with traps in the Trent River below US 17 bridge and White Oak River
- 54 below US 17 bridge;
- 55 ~~(b)~~ March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except the tributaries to the
- 56 White Oak River;



- 1 ~~(50)~~(42) Lee:
- 2 (a) December 1 to April 15 with dip and gill nets (local law) in Cape Fear River and Deep
- 3 River;
- 4 (b) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Cape Fear River;
- 5 (c) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Deep River, and with gigs in all public waters;
- 6 ~~(51)~~(43) Lenoir:
- 7 ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with traps in Neuse River below US 70 bridge at Kinston;
- 8 ~~(b)~~ March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Neuse River and Contentnea Creek upstream from
- 9 NC 118 bridge at Grifton; and with seines in Neuse River;
- 10 ~~(52)~~(44) Lincoln:
- 11 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- 12 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters;
- 13 ~~(53)~~(45) McDowell:
- 14 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except designated public
- 15 mountain trout waters;
- 16 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated
- 17 public mountain trout waters and Lake James;
- 18 ~~(54)~~(46) Macon: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
- 19 waters;
- 20 ~~(55)~~(47) Madison: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout
- 21 waters;
- 22 ~~(56)~~ Martin: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,
- 23 ponds, and other impounded waters;
- 24 ~~(57)~~(48) Mecklenburg:
- 25 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters;
- 26 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs and spear guns in all public waters except Freedom Park
- 27 Pond and Hornet's Nest Ponds;
- 28 ~~(58)~~(49) Montgomery:
- 29 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except that part of the Pee
- 30 Dee River between the Lake Tillery dam at Hydro and the mouth of Rocky River;
- 31 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- 32 ~~(59)~~(50) Moore:
- 33 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters except in Deep River;
- 34 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except lakes located on the Sandhills
- 35 Game Land; and with traps in Deep River and its tributaries;
- 36 ~~(60)~~(51) Nash:
- 37 ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Tar River;
- 38 ~~(b)~~ March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Tar River below Harris' Landing and Fishing
- 39 Creek below the Fishing Creek Mill Dam;
- 40 ~~(61)~~ New Hanover: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Sutton
- 41 (Catfish) Lake;
- 42 ~~(62)~~(52) Northampton:
- 43 ~~(a)~~ July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Gaston and Roanoke Rapids
- 44 Reservoirs and the Roanoke River above the US 301 bridge;
- 45 ~~(b)~~ March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Occaneechee Creek, Old River Landing Gut and
- 46 Vaughans Creek below Watsons Mill;
- 47 ~~(63)~~(53) Onslow:
- 48 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in White Oak River below US 17 bridge;
- 49 (b) August 1 to March 31 with eel pots in the main run of New River between US 17 bridge
- 50 and the mouth of Hawkins Creek;
- 51 ~~(c)~~ March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the main run of New River and in the main run of
- 52 the White Oak River;
- 53 ~~(d)~~ March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Grant's Creek;
- 54 ~~(64)~~(54) Orange:
- 55 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Haw River,
- 56 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;

- 1 ~~(65)~~ Pamlico: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Dawson Creek;  
2 ~~(66)~~(55) Pasquotank:  
3 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;  
4 (b) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,~~  
5 ~~ponds, and other impounded waters;~~  
6 ~~(67)~~(56) Pender:  
7 (a) December 1 to June 5 with seines in the main run of Northeast Cape Fear River;  
8 (b) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Northeast Cape Fear River, Long Creek,~~  
9 ~~Moore's Creek approximately one mile upstream to New Moon Fishing Camp, and Black~~  
10 ~~River;~~  
11 (c)(b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Black River;  
12 ~~(68)~~(57) Perquimans:  
13 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in all inland waters;  
14 (b) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding public lakes,~~  
15 ~~ponds, and other impounded waters;~~  
16 ~~(69)~~(58) Person:  
17 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Hyco Creek and Mayo Creek;  
18 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters.  
19 ~~(70)~~(59) Pitt:  
20 (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Neuse River and in Tar River below the mouth of Hardee  
21 Creek east of Greenville;  
22 (b) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, except Grindle Creek, and~~  
23 ~~Contentnea Creek between NC 118 bridge at Grifton and the Neuse River;~~  
24 (c)(b) December 1 to June 5 with seines in Tar River;  
25 ~~(71)~~(60) Polk: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout  
26 waters;  
27 ~~(72)~~(61) Randolph:  
28 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Deep River above the Coleridge Dam and Uwharrie  
29 River;  
30 (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters;  
31 ~~(73)~~(62) Richmond:  
32 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except Pee Dee River from  
33 Blewett Falls downstream to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad trestle;  
34 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except lakes located on the  
35 Sandhills Game Land;  
36 (c) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Pee Dee River below Blewett Falls Dam;~~  
37 ~~(74)~~(63) Robeson: December 1 to March 1 with gigs in all inland public waters.  
38 ~~(75)~~(64) Rockingham:  
39 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Dan River and Haw River;  
40 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Dan River; and with gigs in all public waters;  
41 ~~(76)~~(65) Rowan:  
42 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,  
43 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;  
44 ~~(77)~~(66) Rutherford:  
45 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except designated public  
46 mountain trout waters;  
47 (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps, gigs, and spear guns in all public waters, except designated  
48 public mountain trout waters;  
49 ~~(78)~~(67) Sampson:  
50 (a) ~~March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Big Coharie Creek, Black River and Six Runs~~  
51 ~~Creek;~~  
52 (b) July 1 to March 1 with hand-crank electrofishers (local law) in Black River downstream  
53 of NC 1105 bridge;  
54 ~~(79)~~(68) Stanly:  
55 (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters, except that part of the Pee  
56 Dee River between the Lake Tillery dam at Hydro and the mouth of Rocky River;

- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(80)~~(69) Stokes: July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters, and traps may not be used in Belews Creek Reservoir;
- ~~(81)~~(70) Surry: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters; and with traps in the main stem of Yadkin River;
- ~~(82)~~(71) Swain: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(83)~~(72) Transylvania: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(84)~~(73) Tyrrell:
- (a) July 1 to June 30 with traps in Scuppernong River and Alligator Creek;
- ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding Lake Phelps, the drainage canals that connect Lake Phelps and Scuppernong River, public lakes, ponds and other impounded waters;~~
- ~~(85)~~(74) Union:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in all running public waters,
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with traps and gigs in all public waters;
- ~~(86)~~(75) Vance:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in the Tar River;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Rolands, Faulkners, Southerlands, and Weldon Ponds, City Lake, and Kerr Reservoir;
- (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- ~~(87)~~(76) Wake:
- ~~(a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Sunset, Benson, Wheeler, Raleigh, and Johnson Lakes;~~
- ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in the Neuse River below Milburnie Dam, and Swift Creek below Lake Benson Dam;~~
- ~~(88)~~(77) Warren:
- (a) July 1 to August 31 with seines in Fishing Creek, Shocco Creek, and Walker Creek; excluding Duck and Hammes Mill Ponds;
- (b) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, except Duck and Hammes Mill Ponds, Kerr Reservoir, and Gaston Reservoir;
- (c) July 1 to June 30 with dip and cast nets in Kerr Reservoir;
- ~~(89) Washington: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in all inland public waters, excluding Lake Phelps, the drainage canals that connect Lake Phelps and Scuppernong River, public lakes, ponds and other impoundments.~~
- ~~(90) Wayne: March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Little River, Mill Creek and Neuse River.~~
- ~~(91)~~(78) Wilkes: July 1 to June 30 with traps in Yadkin River below W. Kerr Scott Reservoir; and with gigs and spear guns in all public waters, except designated public mountain trout waters;
- ~~(92)~~(79) Wilson:
- ~~(a) July 1 to June 30 with gigs in Contentnea Creek (except Buckhorn Reservoir), including unnamed tributaries between Flowers Mill and SR 1163 (Deans) bridge;~~
- ~~(b) March 1 to April 30 with bow nets in Contentnea Creek below US 301 bridge and in Toisnot Swamp downstream from the Lake Toisnot Dam;~~
- ~~(93)~~(80) Yadkin: July 1 to June 30 with gigs in all public waters, and with traps in the main stem of Yadkin River.

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1 **15A NCAC 10C .0217 Public Access for Anglers Only**

2 (a) A landowner who has accepted from the Wildlife Resources Commission a sign indicating Public Access for  
3 Fishing Only and posted such sign on his property agrees to allow any licensed angler, and accompanying youths, to  
4 cross his or her property in order to access public waters for the purpose of fishing.

5 (b) By accepting and posting the Public Access for Fishing Only sign the landowner has designated the Wildlife  
6 Resources Commission as an agent as described in G.S. 14-159.6. As agent, the Commission confers access to any  
7 member of the public with a valid fishing license and accompanying youths. Anglers who access property under the  
8 terms of this Rule are prohibited from engaging in any of these activities while on the private property unless  
9 otherwise posted:

- 10 (1) building fires;  
11 (2) littering;  
12 (3) swimming;  
13 (4) launching or retrieving boats;  
14 (5) camping  
15 (6) causing property damage;  
16 (7) entering before 7 am; and  
17 (8) remaining on the property after 9 pm.

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19 History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-305; 14-159.6  
20 Effective August 1 ,2014  
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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 Commission 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 ~~Brantly Steam Plant~~ Union Street Dam at Danville, and east of the ~~Rte. 360 bridge~~ mouth of  
7 Difficult Creek on the Staunton River arm of Kerr Reservoir to the Gaston Dam on the Roanoke River, including all  
8 tributary waters lying in either Virginia or North Carolina which are accessible by boat from the main bodies of the  
9 Kerr and Gaston Reservoirs, or from the Island Creek subimpoundment. ~~The Rte. 360 bridge is the first bridge~~  
10 ~~crossing the Staunton River upstream of Kerr Reservoir.~~ Senior citizen and juvenile license exemptions authorized  
11 by either state will be honored by both states. In addition, all valid fishing licenses and permits legally obtained  
12 from the Virginia Game and Fish Commission or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, or the duly  
13 authorized agents of either, shall be reciprocally honored for fishing with rod and reel, hook and line or by casting in  
14 that portion of the New River between the confluence of the North and South forks of the New River in North  
15 Carolina (Alleghany County) and the confluence of the New and Little Rivers in Virginia (Grayson County).

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

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

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30 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-275; 113-304;*  
31 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*  
32 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1991.*  
33 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*

1 **15A NCAC 10C .0206 TROT LINES AND SET-HOOKS**

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

- 3 (1) "set-hook" means any hook and line that is attached at one end only to a stationary or floating  
4 object and that is not under immediate control and attendance of the person using the device.  
5 (2) "jug-hook" means a single hook and line attached to a float.  
6 (3) "untended" means no bait is present on the device.

7 (b) Except as otherwise prohibited in this Rule, trotlines and set-hooks may be set in the inland waters of North  
8 Carolina, provided no live bait is used. Trotlines and set-hooks may not be set in any of the impounded waters on the  
9 Sandhills Game Land. Trotlines and set-hooks may not be set in any designated public mountain trout waters except  
10 impounded waters of power reservoirs and municipally-owned water supply reservoirs open to the public for fishing.  
11 In Lake Waccamaw, trotlines or set-hooks may be set only from October 1 through April 30.

12 (c) Each trotline, set hook, and jug hook shall bear legible and indelible identification of the user's name and  
13 ~~address.~~ address or the user's WRC customer number. Each trotline shall be conspicuously marked at each end and  
14 each set-hook conspicuously marked at one end with a flag, float, or other prominent object so that its location is  
15 readily discernible by boat operators and swimmers. Trotlines shall be set parallel to the nearest shore in all inland  
16 fishing waters unless otherwise prohibited. The number of jug-hooks that may be fished is limited to 70 per boat.  
17 All trotlines, throwlines, set-hooks, and jug-hooks shall be fished at least once daily and all fish removed at that  
18 time. Untended trotlines, set-hooks, and jug-hooks may be removed from the water by wildlife enforcement officers  
19 when located in areas of multiple water use. It is unlawful to use metal cans or glass jugs as floats.

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21 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272; 113-292;  
22 Eff. February 1, 1976;  
23 Amended Eff. July 1, 1993; May 1, 1992; July 1, 1989; January 1, 1982;  
24 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;  
25 Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; May 1, 2008; June 1, 2005; August 1, 2002  
26 Amended Eff. August 1, 2014  
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February 27, 2014



## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Gordon S. Myers, Executive Director

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mallory Martin, Chief Deputy Director *OK WPM 25 Feb 2014*

**FROM:** Robert L. Curry, Fisheries Chief *Robert L. Curry*

**DATE:** February 24, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Fisheries Committee action to consider staff recommendation to approve preferred management options for the draft *Amendment 2 to the River Herring Fishery Management Plan*

I recommend that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's (NCWRC) Fisheries Committee approve preferred management options that were approved by the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission (NCMFC) for the draft *Amendment 2 to the River Herring Fishery Management Plan* (FMP). Further, I recommend that the Fisheries Committee support submitting the draft FMP to the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) and to the Joint Legislative Committee on Government Operations (JLCGO) for review.

The goal of the River Herring FMP is to restore the long-term viability of the river herring population. A Plan Development Team that included staff from the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) and NCWRC as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service was established in July 2012 to develop the draft FMP. NCWRC staff played an integral role in developing the draft FMP which described management options for key issues and provided recommendations for monitoring and research. The NCWRC Fisheries Committee unanimously supported the release of the draft of *Amendment 2 to the River Herring Fishery Management Plan* for public comment at its November 6, 2013 committee meeting.

The NCMFC approved the release of the draft FMP for public input on November 14, 2013. Public input was collected through the NCMFC advisory committees. The NCMFC at its February 20, 2014 meeting reviewed the advisory committee recommendations and selected preferred management options. They voted to send the draft FMP to NCDENR and JLCGO for their review. A summary of the preferred management options and research and monitoring recommendations as approved by NCMFC is provided below. The draft FMP is available on the Commissioner's SharePoint Portal under Fisheries Committee documents. The final draft of the FMP is scheduled to be approved by NCMFC and NCWRC in November 2014 following the review by NCDENR and JLCGO.

**Action Item:** Fisheries staff recommends that the NCWRC approve preferred management options that were approved by NCMFC and support submitting the draft of *Amendment 2 to the River Herring Fishery Management Plan* to NCDENR and JLCGO for review.

## Preferred Management Options

### ISSUE 1: DISCRETIONARY RIVER HERRING HARVEST SEASON

- NCMFC - Option 2 - Eliminate the Discretionary Harvest Season and the Discretionary Harvest Permit

### ISSUE 2: POSSESSION OF RIVER HERRING IN COASTAL WATERS

- NCMFC - Option 3 - Prohibit possession of river herring (alewife and blueback herring) greater than six inches aboard a vessel or while engaged in fishing from the shore or a pier and remove alewife and blueback herring from exceptions in the Mutilated Finfish Rule 15A NCAC 03M .0101.

### ISSUE 3: RIVER HERRING FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN RULE REORGANIZATION AND BOUNDARY CHANGE

- NCMFC - Option 2 - Move Albemarle Sound/Chowan River Herring Management Areas from 15A NCAC 03J .0209 to 15A NCAC 03R .0202, correct reference to Albemarle Sound/Chowan River Herring Management Areas in 15A NCAC 03O .0503(b)(3), and correct boundary to Cashie River Anadromous Fish Spawning Area in 15A NCAC 03R .0115(14).

## Research Recommendations

The following are research recommendations developed by the River Herring Plan Development Team to guide researchers in developing projects. The PDT ranked these recommendations as Low, Medium, or High. A High ranking indicate a large gap in information that might be critical for management decisions. A Low ranking does not imply lack of importance but may indicate an issue that has been partially addressed or is less time-sensitive in nature.

### Life History

- Conduct studies of river herring egg and larval survival and development in North Carolina river systems. **High priority**
- Conduct research on predation of all life stages of river herring in the Albemarle Sound and other systems in North Carolina (including invasive species such as blue catfish and other predators). **Medium priority**
- Conduct studies on energetics of feeding and spawning migrations of river herring in North Carolina. **Medium priority**

## **Stock Status**

- Estimate bycatch and discard mortality of river herring captured incidentally in Atlantic ocean fisheries coastwide. **High priority**
- Estimate bycatch and discard mortality of river herring captured incidentally in inside fisheries. **Medium priority**

## **Environmental Factors**

### **Water Quality Recommendations**

- Evaluate effects of existing and future water withdrawals on water quality, quantity and fisheries habitat in coastal watersheds. NCDMF and NCWRC review and comment on water withdrawals and their effect on fisheries and habitat. **High priority**
- Determine if contaminants are present and identify those that are potentially detrimental to various life history stages of river herring. Long term water quality monitoring devices have been maintained and deployed to identify shifts or swings in water quality in multiple tributaries in the Albemarle Sound area. **High priority**
- Evaluate the impacts/effects of reverse osmosis (RO) plants on receiving waters and aquatic resources. North Carolina Division of Coastal Management and NCWRC provide comments on permit applications re: RO plants; some work by universities to evaluate effects of RO plants in local river systems. **Low priority**

### **Obstruction Recommendations**

- Identify all man-made physical obstructions to river herring migrations (update Collier and Odom project) and prioritize impediments for removal /replacement after identification. The NCDMF has surveyed culverts in the Chowan River area and developed a priority list for replacement or repair. This information will be used by a paid graduate student to investigate fish friendly culverts. **High priority**
- Identify research needs regarding impediments to river herring migration. **High priority.**

### **Impingement and Entrainment Recommendations**

- Research is needed to determine the fate of river herring eggs, fry and juveniles that are impinged, and then released through screen cleaning operations. **Low priority**

### **Climate change**

- The specific effects of climate change, including warming water, increased drought severity, and loss of flood plain spawning habitat should be further investigated. **Low priority**

## **Monitoring Recommendations**

The following are recommendations for programs that will collect data on river herring populations in order to improve management for those species. Most of these are for programs that already exist, but need to be expanded.

- Continue juvenile abundance seine and trawl survey in all tributaries of the Albemarle Sound area. Expand these surveys to other areas of the state.
- Continue spawning area surveys in the Chowan River annually and in one system in the Albemarle Sound area on a rotating basis. Expand these surveys to other areas of the state.
- Continue Chowan River pound net survey. Expand this survey to other tributaries in the Albemarle and other areas of the state if spawning area surveys identify significant spawning runs in these other systems.
- Continue NCWRC adult river herring surveys and expand to other tributaries in the Albemarle Sound area and other systems of the state as opportunities arise.

# EXHIBIT I-1

February 27, 2014

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

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**WRC Staff Contact:** David H. Allen

**Date First Presented to WRC:** February 27, 2014

**Tract Name:** Brown's Island Tract 1

**Acreage:** 183

Note: WRC currently owns Tracts 4, 5, 6 & 7 (158 acres). The NC Coastal Land Trust holds title to Tract 1 (183 acres) and Tract 2 (84 acres). Tract 1 is offered as a donation at this time and NC Coastal Land Trust is interested in donating Tract 2 to WRC at a later date. Seventy-one percent of the island (425 of 600 total acres) is currently under conservation ownership.

**County:** Carteret

**Estimated Value:** NA – offered as a donation by NC Coastal Land Trust

**Property Owner or Representative:** NC Coastal Land Trust c/o Janice Allen

**Phone:** (252) 634-1927 Office; (252) 670-0789 Mobile

**Address:** 3301 Trent Rd., Suite E, New Bern, NC 28562

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ Clean Water Management Trust Fund

☒ OTHER (explain): NA – offered as a donation

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** Brown's Island contains salt marshes, pocosin, maritime live oak and longleaf pine forest that benefit a variety of wildlife. The island hosts one of the relatively few stands of Coastal Fringe Sandhill natural communities left in the state and it occurs in a relatively undisturbed condition. The North Carolina Natural Heritage Program considers the island to be a state significant natural heritage area. It contains potential habitat for colonial nesting waterbirds and shorebirds. It also has good habitat for waterfowl, marsh birds and landbirds. The island also has some feral goats, cows, pigs and possibly horses.

**Additional Comments:** Access is by boat only.

**Program Potential:** ☐ Game Land      ☒ Wildlife Conservation Area      ☐ Fishing Access Area

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

State Wildlife Grant Program (50% federal: 50% state)

**Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):**

25 of 25

**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition ☐ Defer ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

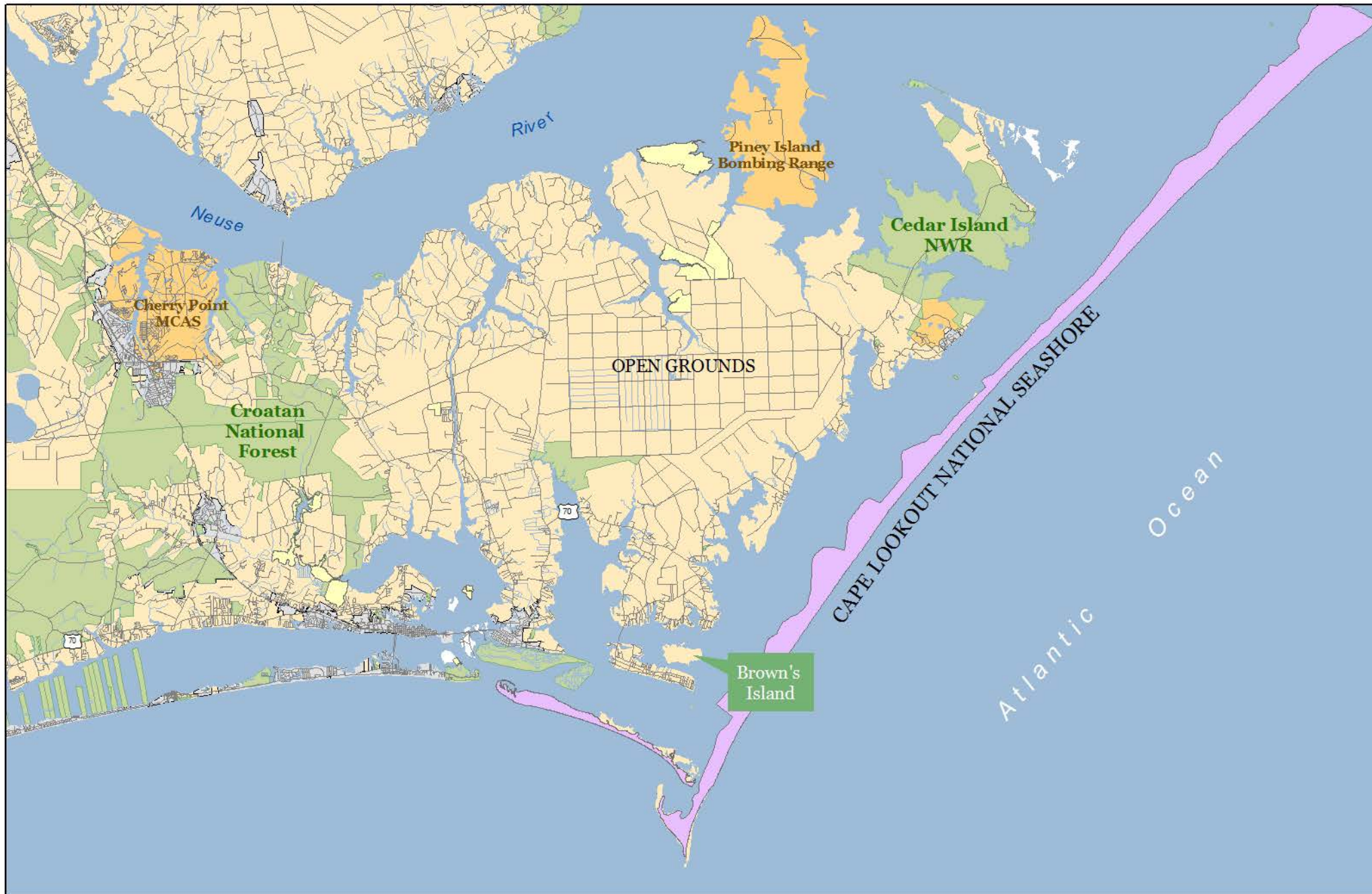
**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

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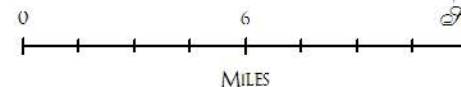
## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Focal Area)	Brown's Island Tract 1 – Carteret 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.	5
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	5
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	5
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	5
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.	NA
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
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	Yes
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)?	NA
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	NA
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	25





## General Location of Brown's Island Carteret County, NC



State Plane North Carolina, NAD 1983  
Map produced: November 2009  
This map is for informational purposes and was not prepared for, and is not suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. Users of this information should review or consult the primary data and information sources to ascertain the usability of the information.



# Brown's Island Carteret County

aerial 2010



## Owners by Tract Number

- #1- NC Coastal Land Trust
- #2- NC Coastal Land Trust
- #3-Julian Brown
- #4-NC WRC
- #5-NC WRC
- #6-NC WRC
- #7-NC WRC
- #8-Jonas Kaszas
- #9-Jo Anne Valentine Brooks
- #10-Benjamin and Joanne Brooks



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# EXHIBIT I-2

February 27, 2014

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Gordon Warburton, David Stewart, Mike Carraway

**Date First Presented to WRC:** February 27, 2014

**Tract Name:** Silvers Tract

**Acreage:** 728

**County:** Haywood

**Estimated Value:** \$ 1,800,000 Staff Estimate (approximately \$ 2,473/acre)

**Property Owner or Representative:** Robert Williams

**Phone:** (828) 926-1177

**Address:** 157 Indian Creek Rd., Maggie Valley NC 28751

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☐ Clean Water Management Trust Fund

☒ OTHER (explain): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75%) and WRC funds (25%)

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** WRC acquisition of this tract will compliment conservation ownership of other protected properties in the immediate area such as the Great Smokey Mountains National Park (adjacent), Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests and the Cherokee Indian Reservation. In a broader sense, WRC acquisition will help ensure ecosystem integrity at the landscape scale by increasing connectivity of lands in conservation ownership.

Management objectives will focus on continuing and/or expanding elk monitoring and research in Western NC. WRC ownership will ensure that critical elk habitat is conserved, and will also provide areas for WRC staff to conduct elk research and monitoring projects. WRC ownership will also provide opportunities to create early successional habitat, which is also a priority wildlife habitat.

The entire tract is forested in Appalachian oak and Appalachian cove forests. Commons wildlife species found on the tract include wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer, gray squirrel, ruffed grouse, as well as various songbirds, salamanders and small mammals.

**Additional Comments:** The Silvers Tract is bordered on the north by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Currently, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission does not have any public lands inhabited by elk that can be managed for elk. One of the major obstacles to elk management in North Carolina (outside of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park) is finding public lands that are suitable for development as elk habitat and for eventual use as a public hunting area for elk if a hunting season is established at some point in the future. There are a few areas on National Forest lands that are currently used by elk (occasionally), but those lands cannot be managed for elk under the current management restrictions of the US Forest Service.

The goal of this purchase is to acquire a tract of public land that already has elk on it (and in close proximity to it) that can be managed as elk habitat. Because of the lack of public access (unless additional land is purchased to provide public access) the property will not be suitable as a traditional game land or as an elk viewing area. It will be managed almost exclusively as an elk habitat management area. Funding for the property will need to come from sources that do not restrict development of elk habitat.

The Silvers Tract does have potential for elk habitat development. There are many logging roads that can be seeded with elk forage grasses and there are numerous logging decks (10+) that can be developed into small wildlife openings, ranging in size from 0.5 acres to 2 acres. The property is very steep and there does not appear to be any potential for developing large fields for elk habitat (5-10 acres).

The property under consideration is not adjacent to any public roads. The current owner does own additional land that can provide administrative access to the property and has indicated his willingness to include access rights as part of a sale. However, public access to the property would have to be acquired through the purchase of additional parcels.

**Program Potential:** ☐ Game Land      ☒ Wildlife Conservation Area      ☐ Fishing Access Area

**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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**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition      ☐ Defer      ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes      ☐ No

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## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name      Silvers Tract – Haywood County

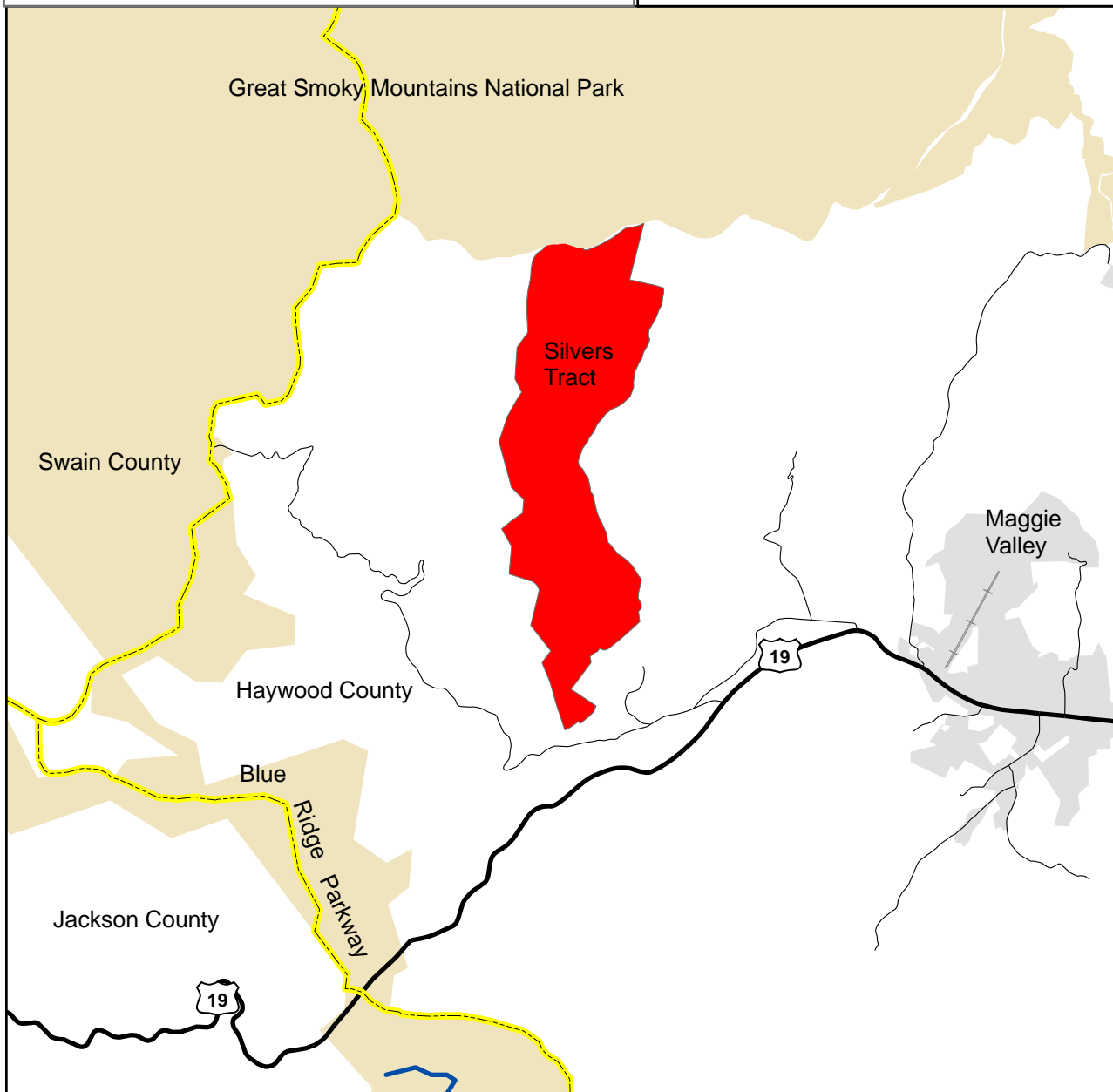
Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent   1=Poor
1.   Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>3</u>
2.   Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>3</u>
3.   No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>2</u>
4.   Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>4</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>4</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>NA</u>
9.   Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u>21</u>



# Silvers Tract

## Haywood County

### 728 Acres

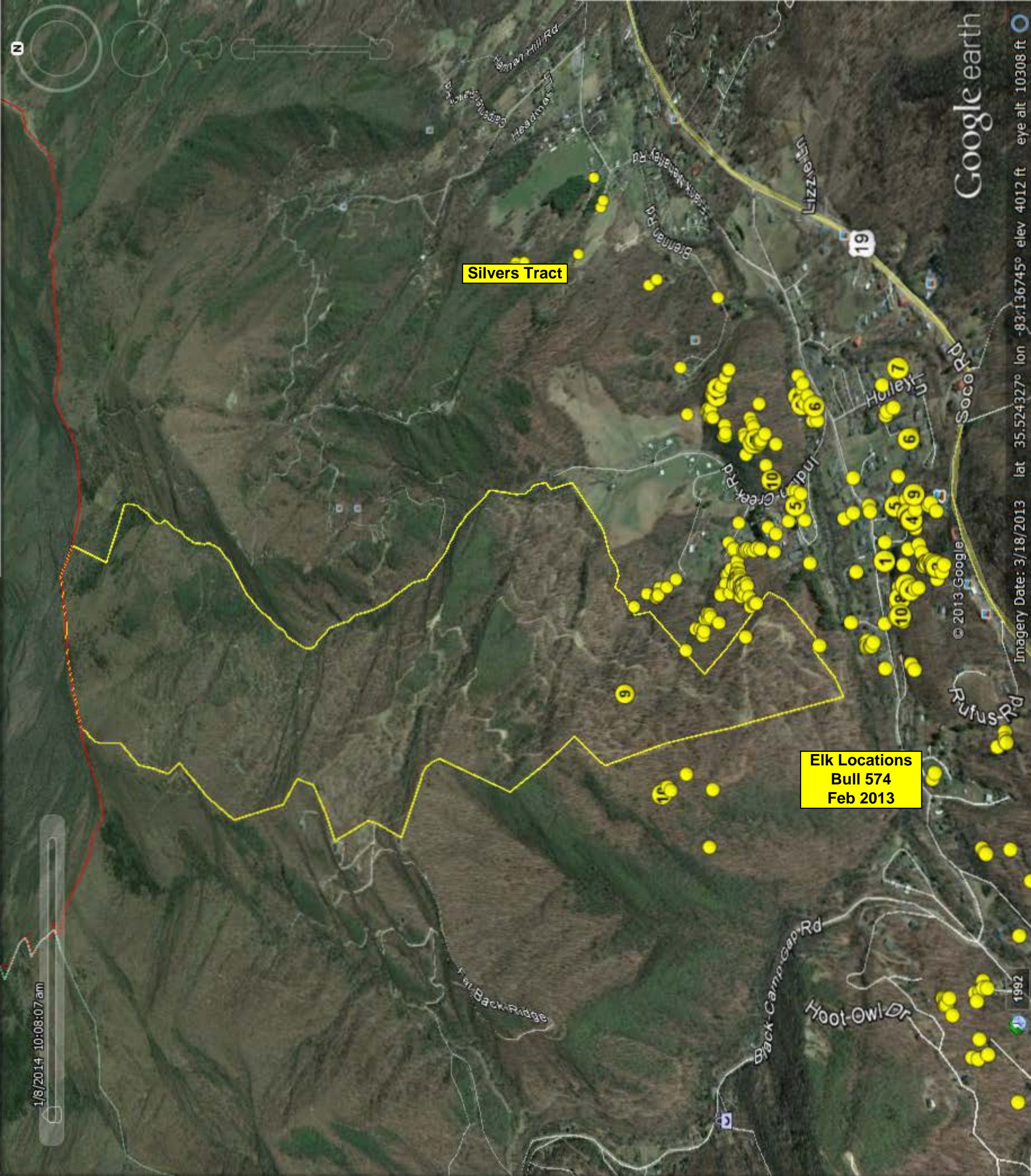


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Silvers Tract

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# EXHIBIT I-3

February 27, 2014

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Jeff Marcus, Brady Beck

**Date First Presented to WRC:** February 27, 2014

**Tract Name:** Sassafras Timber LLC Tract

**Acreage:** 1,314

**County:** Scotland

**Estimated Value:** \$ 2,299,500 Staff Estimate (\$1750/ac)

**Property Owner or Representative:** Sassafras Timber, LLC; Don J. Chastain, Regional Investment Manager – Eastern Region; Timberland Investment Resources, LLC

**Phone:** (704) 543-5005 **Email:** [chastain@tirllc.com](mailto:chastain@tirllc.com)

**Address:** 14045 Ballantyne Corporate Place, Suite 375, Charlotte, NC 28277

**Status:** ☒ High Interest ☐ Moderate Interest ☐ Low Interest ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☒ Clean Water Management Trust Fund

☒ OTHER (explain): Army Compatible Use Buffer Program (50%), USFWS Section 6 Endangered Species Grant

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** This property contains young longleaf pine with an understory dominated by varying amounts of wiregrass. Portions of the tract include older longleaf and lush wiregrass. The property is adjacent to Block B of Sandhills Game Land and acquisition will protect existing game land from incompatible land uses which could negatively impact hunting and prescribed burning. Game species include wild turkey, northern bobwhite, fox squirrel, and white-tail deer. Rare species documented on or near the tract include red-cockaded woodpecker, southern hognose snake, Bachman's sparrow, pine snake, and star nose mole, among many others. If plans proceed for a wetland creation project on the southern end of Block B, this tract could provide non-breeding habitat for gopher frog.

**Additional Comments:** The tract is part of a larger initiative to buffer and connect important blocks of Sandhills Game Land. Restoring habitat connectivity between blocks B and C of Sandhills Game Land has been identified as one of the top land acquisition priorities in the draft Sandhills Game Land Management Plan, the NC Sandhills Conservation Partnership's Conservation Plan, and the Sandhills Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Recovery Plan. The US Army conducts many training activities on Block B and has an interest in buffering and expanding existing training lands. Creating a connective corridor from Block B to C will open up additional training opportunities on land contiguous with Camp Mackall.



**Program Potential:** ☒ Game Land (Sandhills) ☐ Wildlife Conservation Area ☐ Fishing Access Area

**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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**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition ☐ Defer ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

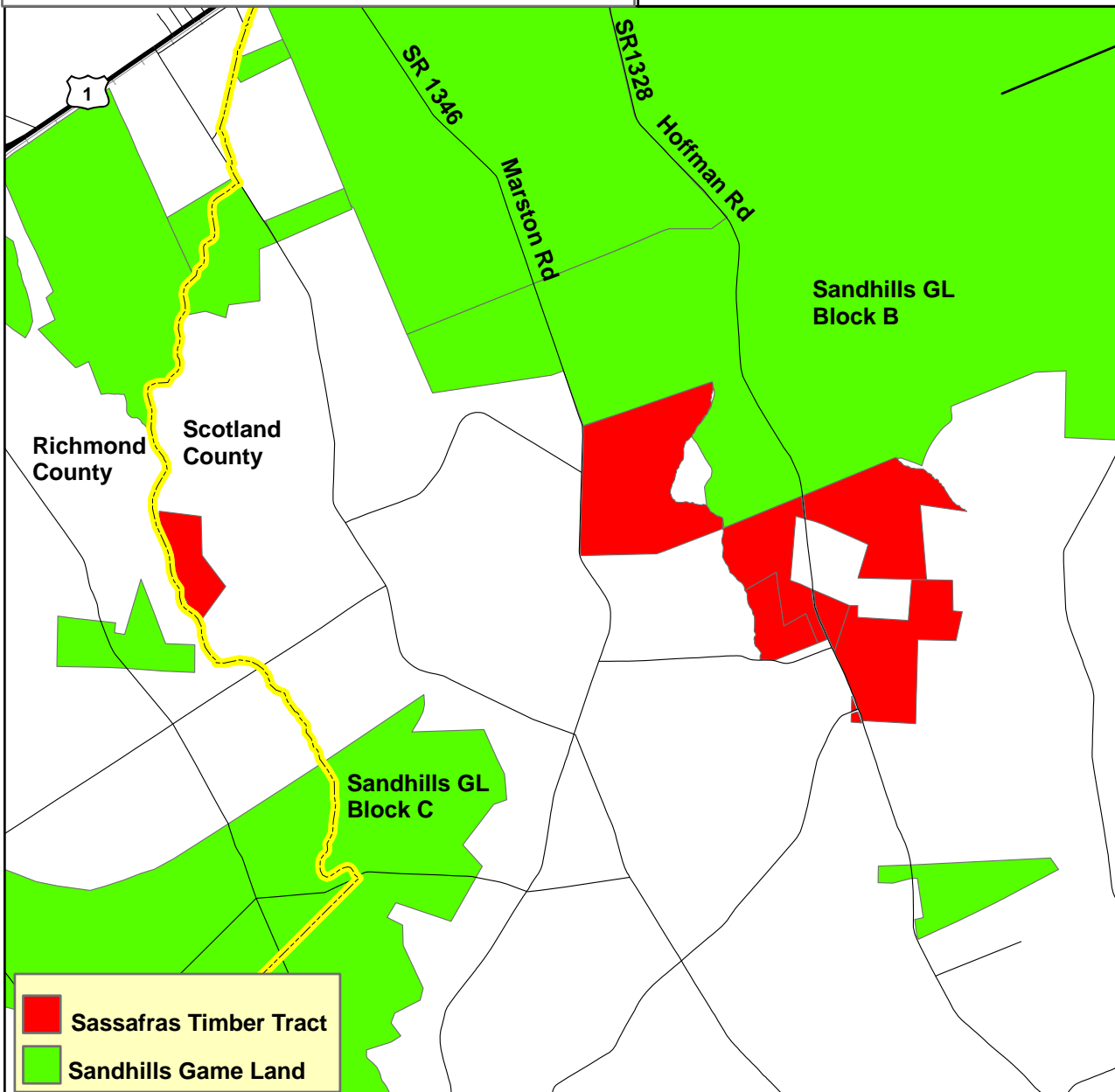
# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Sandhills GL) Sassafras Tract – Scotland 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>4</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>NA</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>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u>29</u>

# Sassafras Timber Tracts Sandhills Game Land Scotland County 1,314 Acres



# EXHIBIT I-4

February 27, 2014

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Doug Besler

**Date First Presented to WRC:** February 27, 2014

**Tract Name:** Mitchell River – Olinger Tract  
Parcel ID # 495700765727; Deed Book 00777, Page 0824

**Acreage:** 1,009 acres in entire parcel; 50 acres adjacent to river (200 foot-wide buffer encompassing length of river through approximately 2 miles of property)

**County:** Surry

**Estimated Value:** \$ 2,383,900 Tax Value (approximately \$ 2,363/acre)

**Property Owner or Representative:** Olinger Farm LP

**Phone:** To be determined

**Address:** 7711 Twisted Oak Circle, Dallas TX 75231

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☒ Clean Water Management Trust Fund  
☒ OTHER (explain): WRC funds or private land conservancy

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** This proposed transaction involves either fee purchase or easement to provide perpetual angling access to the portion of Mitchell River currently managed by the WRC as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters. Given the quality of habitat and proximity to several major piedmont urban centers, Mitchell River receives considerable fishing pressure throughout the trout fishing season. Access is controlled primarily by one landowner, which greatly simplifies the process of acquiring property or access rights. Control of the property is currently being transferred to heirs of the previous owner, making this an opportune time to resume discussions regarding permanent public fishing access. Additionally, the property is nearly contiguous with the eastern-most portion of Mitchell River Game Land, making it a prime candidate for inclusion in the Game Land Program.

**Additional Comments:** There is direct road access to the property from SR 1330 and SR 1333

**Program Potential:** ☒ Game Land      ☐ Wildlife Conservation Area      ☒ Fishing Access Area

**Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):**  
Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program Grants (75% federal: 25% state)

**Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):**

25 of 30

**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition ☐ Defer ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

# WORKSHEET

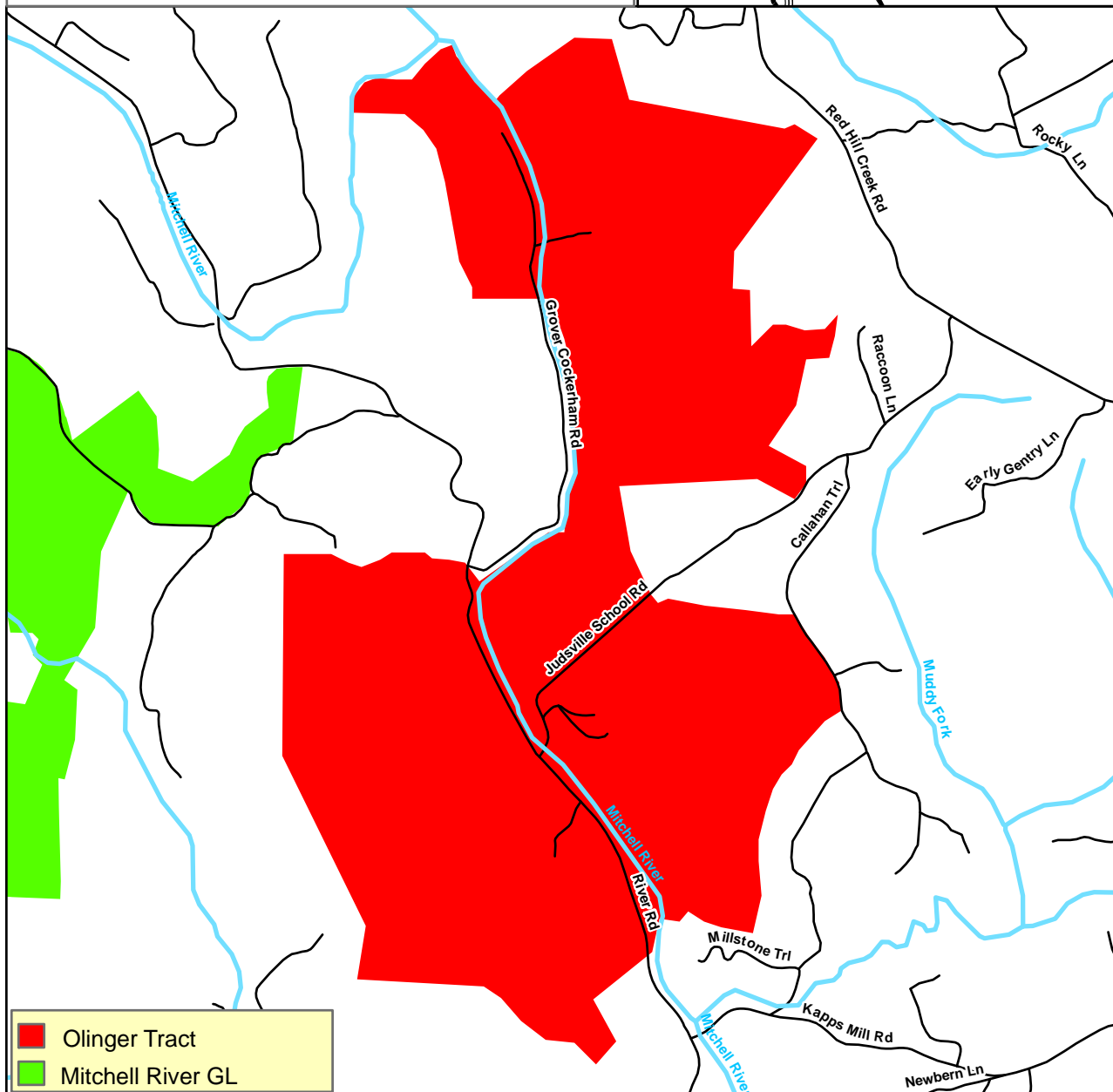
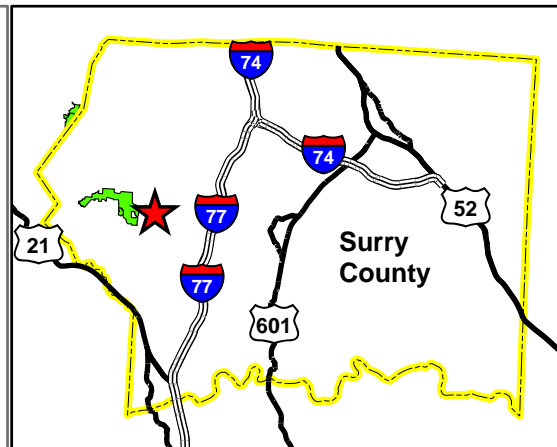
## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name Mitchell River Olinger Tract – Surry 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>4</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>4</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>4</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>4</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>4</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>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>Yes</u>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u>25</u>



# Olinger Tract Mitchell River Surry County 1,009 Acres



February 18, 2014

0 0.5 1 Miles



# EXHIBIT J-1

February 27, 2014

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

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**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** March 14, 2013

**Tract:** Sherrill Tract; Ashe County, 205 Acres

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

Clean Water Management Trust Fund (WRC) \$ 861,000

Total Cost: \$ 861,000 (\$ 4,200/Acre)

**Based on Appraisal:** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**If Yes, Name of Appraiser:**

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Tim Carter	06/15/2013	\$ 779,000 (3,800/Acre)
WRC	Shaun McNeil	10/02/2013	\$ 943,000 (4,600/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)**

<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:</b>	\$:	18,680
<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:</b>	\$:	0

**Additional Comments:** NA

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

STEWARDSHIP					
Tract Name	Estimated Stewardship Expenditures				
	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Sherrill Tract	Boundary Survey/Establishment	6,344	ft.	\$ 1.25	\$ 7,930.00
	Construct Public Parking Area	1	ea.	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00
	Install Gate	1	ea.	\$ 750	\$ 750.00
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 18,680.00</b>

REVENUE					
Tract Name	Estimated Revenue Projections				
	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Sherrill Tract	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ -</b>

# North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

## Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Gordon Warburton/Kip Hollifield

**Date First Presented to WRC:** First presented to WRC 2/11/2009 but unable to acquire at that time due to a backlog of available tracts and funding limitations. The tract was again offered to WRC in December 2012.

**Tract Name:** Sherrill Tract

**Acreage:** 205 acres

**County:** Ashe

**Estimated Value:** estimated value is \$500,000 - \$700,000 (not based on appraisal – landowner willing to negotiate)

**Property Owner or Representative:** Anderson Sherrill (estate trust from late brother)

**Phone:** 704-873-4945 (home)  
704-402-6630 (cell)

**Address:**

3209 Deauville PL  
Statesville, NC 28625

**Status:** ☒ High Interest      ☐ Moderate Interest      ☐ Low Interest      ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☒ NHTF      ☒ CWMTF

☒ OTHER (explain): possible private donations via The Nature Conservancy

### Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

Acquisition of this property is significant as part of the total management project being carried out by governmental agencies and NGOs in the Three Top Mountain area. WRC ownership of the tract will help ensure ecosystem integrity of the area by increasing connectivity of lands in conservation ownership such as Three Top Mtn. and Pond Mtn. Game Lands, Mount Jefferson and New River State Parks, and various private holdings that are in conservation ownership or have conservation easements that are located in the vicinity. WRC ownership will reduce land fragmentation as well.

Management objectives will include restoring or maintaining the oak forest and cove forest priority wildlife habitats that are located on the tract. WRC ownership may provide opportunities to create some early successional habitat as well, which is also a priority wildlife habitat. Public recreational opportunities will include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained. The

entire tract is forested with Appalachian oak, Appalachian cove, and dry-mesic oak forests predominant. Common wildlife species found on the tract include wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer, gray squirrel, ruffed grouse as well as various songbirds, salamanders, and small mammals. The tract is part of the nationally significant Three Top Mountain Natural Heritage Area.

**Additional Comments:**

Acquisition of the Sherrill tract would solidify WRC ownership of Three Top Mtn. GL at its eastern end. Saddle Gap Rd. (SR 1194) would provide direct access to the tract and indirectly provide access to a portion of Three Top Mtn. GL that currently has no reasonable public access. Acquisition of the Sherrill tract would in effect provide access to approximately 500 acres of Three Top Mtn. GL that currently has no public access. There is room for a small parking area adjacent to an existing gravel road that runs across the tract which provides access to an adjacent property/house. The access road and potential parking area lie within the outer portion of a 300 foot stream buffer. If CWMTF funds are used for purchase of the stream buffer area, the establishment of a parking area would be subject to CWMTF approval.

There are approximately 2,163 feet of streams on the Sherrill tract, with a corresponding 63 acres of stream buffer.

**Program Potential:** ☒ Game Land - Three Top Mountain Game Land Addition

☐ 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):**

27

**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition   ☐ Defer   ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes   ☐ No



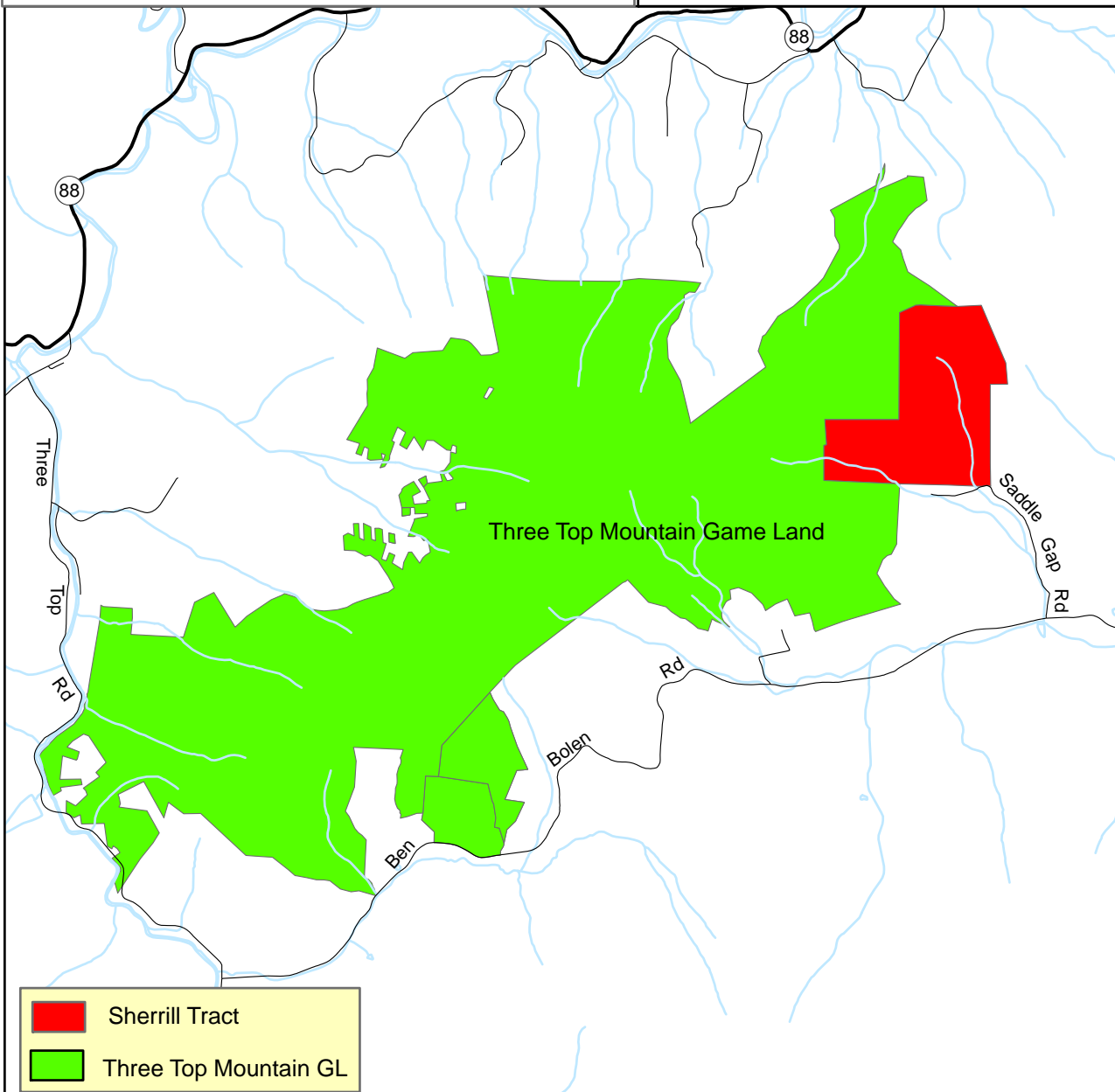
# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Three Top Mountain GL) Sherrill Tract – Ashe 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>4</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>4</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>4</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</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>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u>27</u>

# Sherrill Tract Three Top Mountain GL Ashe County 205 Acres



February 22, 2013

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



# EXHIBIT J-2

February 27, 2014

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** May 17, 2013

**Tract:** Birkhead Tract; Randolph County, 288 Acres

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

Clean Water Management Trust Fund (WRC) \$ 192,000  
NC Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation \$ 20,000

Total Cost: \$ 212,000 (\$736/Acre)

The Birkhead Tract was originally purchased by the Land Trust for Central NC at \$1.3 mil using \$900,000 from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and \$400,000 in private funds.

**Based on Appraisal:** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**If Yes, Name of Appraiser:**

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
LTCNC	Timothy Ragan	06/06/2006	\$ 1,305,000 (4,531/Acre)
LTCNC	Scott Robinson	06/07/2007	\$ 1,305,000 (4,531/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)**

<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:</b>	\$:	8,405
<b>Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:</b>	\$:	0

**Additional Comments:** NA

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

STEWARDSHIP					
Tract Name	Estimated Stewardship Expenditures				
	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Birkhead Tract	Boundary Development (Paint/Sign)	4.5	mi.	\$ 150	\$ 675.00
	Entrance Kiosk	1	ea.	\$ 500	\$ 500.00
	Install Gate	1	ea.	\$ 750	\$ 750.00
	Install Fire Breaks	2.2	mi.	\$ 200	\$ 440.00
	Prescribe Burn	9	ac.	\$ 60	\$ 540.00
	Herbicide	2	ac.	\$ 250	\$ 500.00
	Construct Public Parking Area	1	ea.	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000.00
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 8,405.00</b>

REVENUE					
Tract Name	Estimated Revenue Projections				
	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Birkhead Tract	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ -</b>

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

**-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-**

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Kacy Cook  
Land Conservation Biologist  
Phone: (910) 638-4887  
Email: kacy.cook@ncwildlife.org

**Date First Presented to WRC:** May 17, 2013

**Tract Name:** Birkhead

**Acreage:** 288

**County:** Randolph

**Estimated Value:** The Land Trust for Central NC (LTCNC) previously purchased the tract for \$1.3 mil with funding from the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund (\$900K) and a private donation (\$400K). The charitable benefit of the private contribution was secured in 2009. The donor is aware and supportive of the proposed sell to WRC. LTCNC has indicated they wish to sell the tract to WRC for \$200,000.

**Property Owner or Representative:** Land Trust for Central NC (LTCNC) (Crystal Cockman or Jason Walser)

**Phone:** 336-633-0143

**Address:** PO Box 4284, Salisbury, NC 28145

**Status:** ☒ High Interest    ☐ Moderate Interest    ☐ Low Interest    ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☒ NHTF    ☒ CWMTF

☒ OTHER (explain): National Wild Turkey Federation

**Preliminary Assessment of Potential 5-Year Stewardship Expenditures:** Anticipated stewardship expenditures over the first five years post-acquisition include marking and maintaining property boundaries, upgrading existing interior road, placement of culverts to improve stream crossings, construction of a public parking area, maintenance of a 1-mile linear wildlife opening, and initiating a prescribed burning regime. Total 5-year costs are not anticipated to exceed \$180,000.

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** This tract is adjacent to the eastern side of the Uwharrie National Forest Birkhead Wilderness. It is dominated by contiguous oak-hickory forest and provides hunting opportunities for deer, turkey, and squirrel. The headwater streams on the tract flow into streams that contain Significant Aquatic Natural Heritage Areas and the Carolina Creekshell (E, FSC) and the Eastern Creekshell (State Rare) mussel. The tract contains four-toed salamanders, spotted salamanders and marbled salamanders and has a number of floodplain pools along the streams. The eastern oak hickory forest on the tract is a Significant Natural Heritage Area of "Moderate" Significance. Other priority species documented on the tract are the hooded warbler and red-headed woodpecker. A reclaimed dirt road has been planted to native warm season grasses.

**Additional Comments:** The tract has frontage on High Pines Church Rd. SR-1143 and there is an unnamed dirt road that runs from High Pines Church Road half-way through the tract. This tract would provide the only public access to the eastern side of the Birkhead Wilderness area portion of Uwharrie National Forest (UNF) Game Lands. The tract also provides habitat connectivity to UNF Game Lands to the east. Purchase of this tract would allow public access, hunting and habitat management which LTCNC have expressed they cannot provide.

Hunting opportunities on the tract include deer, turkey, and small game.

**Program Potential:** ☒ Game Land - Uwharrie Game Land Addition

☐ 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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**Recommendation:** ☒ Pursue Acquisition    ☐ Defer      ☐ Do not Pursue Acquisition

**Map Attached:** ☒ Yes      ☐ No



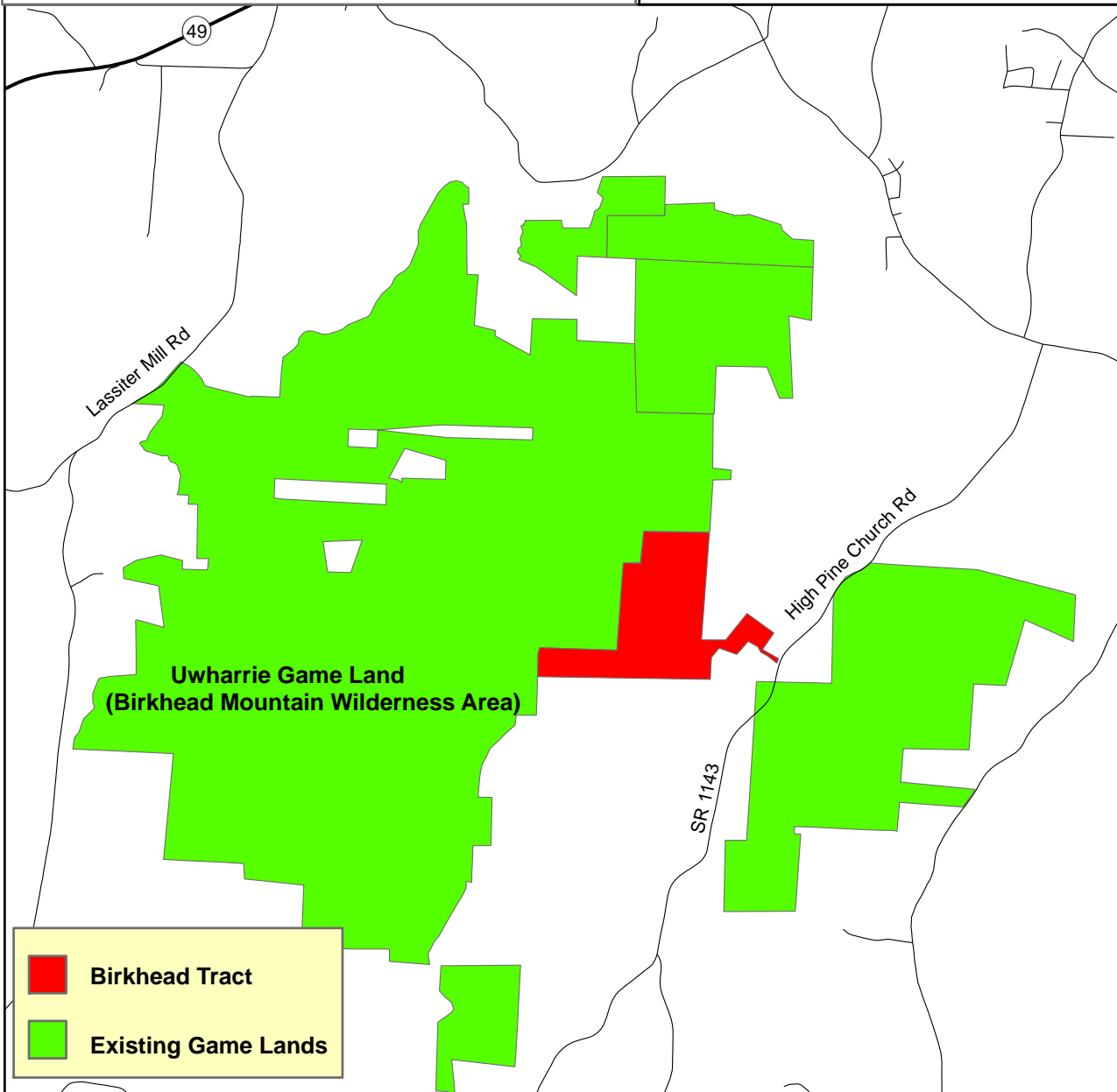
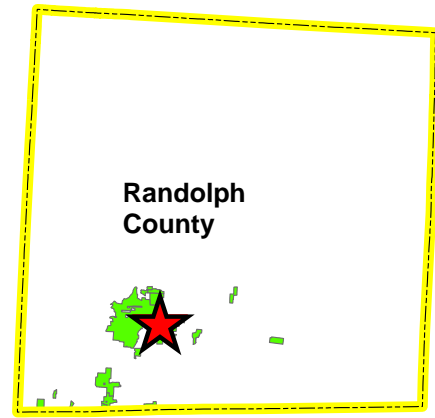
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## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

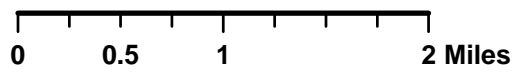
Tract Name (Uwharrie GL) Birkhead Tract

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>NA</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>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u>30</u>

# Birkhead Tract Randolph County 288 Acres



April 21, 2013



# EXHIBIT J-3

February 27, 2014

## North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

### -PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

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**WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date):** March 14, 2013

**Tract:** Harrison Tract; Martin County, 259.40 Acres

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

Clean Water Management Trust Fund (WRC)	\$ 300,000
WRC Funds	\$ 25,000
Total Cost:	\$ 325,000 (\$ 1,253/Acre)

**Based on Appraisal:** ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA

**If Yes, Name of Appraiser:**

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Michael Moody	05/08/2013	\$ 325,000 (1,253/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:	\$:	36,890
Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:	\$:	4,375

**Additional Comments:** NA

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

STEWARDSHIP					
Tract Name	Estimated Stewardship Expenditures				
	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
<b>Harrison Tract</b>	Remove Boundary	2.0	mi.	\$135.00	\$ 270.00
	Establish New Boundary	0.9	mi.	\$150.00	\$ 135.00
	Maintain Boundary	0.9	mi.	\$135.00	\$ 121.50
	Grade and Gravel Existing Access Road	0.6	mi.	\$60,606.00	\$ 36,363.00
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 36,889.50</b>

REVENUE					
Tract Name	Estimated Revenue Projections				
	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
<b>Harrison Tract</b>	Agricultural Lease	25.0	ac.	35.00/ac./yr.	\$ 4,375
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 4,375</b>

*\*Farm lease rate based on current lease.*

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

**-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-**

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**WRC Staff Contact:** Dale J. Davis/Tommy K. Hughes

**Date First Presented to WRC:** 3/14/2013

**Tract Name:** Harrison Heirs Tract

**Acreage:** 259.40

**County:** Martin

**Estimated Value:** \$ 350,000 asking price

**Property Owner or Representative:** Eddie Vanderford, Owner-Vanderford Real Estate

**Phone:** (W) 252-714-5016; (C) 252-714-5016

**Address:** P.O. Box 910, Robersonville, N.C. 27871

**Status:** ☒ High Interest ☐ Moderate Interest ☐ Low Interest ☐ No Interest

**Grant Potential:** ☒ NHTF ☒ CWMTF

☐ OTHER (explain):

**Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):** Property is an inholding located adjacent to the Conoho Farms Tract of Lower Roanoke River Game Land in Martin County. The tract has been in the Harrison family for many years. The tract is approximately 40 acres of agricultural fields, 40 acres of thinned pines approximately 20 yrs. old, and the remaining 179 acres is comprised of bottomland hardwoods with most of this are being clearcut in the past 3 years. There are a few acres of drains and streamside management zones that are left intact of bottomland hardwood trees such as Gum and Cypress. The property contains a high population of deer and wild turkey and the cutover bottomland provides an excellent wintering and feeding area for migratory waterfowl. Neo-tropical migrant songbirds are also abundant on this tract. This tract is of high importance to NCWRC due to being an inholding and would provide greater connectivity to our current holdings. The Conoho Farms tract is included in our Permit Hunts Program and offers excellent hunting opportunities to sportsmen. NCWRC Wildlife Action Plan Priority habitats and species are present on this property and adjacent property. According to

Natural Heritage database data, this area and surrounding areas either provides or has potential to provide Colonial Wading Bird Colonies for Egrets and Herons. There are 3 vascular plants (Crowfoot Sedge, Catchfly Cutgrass, and Smooth Hedge-Nettle) that contain a Global and State rank in this area. The Southeastern Myotis is found in this area, which has a status of “Federal Species of Concern”. This area also provides habitat for the Cerulean Warbler, which also is a “Federal Species of Concern”.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the CPT Biodiversity index averaged a score of 8 out of 10 (10 is highest possible score). The Natural Heritage Biodiversity Wetlands score also averages 8 out of a possible 10. The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function and connectivity. Areas that support this level of species richness should be targeted for protection.

**Additional Comments:**

**Program Potential:** ☒ Game Land-Lower Roanoke River Game Land Addition

☐ 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



# WORKSHEET

## Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

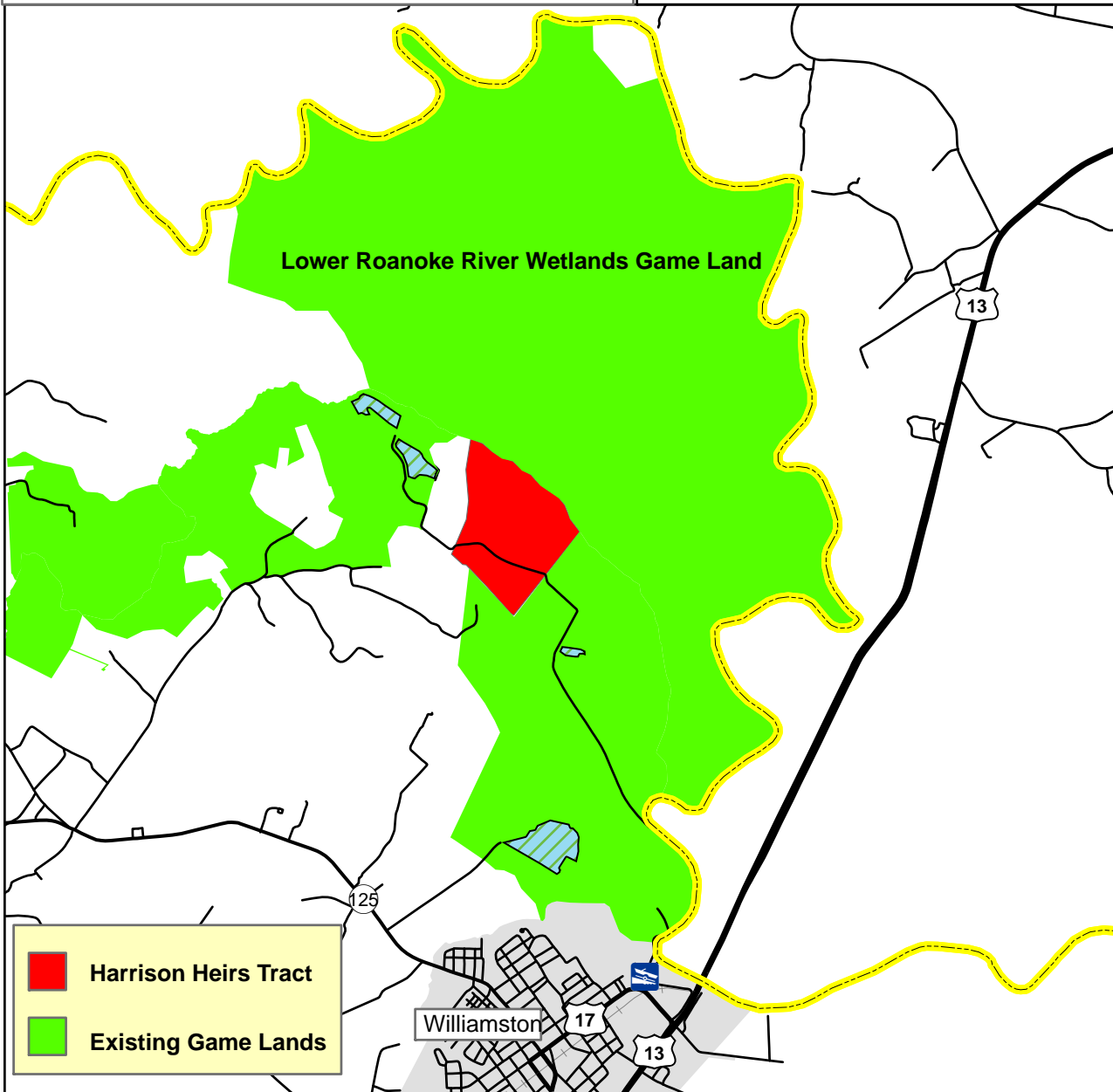
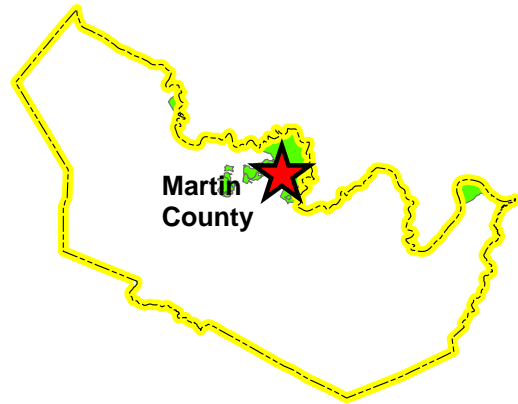
Tract Name (Lower Roanoke River GL) Harrison Heirs Tract - Martin County

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>N/A</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>N/A</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>N/A</u>
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<u>30</u>

# Harrison Heirs Tract

## Martin County

259 Acres



February 27, 2013

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



# EXHIBIT K

February 27, 2014



## ⊠ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ⊠

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January 17, 2014

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Erik Christofferson, Chief  
Division of Engineering and Lands Management

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Program Manager  
Lands Management Section

SUBJECT: Ms. Janice Robertson Access Easement Request  
Sandhills Game Land – Scotland County

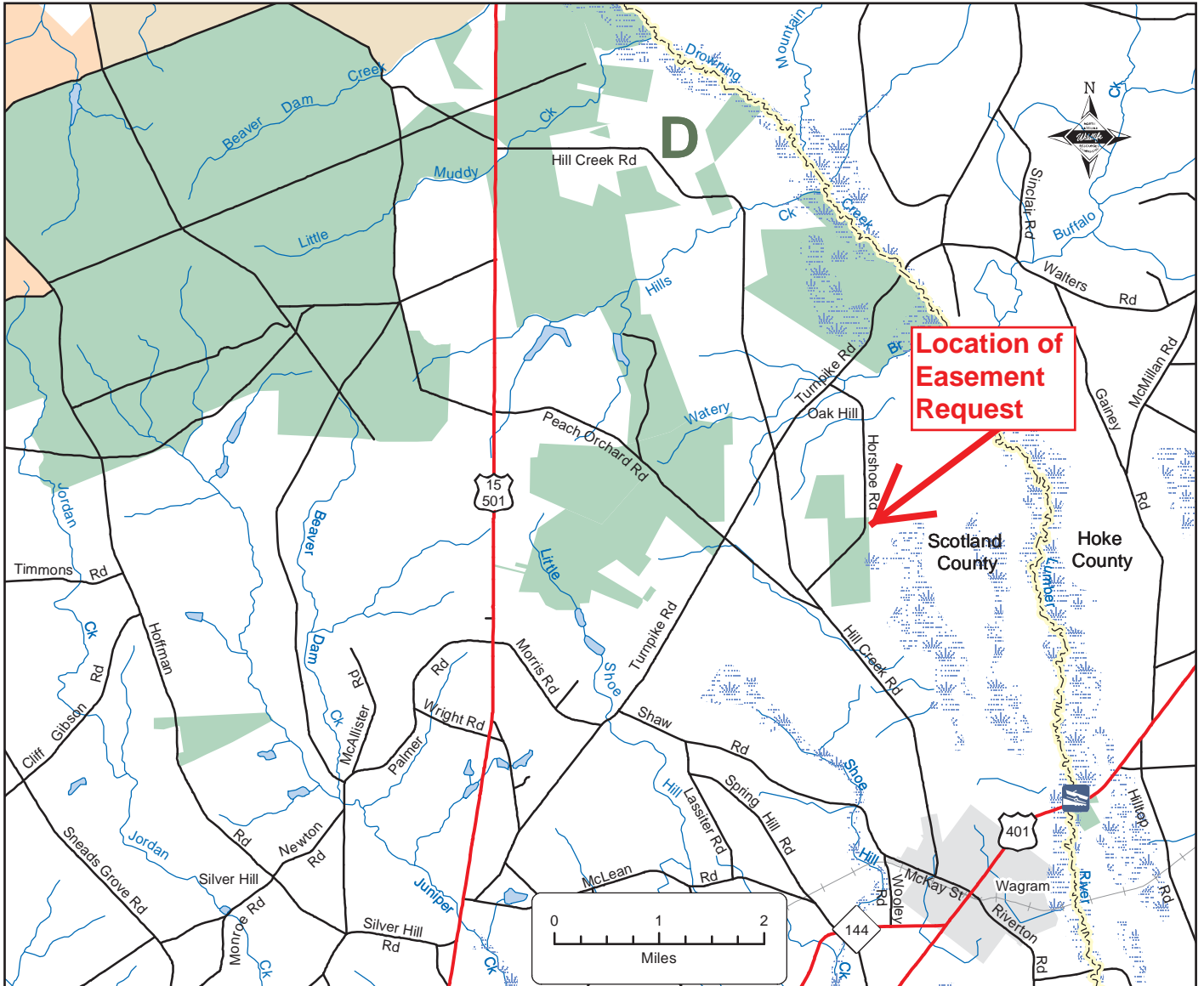
Ms. Janice Robertson owns a 57 acre property adjacent to Sandhills Game Land in Scotland County which currently has no deeded access. The current access is an existing game land road that turns east from SR 1413 (Horseshoe Road) and continues through game land for a distance of approximately 150 feet to the Robertson boundary.

To facilitate selling the property, a legal easement approximating the footprint of the existing game land road has been requested. A 15 foot X 150 foot easement totals approximately 0.05 acres. Based on the limited scope and impact, staff has identified no cause to object. I concur and recommend seeking WRC approval to request assistance from the State Property Office to determine fair market value and negotiate sale of the easement.

Division of Engineering and Lands Management  
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

## SANDHILLS GAME LAND (continued)

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission,  
Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland Counties



EASEMENT REQUEST  
SANDHILLS GAME LAND (SCOTLAND COUNTY)



# EXHIBIT L

February 27, 2014

## Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Game Land Regulations for 2014-2015

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
G1	Designate open hours and days for shooting ranges by posting signs at each shooting range and apply range restrictions to ranges that occur on game lands which are not state-owned.	54 :Agree 22 :Disagree	53 :Online 18 :Comment Card 5 :Letter/Email
G2	Make the Lick Creek tract of Alcoa Game Land in Davidson County an archery-only area for deer hunting.	54 :Agree 15:Disagree	52 :Online 13 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email
G3	Allow overnight primitive camping year-round in a designated camping area along the Mountains-to-Sea Trail on the Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham County.	51 :Agree 9 :Disagree	46 :Online 10 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email
G4	Designate Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County as a six-day-per-week game land and allow dog hunting for deer and bear on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays only, and as otherwise authorized by permit on the Bear Garden tract.	66 :Agree 443 :Disagree	474 :Online 28 :Comment Card 7 :Letter/Email
G5	Relax access restrictions on the Parker Farm tract of Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties by eliminating permit requirements after January 1, except for turkey.	37 :Agree 12 :Disagree	34 :Online 12 :Comment Card 3 :Letter/Email
G6	Allow hunting deer with dogs on Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only.	39 :Agree 21:Disagree	39 :Online 17:Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email
O	Propose a Regulation (Game Lands).		24 :Online 8 :Comment Card 6 :Letter/Email



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# EXHIBIT M

February 27, 2014

## PROPOSED CHANGES IN GAME LAND MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR 2014-2015 AND RULE TEXT FOR COMMISSION ACTION

- G1) Designate open hours and days for shooting ranges by posting signs at each shooting range and apply range restrictions to ranges that occur on game lands which are not state-owned.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use (page 5)*
- G2) Make the Lick Creek tract of Alcoa Game Land in Davidson County an archery-only area for deer hunting.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 7)*
- G3) Allow overnight primitive camping year-round in a designated camping area along the Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST) on the Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham County.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 9)*
- G4) ~~Designate Holly Shelter Game Land as a six day per week game land and allow dog hunting for deer and bear on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays only, and as otherwise authorized by permit on the Bear Garden Tract.~~  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 12)*
- G5) Relax access restrictions on the Parker Farm Tract of the Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties by eliminating permit requirements after January 1, except for turkey.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 12)*
- G6) Allow hunting deer with dogs on Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County on Tuesdays, Thursdays and ~~Fridays~~ Saturdays only.  
*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*  
*15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands (page 18)*

**15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE**

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

- (1) Archery Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Archery Zones" hunting is limited to bow and arrow hunting and falconry only. On these areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of any applicable deer season.
- (2) Safety Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Safety Zones" hunting is prohibited. No person shall hunt or discharge a firearm or bow and arrow within, into, or across a posted safety zone on any game land. Falconry is exempt from this provision.
- (3) Restricted Firearms Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Firearms Zones" the use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- (4) Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission. Entry shall be authorized only when such entry will not compromise the primary purpose for establishing the Restricted Zone and the person or persons requesting entry can demonstrate a valid need or such person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public interest.
- (5) Temporary Restricted Zone. Portions of game lands posted as "Temporary Restricted Zones" are closed to all use by the general public, and entry upon such an area for any purpose is prohibited without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission. An area of a game land shall be declared a Temporary Restricted Zone when there is a danger to the health or welfare of the public due to topographical features or activities occurring on the area.
- (6) Scouting-only Zone. On portions of the game lands posted as "Scouting-only Zones" the discharge of firearms or bow and arrow is prohibited.

The Commission shall conduct a public input meeting in the area where the game land is located before establishing any archery, restricted firearms or restricted zone. After the input meeting the public comments shall be presented to an official Commission meeting for final determination.

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

(c) Use of weapons. No person shall discharge:

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

No person shall hunt with or have in possession any shotgun shell containing lead or toxic shot while hunting on any posted waterfowl impoundment on any game land, except shotgun shells containing lead buckshot may be used while deer hunting. Every individual carrying a concealed handgun must adhere to the requirements set forth in G.S. 14-415.11, even if the state issuing the concealed handgun permit is not North Carolina. On Buckhorn, Butner-Falls of Neuse, Chatham, Harris, Hyco, Jordan, Kerr Scott, Lee, Mayo, Sutton Lake, and Vance game lands and Pee Dee River Game Land north of U.S 74, and that portion of R. Wayne Bailey- Caswell Game Land that is located north of U.S. 158 and east of N.C. 119, no person shall possess a firearm during closed hunting seasons or closed hunting days for game birds or game animals, except under the following conditions:

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

(d) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

(1) Requirement. Except as provided in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, any person entering upon any game land for the purpose of hunting, trapping, or participating in dog training or field trial activities shall have in his possession a game lands license in addition to the appropriate hunting or trapping licenses. A field trial participant is defined as a judge, handler, scout or owner. (2)

Exceptions

- (A) A person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or legal guardian.
- (B) The resident and nonresident sportsman's licenses include game lands use privileges.
- (C) Judges and nonresidents participating in field trials under the circumstances set forth in Paragraph (e) of this Rule may do so without the game lands license.
- (D) On the game lands described in Rule .0103(e)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is required only for hunting doves; all other activities are subject to the control of the landowners.

(e) Field Trials and Training Dogs. A person serving as judge of a field trial that, pursuant to a written request from the sponsoring organization, has been authorized in writing and scheduled for occurrence on a game land by an authorized representative of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and any nonresident handler, scout or owner participating therein may participate without procuring a game lands license, provided such nonresident has in his possession a valid hunting license issued by the state of his residence. Any individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial grounds or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility shall file with the Commissions agent an application to use the area and facility accompanied by the facility use fee computed at the rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each scheduled day of the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00 noon of the day preceding the 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 fee shall be paid for all intermediate days on which for any reason trials are not run but the building or facilities are used or occupied. A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day shall be charged to sporting, educational, or scouting groups for scheduled events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or any other entity shall enter or use in any manner any of the physical facilities located on the Laurinburg Fox Trial or the Sandhills Field Trial grounds without first having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and no such entry or use of any such facility shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approval so obtained. The Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources Commission. No more than 16 days of field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during any calendar month, and no more than four days may be scheduled during any calendar week; provided, that a field trial requiring more than four days may be scheduled during one week upon reduction of the maximum number of days allowable during some other week so that the monthly maximum of 16 days is not exceeded. Before October 1 of each year, the North Carolina Field Trial Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities between October 22 and November 18 and between December 3 and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of such use to the Wildlife Resources Commission for its consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field Trial facilities at any time by individuals for training dogs is prohibited; elsewhere on the Sandhills Game Lands dogs may be trained only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from October 1 through April 1. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from April 1 through August 15 on any game land located west of I-95 except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Dogs may not be trained or permitted to run unleashed from March 15 through June 15 on any game land located east of I-95 except when participating in field trials sanctioned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. Additionally, on game lands located west of I-95 where special hunts are scheduled for sportsmen participating in the Disabled Sportsman Program, dogs may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed during legal big game hunting hours on the dates of the special hunts. A field trial shall be authorized when such field trial does not conflict with other planned activities on the Game Land or field trial facilities and the applying organization can demonstrate their experience and expertise in conducting genuine field trial activities. Entry to physical facilities, other than by field trial organizations under permit, shall be granted when they do not conflict with other planned activities previously approved by the Commission and they do not conflict with the primary goals of the agency.

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

- (1) on the field trial course of the Sandhills Game Land;
- (2) in posted "safety zones" located on any game land;
- (3) by the use of bait on the National Forest Lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south, US 276 on the north and east, and NC 215 on the west;

(4) on the John's River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke County; and  
(5) on the Dupont State Forest Game Lands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each program participant may be accompanied by one companion provided such companion has in his possession the companion card issued by the Commission. Hunters who qualify under the Disabled Sportsman Program and their companions may access special hunting blinds for people with disabilities during regularly scheduled, non-permit hunting days on a first come basis, except for those blinds located on the Restricted Area of Caswell Game Land.

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

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

(m) Disabled Access Program. Permits issued under this program shall be based upon medical evidence submitted by the person verifying that a handicap exists that limits physical mobility to the extent that normal utilization of the game lands is not possible without vehicular assistance. Persons meeting this requirement may operate electric wheel chairs, all terrain vehicles, and other passenger vehicles on any Commission-maintained road open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose owners have agreed to such use. Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated in the game land rules and map book. This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or

1 trails planted to wildlife food or cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each  
2 qualified disabled person, may accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is at all  
3 times in visual or verbal contact with the disabled person. The companion may participate in all lawful activities  
4 while assisting a disabled person, provided license requirements are met. Any vehicle used by a qualified disabled  
5 person for access to game lands under this provision shall display the vehicular access permit issued by the Wildlife  
6 Resources Commission in the passenger area of the vehicle where it can easily be seen by Commission staff outside  
7 the vehicle. It is unlawful for anyone other than disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (j) of this Rule and those  
8 holding a Disabled Access Permit to hunt, during waterfowl season, within 100 yards of a waterfowl blind  
9 designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a Disabled Sportsman's hunting blind.

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

14 (o) Definitions: For the purpose of this Subchapter "Permanent Hunting Blind" is defined as any structure that is  
15 used for hunter concealment, constructed from man made or natural materials, and that is not disassembled and  
16 removed at the end of each day's hunt.

17 (p) Shooting Ranges. ~~On state-owned game lands, public shooting ranges,~~ no person shall use designated shooting  
18 ranges for any purpose other than for firearm or bow and arrow marksmanship, development of shooting skills or for  
19 other safe uses of firearms and archery equipment. All other uses, including camping, building fires, operating  
20 concessions or other activities not directly involved with recreational or competitive shooting are prohibited, except  
21 that activities that have been approved by the Commission and for which a permit has been issued may be  
22 conducted, provided that the permit authorizing such activity is available for inspection by wildlife enforcement  
23 officers at the time the activity is taking place. No person, when using any shooting range, shall deposit any debris  
24 or refuse on the grounds of the range. This includes any items used as targets, except that clay targets broken on the  
25 range, by the shooter, may be left on the grounds where they fall. No person shall shoot any items made of glass on  
26 the grounds of the range. No person may leave any vehicle or other obstruction in such a location or position that it  
27 will prevent, impede or inconvenience the use by other persons of any shooting range. No person shall leave parked  
28 any vehicle or other object at any place on the shooting range other than such a place or zone as is designated as an  
29 authorized parking zone and posted or marked as such. No person shall handle any firearms or bow and arrow on a  
30 shooting range in a careless or reckless manner. No person shall intentionally shoot into any target holder, post or  
31 other permanent fixture or structure while using a shooting range. No person shall shoot a firearm in a manner that  
32 would cause any rifled or smoothbore projectiles to travel off of the range, except that shotgun shot, size No. 4 or  
33 smaller may be allowed to travel from the range if it presents no risk of harm or injury to any person(s). Persons  
34 using a shooting range must obey posted range safety rules and those persons who violate range safety rules or  
35 create a public safety hazard must leave the shooting range if directed to by law enforcement officers or  
36 Commission employees. No person shall handle any firearms on a shooting range while under the influence of an  
37 impairing substance. The consumption of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on a shooting range is prohibited. Open  
38 days and hours of operation shall be designated on signs and at least one of such signs will be posted at the entrance  
39 to each shooting range. ~~Shooting ranges are open from sunrise to sunset on Monday through Saturday. Firearms~~  
40 ~~shall be unloaded and cased when being transported to the shooting range while on Game Lands.~~ No person, when  
41 using any shooting range, shall do any act which is prohibited or neglect to do any act which is required by signs or  
42 markings placed on such area under authority of this Rule for the purpose of regulating the use of the area.

43 (q) Limited-access Roads. During the months of June, July and August, roads posted as "Limited-access Roads" are  
44 open to motorized vehicles from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. only. These roads shall be posted with the opening and  
45 closing times.

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**15A NCAC 10B .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

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

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

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

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

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

On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the portion of the impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone." No person shall attempt to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal taken by severing the head or any other part thereof, or possess any bird or animal that has been so mutilated. No person shall place, or cause to be placed on any game land, salt, grain, fruit, or other foods without prior written authorization of the commission or its agent. A decision to grant or deny authorization shall be made based on the best management practices for the wildlife species in question. No person shall take or attempt to take any game birds or game animals attracted to such foods.

(e) Definitions:

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

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

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

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

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

- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin and Washington counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Except for muzzle-loaders, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
- (D) On the Singletary Lake Tract ~~the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear may be taken only by still hunting is prohibited.~~
- (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
- (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable deer with visible antlers season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (8) Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- (B) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (9) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (10) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days of the second week of the December Bear Season. If any of these days falls on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those days.
- (11) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may be taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the deer with visible antlers season. Deer may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.

- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (12) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (13) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville and Wake counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons. On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November 1.
- (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (E) Target shooting is prohibited
- (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.
- (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping area.
- (14) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- (A) Six Days per Week Area.
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (15) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
- (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
- (16) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (17) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August and on Sundays during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic. Participants must obtain a game lands license prior to engaging in such activity.
- (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection

- of SR 1746, west on SR1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC62 to the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.
- (E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after November 1.
- (F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (18) Catawba Game Land in Catawba County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Deer may be taken with bow and arrow only from the tract known as Molly's Backbone.
- (19) Chatham Game Land in Chatham County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (D) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August and on Sundays during the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
- (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (20) Cherokee Game Land in Ashe County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (21) Chowan Game Land in Chowan County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (22) Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties.
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Bear hunting is restricted to the first three hunting days during the November bear season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December bear season except that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County bear season.
- (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (23) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (24) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (25) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven and Jones counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:

- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of the waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
- (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas. During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- (26) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by permit only from November 1 through the end of the waterfowl season.
- (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do not use a firearm.
- (D) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- (E) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of their hunt.
- (F) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- (G) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable deer with visible antlers season.
- (27) Dare Game Land in Dare County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
- (D) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- (28) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable deer with visible antlers season.
- (29) Dupont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
- (A) Hunting is by Permit only.
- (B) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders during scheduled permit hunts.
- (30) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (31) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (32) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl



- impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith Creek and Hobucken.
- (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1 through March 15.
- (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1 ~~to the end of February~~ through January 1 and April 1 ~~through~~ to May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.
- (33) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (34) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (35) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and
- (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
- (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (E) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season, except for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- (36) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett and Wake counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days; and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
- (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (37) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County
- (A) Three ~~Six~~ Days per Week Area.
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and bear hunting are permit only.

- (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited;  
(i) ~~all open days~~ on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park ~~Road, Road; and~~  
(ii) ~~on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, except for the area north of Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting is by permit only.~~
- (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- (H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
- (38) Hyco Game land in Person County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (39) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County, Permit Only Area.
- (40) Johns River Game Land in Burke County
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- (B) During permitted deer hunts deer of either-sex may be taken by permit holders.
- (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31 except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the permits.
- (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- (41) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange and Wake counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days; and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed only during June, July and August, and on Sundays the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
- (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable seasons for game birds and game animals.
- (42) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (43) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- (C) Use of muzzleloaders, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.

- (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
  - (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable deer with visible antlers season.
  - (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
  - (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- (44) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
  - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
  - (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- (45) Lee Game Land in Lee County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (46) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers Season.
- (47) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (48) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
  - (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (49) Mayo Game Land in Person County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; Christmas and New Year's Days, and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
  - (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (50) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six days of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (51) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- (52) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
  - (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.

- 1 (53) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County  
2 (A) Six 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 (54) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell 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 (55) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County  
10 (A) Three Days per Week Area  
11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the  
12 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.  
13 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open hunting days  
14 beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second  
15 week thereafter.  
16 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second  
17 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.  
18 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
19 Antlers Season.  
20 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.  
21 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.  
22 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:  
23 (i) No person shall operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal  
24 combustion engine; and  
25 (ii) Swimming.
- 26 (56) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties  
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 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or  
31 shoreline.  
32 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
- 33 (57) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County  
34 (A) Six Days per Week Area  
35 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible  
36 Antlers Season.  
37 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or  
38 shoreline.
- 39 (58) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond and Stanly counties  
40 (A) Six Days per Week Area  
41 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the  
42 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.  
43 (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties  
44 North of US-74.  
45 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 46 (59) Perkins Game Land in Davie County  
47 (A) Three Days per Week Area  
48 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
49 Antlers Season.  
50 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- 51 (60) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison,  
52 McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey counties  
53 (A) Six Days per Week Area  
54 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible  
55 Antlers Season.

- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- (61) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (D) Deer and bear hunting is by permit only.
- (62) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (63) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- (64) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin and Northampton counties
- (A) Hunting is by Permit only.
- (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business or by permit holders.
- (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however, that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-owned portion of the game land.
- (65) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
- (66) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (67) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.
- (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open hunting days beginning the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter.
- (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
- (68) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County: Hunting is by permit only.
- (69) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (70) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22 through March 31 except as follows:
- (i) deer may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of the bow-and-arrow season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving; with legal muzzleloading firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the muzzleloader season through the second Saturday before Thanksgiving; and with

- 1 all legal weapons from the second Monday before Thanksgiving through the  
2 Saturday following Thanksgiving;
- 3 (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season  
4 through the third Saturday thereafter;
- 5 (iii) opossum, raccoon and squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days  
6 from second Monday before Thanksgiving through the Saturday following  
7 Thanksgiving;
- 8 (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding  
9 Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
- 10 (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season; and  
11 (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen  
12 Program Permit Hunt.
- 13 (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday  
14 before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving except on the J.  
15 Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
- 16 (D) The bow-and-arrow season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to  
17 the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial  
18 Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through January 1. Deer may be taken  
19 with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the bow and arrow season, the  
20 Deer with Visible antlers season, and the muzzleloader season as stated in this  
21 Subparagraph.
- 22 (E) Muzzleloader season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceeding  
23 Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J.  
24 Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through  
25 January 1. Deer may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on all open hunting days  
26 during the muzzleloader season and the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- 27 (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
- 28 (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and  
29 closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 30 (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 31 (I) The following areas are permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting and dog training  
32 on birds:
- 33 (i) In Richmond County: that part east of US 1;
- 34 (ii) In Scotland County: that part west of SR 1328 and north of Gardner Farm Lane  
35 and that part east of SR 1328 and north of Scotland Lake Lane.
- 36 (J) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited  
37 unless riding in authorized field trials.
- 38 (K) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are  
39 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 40 (71) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties
- 41 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 42 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the  
43 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 44 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 45 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 46 (72) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.
- 47 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 48 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer with Visible  
49 Antlers season.
- 50 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and  
51 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 52 (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and only as allowed  
53 in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(e).
- 54 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of  
55 dove season.
- 56 (73) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.



- (74) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash and Warren counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (75) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may be taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Deer may be taken with muzzle-loading firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
  - (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
  - (E) That part of South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties is closed to all grouse, quail and woodcock hunting and all bird dog training.
- (76) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County
- (A) Six-Day per Week Area.
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Saturdays.
  - ~~(D)~~ Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
  - ~~(E)~~ Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken only on the following days:
    - (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
    - (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
    - (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (77) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
- (A) Hunting and trapping is by Permit only.
  - (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
  - (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
    - (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
    - (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- (78) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (79) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County – hunting is by permit only.
- (80) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
  - (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (81) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
  - (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.

- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. Participants must obtain a game lands license prior to horseback riding on this area.
- (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.
- (82) Tillery game Land in Halifax County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (83) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- (84) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery and Randolph counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last open six days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (85) Vance Game Land in Vance County
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- (86) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties
- (A) Six Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- (87) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County
- (A) Three Days per Week Area
- (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the waterfowl season, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
- (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
- (i) Access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting Opportunity Permit;
- (ii) Hunting is by permit only; and
- (iii) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (88) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen County
- (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

(i) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed applications must be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill must validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperator agent or by phone.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# EXHIBIT N-1

February 27, 2014

## Boating Safety Rule- Northampton and Warren counties

The Commission opened a 60-day comment period and held one public hearing to receive comments on the proposal to update the descriptions of several no-wake zones in Northampton and Warren counties. No comments were received.

Staff recommends the Wildlife Resources Commission adopt these amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0336:

### 15A NCAC 10F .0336 NORTHAMPTON AND WARREN COUNTIES

(a) Regulated Area. This Rule applies only to that portion of Lake Gaston which lies within the boundaries of Northampton and Warren Counties.

(b) Speed Limit in Mooring Areas. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed while within a marked mooring area established with the approval of the Executive Director, or his representative, on the waters of Gaston Lake in Northampton and Warren Counties.

(c) 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.

(d) Speed Limit in specific waters. No person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within the following bodies of water.

- (1) the North Point Cove Section B located on the north shore of Gaston Lake within Northampton County at the end of "Vincent Lane"; Northampton County, the waters of the cove on the north shore of Lake Gaston east of Vincent Drive, shore to shore from a point at 36.51652 N, 77.82232 W to a point at 36.51580 N, 77.82273 W;
- (2) Warren County, the waters of Big Stonehouse Creek within 50 yards of the culvert under at State Road 1357; Highway 903;
- (3) Warren County, the waters of Songbird Creek within 50 yards of the culvert under at State Road 1360; Highway 903;
- (4) Warren County, the waters of Six Pound Creek within 50 yards of the culvert under at State Road 1334; 1707;
- (5) Warren County, the waters of Lizard Creek within 50 yards of the culvert at SR 1362; under Highway 903.

(e) Restricted Swimming Areas. No person operating or responsible for the operation of a vessel shall permit it to enter any marked public swimming area on the waters of Gaston Lake in Northampton and Warren Counties.

(f) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Northampton County and Warren County are 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 United States Army Corps of Engineers. With regard to marking Gaston Lake, all of the supplementary standards listed in Rule .0301(g) of this Section shall apply.

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

*Eff. March 29, 1981;*

*Amended Eff. June 1, 1994; March 1, 1993; September 1, 1989;*

*Temporary Amendment Eff. March 15, 2003;*

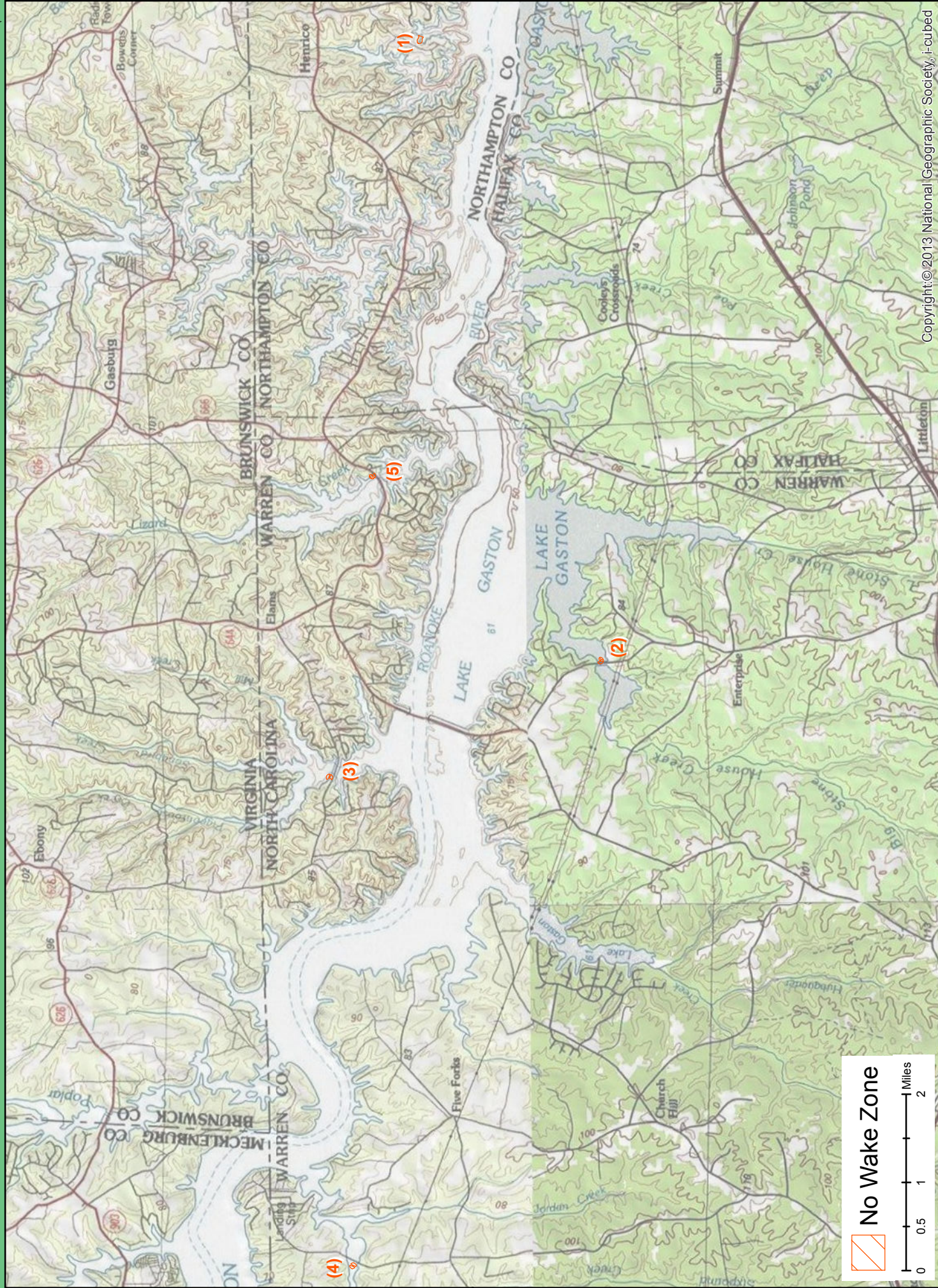
*Temporary Amendment Expired October 12, 2003;*

*Amended Eff. May 1, 2004.*

*Amended Eff. May 1, 2014*



15A NCAC 10F .0336 (d) No Wake Zones  
Northampton and Warren Counties





# EXHIBIT N-2

February 27, 2014

## Boating Safety Rule- Pamlico County

The Commission opened a 60-day comment period and held one public hearing to receive comments on the proposal to remove a No-wake Zone on the Intracoastal Waterway in Pamlico County as described in the N.C. Administrative Code. No comments were received.

Staff recommends the Wildlife Resources Commission adopt this amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0326:

### 15A NCAC 10F .0326 PAMLICO COUNTY

(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the following waters or portions of waters in Pamlico County:

- (1) Silverthorn Bay: the waters of Silverthorn Bay, a tributary of Lower Broad Creek;
- ~~(2) Intracoastal Waterway: that portion of the Intracoastal Waterway beginning at the north side of the State Forestry Dock and extending to the land cut entrance on the south side of Jones Bay;~~
- ~~(3)~~(2) Minnesott Beach: the Minnesott Beach Yacht Basin and its access channel inland from the shoreline to 30 yards beyond the outermost points of the rock jetties in Neuse River.

(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate any motorboat or 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 Pamlico 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. May 1, 1977;  
Amended Eff. December 1, 1985; November 1, 1977;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. March 15, 2003;  
Temporary Amendment Expired October 12, 2003;  
Amended Eff. May 1, 2004.  
Amended Eff. May 1, 2014*







# EXHIBIT N-3

February 27, 2014

## Boating Safety Rule- Pitt County

The Commission opened a 60-day comment period and held one public hearing to receive comments on the removal of the No-wake Zone on the Tar River near Seine Beach in Pitt County. Seven individuals commented, five supported removing the No-wake Zone and two did not support the removal.

In addition to the seven individual comments received, the Pitt County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution opposing the removal of the No-wake Zone.

No comments were received regarding the technical change applying to the Tranters Creek No-wake Zone.

Staff recommends the Wildlife Resources Commission adopt these amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0354:

### 15A NCAC 10F .0354 PITT COUNTY

(a) Regulated Areas. This Rule applies to the waters described in this Paragraph:

- (1) The entire inlet of Hardee Creek from the Tar River in Pitt ~~County;~~County; and
- ~~(2) The Seine Beach area of the Tar River beginning at Chicod Creek and extending to the east side of the Grimesland Bridge as marked by appropriate markers; and~~
- ~~(3)~~(2) 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. beginning at a line, shore to shore, from a point at 35.56925 N, 77.09138 W and ending at a line, shore to shore, to a point at 35.56703 N, 77.08981 W as delineated by appropriate markers.

(b) Speed Limit. No person shall operate a motorboat or vessel at greater than no-wake speed within the regulated areas described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(c) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Pitt County is designated a suitable agency for placement and maintenance of markers implementing this Rule.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15;  
Eff. May 1, 1988;  
Amended Eff. September 1, 2010; July 1, 1995; April 1, 1992.  
Amended Eff. May 1, 2014











**RESOLUTION  
IN OPPOSITION TO THE REMOVAL OF  
THE NO-WAKE ZONE ON THE TAR RIVER  
NEAR SEINE BEACH AND GRIMESLAND BRIDGE**

**Whereas**, Pitt County received a letter on December 20, 2013 from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission No-Wake Zone Coordinator advising that the Wildlife Resources Commission voted to amend the no-wake zone rule applying to Pamlico County in order to remove a no-wake zone on the Tar River near Seine Beach and the Grimesland Bridge; and

**Whereas**, public comment on this action is open until February 14, 2014; and a public hearing is scheduled for January 22, 2014 in New Bern, North Carolina; and

**Whereas**, the Pitt County Board of County Commissioners previously considered public comment on a proposed repeal of the no-wake zone near Seine Beach on February 20, 2012; and

**Whereas**, at a public hearing on February 20, 2012, at least five (5) members of the public spoke strongly in opposition to the repeal of the no-wake zone on the Tar River near Seine Beach; and

**Whereas**, the no-wake zone near Seine Beach promotes safety for those boating and fishing, and preserves the integrity of the docks and land in that area; and

**Whereas**, on February 20, 2012, the Pitt County Board of Commissioners did not support repeal of the no-wake zone at Seine Beach; and

**Whereas**, the safety concerns expressed in February, 2012 continue to exist today.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners is opposed to removal of the no-wake zone near Seine Beach and the Grimesland Bridge; and that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for consideration.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

Attest:

Kimberly W. Hines  
Kimberly W. Hines, Clerk the Board



PITT COUNTYs

Mark W. Owens, Jr.  
Mark W. Owens, Jr., Chairman  
Pitt County Board of Commissioners

The following e-mails were sent to comment on the proposed removal of the no wake zone on the Tar River at Seine Beach in Pitt County.

**Comment #1**

To whom it may concern,

I am a boater who, during the summer months, takes my family from the ramps at port turminal to the Washington water front and beyond in our 20 grady-white almost every Saturday. I have been doing this for many years dating back to when the old bridge was is place and sane beach was open to the public. Those were good times for all as many boaters enjoyed beaching and docking their boats and letting the kids out for a swim. Back then the no wake zone was absolutely necessary and it served its purpose providing safety to those boaters and swimmers using the public beach. Unfortunately, as you know this beach is no longer accessible and therefore is no longer open to the public. This makes this section of the river no different than any other section between greenville and Washington. The now wake zone in grimesland has going form protecting the public and providing safety to being a nuisance to boaters who like me are left wondering why it wasn't repealed last year. As I said before during the busiest boating days of the year ( summer Saturdays) I go through this area and I can tell you first hand there are no boats, or swimmers in the area as some have claimed. The only thing I see regularly in that area is a man who stands on his dock and yells at you to slow down. He is not on a boat, he is not swimming and most importantly he is not in any way being endangered by boats passing by regurdless I their speed. Please remove the wake zone. It is no longer necessary and boaters every ware will be greatful.

**Comment #2**

I read the article in the Daily Reflector about repealing the no wake zone along Seine Beach. I am amazed that it has not been repealed before now. We often drive our boat down the Tar River from Port Terminal to Washington and have never understood why it continues to be a no wake zone. It was certainly understandable when this was a public beach, but we have never seen anyone there. This is one of those laws that is obsolete, but still remains in effect long after the reason for it no longer exists. Please repeal this useless law.

**Comment #3**

I wish to express my concerns of the removal of the No Wake Zone in Pitt County, in the area of the Seine Beach. I understand that the boaters would like it removed because they see it as an inconvenience to slow down but there are many dangers in this area that warrant boaters to slow down. Unlike our roadways with signs to show us the dangers that are ahead, our waters only have this in a few areas and the No Wake Zone between Grimesland Bridge and Chicod Creek is an area that needs to stay posted.



When the No Wake Zone was established, the activities at the Seine Beach was one of the factors but there was also the bridge and the curve in the river by Chicod Creek. Two of these three factors still exist. The old bridge was dangerous for boat traffic to pass at a high rate of speed but it had diversion bumpers, the new bridge is dangerous and does not have any kind of bumpers on the pilings. I feel the new bridge could be more dangerous with the No Wake Zone removed. You must consider the safety of passing by this bridge to other boaters, skiers and people on pulled floats. The wake from one boat could cause a catastrophic event for someone being pulled on floatation device or skies. Please look at pictures of the bridge from water level before making a decision. You will be able to see that this is not a wide area and the bridge could be very deadly to anyone who passes through at too high of rate of speed. Please note that we do not have speed limits on our waterways and I know some of the boats that are on our rivers travel at rates of speed in excess of 80 to 100 mph. We would like to think that everyone is going to be responsible on the water but we know that is not going to happen. Imagine, if you will, two boats racing at 100 mph to the bridge and a family coming from the other direction pulling their children on a float. This situation would be a deadly consequence by removing the No Wake Zone.

The curve in this section of the river is also a very dangerous area. It is a blind curve, you can not see what is coming until you are around the curve. Due to the curve in the river, it has trapped trees that can not be seen when the water is at a normal level but are hidden just beneath the surface and could be very dangerous to anyone that would hit one of these hidden dangers. With the No Wake Zone in forced, boaters would slow to a speed that they could see and be able to avoid. By removing the No Wake Zone the boaters would be endanger of hitting these hidden dangers and people on a flotation device would be more likely hurt by hitting something like this. Again, I ask that you to imagine boats meeting in this narrow part of the river at too high of a rate of speed and imagine the consequences. This is not something that I want to witness but I can foresee if the No Wake Zone is removed.

I plead with you to leave the No Wake Zone in force for the safety of all who are on this water and pass through this area.

#### **Comment #4**

I do a lot of boating and fishing on the Tar / Pamilco river. I travel past Seine Beach dozens of time each year. Since the new bridge has been built I have never seen any boats parked on the sandbar at Seine Beach nor have I seen anybody swimming in that area. Seine Beach is no longer a public recreational area, It is privately owned and is off-limits to the public. The only people that wants a no-wake zone in that section of the river are the people that live there. I do not think that a small group of people that live at Seine Beach should be able to control a section of a public navigable waterway. I have never seen any dangerous situations or near misses in the Seine Beach area. I see no reason that a no-wake zone at Seine Beach is justifiable. Please do away with it.

Thanks!

**Comment #5**

I'm a resident of Pitt County and use the Tar River for boating, fishing etc. Please get rid of the NO WAKE ZONE at Seine Beach. The place is empty and people are never in the water in that area. When Seine Beach was open I completely understood the rule but now its of no use. Thank you for your time.

**Comment #6**

To whom it may concern:

I am a avid kayaker on the Tar River. I kayak year round, mostly in the Greenville area. For the last 3 years, on Memorial Day, I have kayaked from Greenville to Washington, NC on the Tar & Pamlico river, with American Flags flying, in honor of our war heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our great country and freedoms. I plan on making this trip a tradition.

I pass the Seine Beach wake zone during this trip. There is a lot going on there on Memorial Day. Boats coming and going from all directions. The dock at the Beach, and other docks from homes on both sides of the river are very active this day. I appreciate that the motor boats are going slower because it gives me time to get out of the way. If there are boats zipping past Seine beach, it will be more dangerous for a kayaker who is passing through the area. Unless you have paddled a kayak around motor boats in this river, and/or near Seine Beach on Memorial Day, you will not recognize this danger.

There is a bend in the river when traveling east that when a boat/jet ski is traveling fast and turns that bend, the beach area and docks are instantly there. If there is a kayak slowly navigating past the boats that are docking and leaving as well as fisherman and other boats, there is enough going on already for a slow moving vessel to have to deal with. An accident is definitely possible.

What is the big deal with having to speed constantly in a motor boat? It behooves you to explain why it is more important than safety.

Sincerely,  
Sean Valentino

**Comment #7**

I support removing the no wake zone in the Tar river near Seine Beach. I'm an avid fisherman and frequent this particular area. There's not additional safety issues in this section compared to any other section of the river. The comments I've seen in support of keeping it are weak stating dangers with boats coming around a curve. You could make the same statement about any curve and sandbar combination in the 20 miles between Washington and Greenville but it's not practical to have a 20 mile no wake zone. The beach is private property, the hazards are long gone; let us ride.

# EXHIBIT O

February 27, 2014

## Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations for 2014-15

Proposal	Proposed Text	Position Count	Comment Types
A1	Require display of the vessel registration validation decal on both the starboard and port side bow of a vessel.	52 :Agree 67 :Disagree	95 :Online 20 :Comment Card 4 :Letter/Email
A2	Remove the mandatory time requirements for the Hunter Education Course.	100 :Agree 41 :Disagree	102 :Online 34 :Comment Card 5 :Letter/Email
A3	Create a Wildlife Poacher Reward Fund to pay rewards to persons who provide information that results in the arrest and conviction of persons who have committed wildlife offenses, specifically Class 1 and Class 2 misdemeanors identified in N.C.G.S. 113-294 and N.C.G.S. 113-337, and Class 1 misdemeanors involving wildlife resources on game lands. The Commission proposes reward amounts be equivalent to the amount of the fine, replacement costs, or restitution assessed by the court, whichever is greatest, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Current Commission employees or family members, current Commissioners, sworn law enforcement officers, perpetrators of the crime for which the information has been given and accomplices or accessories of that crime would not be eligible to receive a reward.	115 :Agree 14 :Disagree	93 :Online 31 :Comment Card 5 :Letter/Email
Propose a Regulation (Administration)			7 :Online 2 :Comment Card 1 :Letter/Email
Vessel Registration	Amend the vessel registration requirements to make them consistent with recent changes to law that require U.S. Coast Guard Documented vessels be registered with the State. Remove the no-cost vessel registration renewal option for those who have a commercial fishing license, as required by state law.	0 :Agree 0 :Disagree	0 :Online 0 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email
Disabled License Eligibility	Establish eligibility criteria for totally and permanently disabled residents for the purpose of obtaining a discounted lifetime license to include individuals certified by the Civil Service Retirement System, Railroad Retirement Board, and the North Carolina State Retirement System.	0 :Agree 0 :Disagree	0 :Online 0 :Comment Card 0 :Letter/Email

Summary of Public Comments on Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations for 2014-2015  
by District

Proposal	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	Out of State	District 0
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# EXHIBIT P-1

February 27, 2014

## Vessel Registration Rules

- 1) Amend the vessel registration requirements to make them consistent with recent changes to law that require U.S. Coast Guard Documented vessels be registered with the State. Remove the no-cost vessel registration renewal option for those who have a commercial fishing license, as required by state law.

*Adopt amendments to the following rules:*

*15A NCAC 10F .0102*

*15A NCAC 10F .0103*

*15A NCAC 10F .0106*

- 2) Require vessel owners display a validation decal on both the starboard and port side bow of a vessel.

*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*

*15A NCAC 10F .0107*

Proposed rule text for 15A NCAC 10F .0102, 10F .0103, 10F .0106 and 10F .0107 is as follows:

### **15A NCAC 10F .0102 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF VESSEL NUMBER**

(a) General. Every owner applying for a certificate of number or certificate of title of a vessel required to be numbered pursuant to G.S. 75A-4 and 75A-7 or required to be titled pursuant to G.S. 75A-34 and 75A-35 shall apply to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission or to one of its Wildlife Service Agents for a certificate of number or certificate of title using an application provided by the Wildlife Resources Commission. The application shall contain the following information:

- (1) name of owner(s);
- (2) address, telephone number, date of birth, and North Carolina driver license number of owner(s);
- (3) present or previous certificate of number (if any);
- (4) desired period of certificate of number (one or three years);
- (5) primary use of vessel (pleasure, livery, demonstration, commercial passenger, commercial fishing, other commercial, other);
- (6) model of vessel (if known);
- (7) manufacturer if known;
- (8) year of manufacture or model year (if known);
- (9) manufacturer's hull identification number (if any);
- (10) overall length of vessel in feet and inches;
- (11) type of vessel (open, cabin, houseboat, personal watercraft, pontoon, other);
- (12) hull material (wood, metal, fiberglass, inflatable, plastic, other);
- (13) type of propulsion (inboard; outboard; inboard-outdrive; jet drive; sail; auxiliary sail/inboard; auxiliary sail/outboard, other);
- (14) type of fuel (gasoline, diesel, electric, other);
- (15) proof of ownership document;
- (16) signature of owner(s);
- (17) make of motor (if over 25 horsepower), serial number, purchase price of motor;
- (18) lien holder name, address, and telephone number;
- (19) effective lien date; and
- (20) county where vessel is ~~taxed~~, taxed;
- (21) status of United States Coast Guard documentation.

(b) Application for certificate of number and certificate of title. The owner(s) shall complete and submit an application for a certificate of number, along with the proof of ownership document and applicable fees to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. A new certificate of number shall be issued for new or never before registered vessels. For a period of 60 days following the date of sale, the new owner may use a copy of the proof of ownership document, provided it contains the date of sale, as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of the original certificate. If the vessel is ~~over~~ 14 feet or longer or is a personal watercraft, then a Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any liens listed on the application.

(c) Livery Vessel Owners. A "livery" vessel is one that is rented or leased to an individual for a specific time period by the owners(s). The certificate of numbering and certificate of titling requirements of G.S. 75A-4, 75A-7, 75A-34 and 75A-35 apply to livery vessels. Upon receipt of a completed application, a copy of the lease or rental agreement form and fee, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number and certificate of title, if applicable.

(d) Dealers and Manufacturers of Vessels. A "manufacturer" as the term is used in this Rule is defined as a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing vessels either upon prior commission or for the purpose of selling them after manufacture. A "dealer" as the term is used in this Rule is defined as a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of offering vessels for sale at retail or wholesale from an established location(s). The certificate of numbering requirements of G.S. 75A-4 and 75A-7 apply to vessels belonging to dealers and manufacturers. Upon receipt of a completed application and fee the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number, as appropriate, which may be used in connection with the operation of any vessel in the possession of the dealer or manufacturer when the vessel is being demonstrated. Dealer and manufacturer certificate of numbers shall not be transferred. A new certificate of number shall be issued upon transfer. Demonstration vessels shall not be titled so long as the vessel is owned by the dealer or manufacturer. Vessels owned or possessed by dealers or manufacturers for personal use or for any use other than for demonstration and testing purposes shall be individually registered in the name of the dealer or manufacturer in accordance with Paragraph (a) of this Rule. Additional dealer's or manufacturer's certificates of number may be obtained by making application in the same manner as prescribed for the initial certificate with payment of an additional fee for each additional certificate. Dealers and manufacturers may register individual vessels in accordance with Rule .0104(a) of this Section.

(e) Government Agency Vessels. The certificate of numbering requirements of G.S. 75A-4 and 75A-7 apply to vessels belonging to state or local government agencies. Upon receipt of a completed application from a state or local government agency, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a permanent certificate of number. There is no fee for a permanent state or local government agency certificate of number and the certificate is valid until the vessel is transferred to another government agency, an individual, business, or dealer. Government agency registered vessels shall not be titled.

(f) Commercial Fishing Vessel. The certificate of numbering and certificate of titling requirements of G.S. 75A-4, 75A-7, 75A-34 and 75A-35 apply to commercial fishing vessels. The standard application for a certificate of number shall be used for commercial fishing vessels with the term "commercial fishing" marked in the section designated for "primary use." Upon receipt of a completed application, ~~proof of ownership document, and fee,~~ the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number and certificate of title, if applicable. ~~The vessel owner shall pay for the first certificate of number. Subsequent renewals renewals, for a period of one year, are free for a period of one year provided the owner provides proof of a valid Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration. Registration when applying to the Wildlife Resources Commission for a renewal certificate of number. A valid Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration is one that has been issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries.~~

(g) Commercial Passenger Vessel. The certificate of numbering requirements of G.S. 75A-4, 75A-7, 75A-34 and 75A-35 apply to commercial passenger vessels. Upon receipt of a completed application, proof of ownership document, and fee, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number and certificate of title, if applicable.

*History Note: Legislative Objection Lodged Eff. December 16, 1980;  
Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-7; 75A-19; 75A-34; 75A-35; 33 C.F.R. 174.17;  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
Amended Eff. July 1, 1988 at ARRC request to cure referenced Legislative Objection;  
Amended Eff. May 1, 2007; July 1, 1998; April 1, 1997; November 1, 1993; August 1, 1988; July 1, 1988;  
August 31, 1980.  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*

## **15A NCAC 10F .0103 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

(a) Transfer of previously registered and titled vessels.

(1) Transfer of previously registered and titled vessels from one individual owner(s) to another.

(A) When the ownership of a titled vessel is transferred, the owner(s) listed on the face of the Certificate of Title for Vessel shall complete the Assignment of Title section on the reverse side of the certificate of title and surrender the title to the new owner(s). All outstanding liens shall be satisfied before the certificate of title is surrendered to the new owners(s). If the ownership of a titled vessel is transferred by court order, will, settlement agreement, separation agreement, judgment or other document and the original title is not available, the previous owner(s) or estate representative shall provide the new owner(s) with documents establishing ownership.

(B) The new owner(s) shall submit an application for a certificate of number and certificate of title, along with the properly assigned certificate of title and applicable fees to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. The new



owner(s) shall indicate on the application whether or not any liens exist on the vessel. If applicable, a new Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a vessel, previously registered in North Carolina, is transferred to a new owner. A new certificate of number shall be issued to vessels previously registered in another state or to vessels never before registered.

- (C) For 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously titled vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the properly assigned certificate of title as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
- (2) Transfer of previously registered and titled vessels through a dealer.
  - (A) When the ownership of a titled vessel is transferred to a dealer, the owner(s) listed on the face of the Certificate of Title for Vessel shall complete the Assignment of Title section on the reverse side of the certificate of title and surrender the title to the dealer. All outstanding liens shall be satisfied before the certificate of title is surrendered to the dealer.
  - (B) When the vessel is subsequently sold, the dealer shall, on the day of the sale, provide the new owner(s) the original certificate of title completed by the previous owner(s) and a Dealer Bill of sale. The Dealer's Bill of Sale shall include the dealer's name, the name of the new owner(s), the date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel. The Dealer's Bill of Sale shall be signed by both the dealer and the new owner(s).
  - (C) The new owner(s) shall complete and submit the standard application for a certificate of number and certificate of title, along with the properly assigned certificate of title, Dealer Bill of Sale, and applicable fees, to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. If applicable, a new Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a vessel, previously registered in North Carolina, is transferred to a new owner(s). A new certificate of number shall be issued to vessels previously registered in another state or vessels never before registered.
  - (D) For a period of 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously registered vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the Dealer's Bill of Sale as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
- (b) Transfer of previously registered, non-titled vessels.
  - (1) Transfer of a previously registered, non-titled vessel from one individual owner to another.
    - (A) If the ownership of a previously registered vessel is transferred, by sale or gift, the previous owner(s) shall complete a notarized bill of sale. The bill of sale shall be given to the new owner and shall include the previous owner's name, the new owner's name, the date of sale or gift, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel. The previous owner's signature shall be notarized. ~~An individual may also use the Statement of Transfer form provided with some certificates of numbers. The statement shall be completed by the previous owner and given to the new owner at the time of sale or gift.~~ If the ownership of a previously registered vessel is transferred by a court order, will, settlement agreement, separation agreement, judgment or other document, the previous owner(s) or representative of the estate shall provide the new owner(s) with documents establishing ownership.
    - (B) The new owner shall complete and submit an application for a certificate of number and certificate of title, along with the proof of ownership document and applicable fees, to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale or gift. If applicable, a new Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a vessel previously registered in North Carolina is transferred to a new owner. A new certificate of number shall be issued to vessels previously registered in another State or to vessels never before registered.
    - (C) For 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously registered vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the proof of ownership document, provided it contains the date of sale, as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
  - (2) Transfer of a previously registered, non-titled vessel through a dealer.
    - (A) The owner(s) selling or transferring a previously registered vessel to a dealer shall complete a notarized bill of sale naming the dealer as the new owner. The bill of sale shall be given to the dealer and shall include the previous owner's name, date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel. The signature of the previous owner(s)

shall be notarized. ~~An individual may also use the Statement of Transfer form provided with some certificates of numbers. The statement shall be completed by the previous owners(s) and given to the dealer.~~

- (B) When the vessel is subsequently sold, the dealer shall, on the day of the sale, provide the new owner(s) a dealer bill of sale. The dealer's bill of sale shall include the dealer's name, the new owner(s) name, the date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model and year of the vessel. The dealer's bill of sale shall be signed by both the dealer and the new owner(s).
  - (C) The new owner(s) shall complete and submit the standard application for a certificate of number and certificate of title, along with the proof of ownership document and applicable fees, to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. If applicable, a new Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a vessel, previously registered in North Carolina, is transferred to a new owner(s). A new certificate of number shall be issued to vessels previously registered in another state or vessels never before registered.
  - (D) For a period of 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously registered vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the dealer's bill of sale as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
- (3) Transfer of a vessel individually-registered to a dealer or manufacturer. Vessels that have been individually numbered by dealers or manufacturers shall upon transfer of ownership be governed by the provisions of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-19; 75A-37; 33 C.F.R. 174.21;  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
Amended Eff. May 1, 2007; July 1, 1998; April 1, 1997; February 1, 1995; November 1, 1993; July 1, 1988;  
April 19, 1981.  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*

#### **15A NCAC 10F .0106 DISPLAY OF VESSEL NUMBERS**

- (a) The vessel numbers shall be painted on or attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel for which issued in such a position as to provide clear visibility and legibility for identification. The numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters not less than three inches in height. The numbers shall be of a solid color which will contrast with the color of the background and so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible; i.e., dark numbers on a light background, or light numbers on a dark background.
- (b) No other number, except the year date of the validation decal described in Rule .0107 of this Section, shall be carried on the bow of such vessel.
- (c) Manufacturers or dealers may have the number awarded to them printed upon or attached to a removable sign or signs to be temporarily but firmly mounted upon or attached to the vessel being demonstrated, so long as the display meets the requirements of the Rules in this Section. Where a currently or previously-numbered vessel is being demonstrated with a set of dealer's numbers, the permanent numbers painted on or attached to the bow shall be covered.
- (d) A vessel registered to a governmental entity and bearing the letter "P" shall continue to display the assigned numbers for so long as the vessel belongs to a governmental entity. Upon transfer of ownership to a private individual(s) or business the new owner shall apply to the Wildlife Resources Commission for a new certificate of number and shall be assigned a new certificate of number.
- (e) A United States Coast Guard documented vessel registered in North Carolina shall not display the state vessel numbers.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-19;  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
Amended Eff. May 1, 2007; April 1, 1997.  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2014*

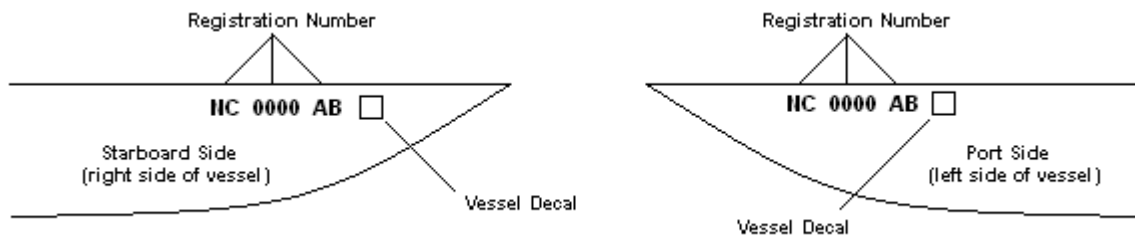
#### **15A NCAC 10F .0107 VALIDATION DECAL**

In addition to the certificate of number, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall supply to the owner of each vessel that is numbered, ~~a two validation decal~~ validation decals indicating the year of expiration. The owner shall affix ~~such one~~ one validation decal so as to be clearly visible and legible on the starboard bow and one validation decal on the port side bow of the vessel following and within six inches of the vessel number. The owner of a United States Coast Guard documented vessel shall affix one validation decal so as to be clearly visible and legible on the forward half of the starboard bow and one validation decal on the forward half of the port

side bow. Any validation ~~decal~~ decals issued for a vessel numbered on application by a governmental entity shall contain no expiration date, but shall bear the letter "P" and shall not be subject to renewal so long as the vessel remains the property of a governmental entity. When any such vessel is transferred to private ownership, the ~~decal~~ decals shall be removed or obliterated by the transferring agency.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-7; 33 C.F.R. 174.15;  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
Amended Eff. May 1, 2007; April 1, 1997; August 31, 1980; January 1, 1980.  
Amended Eff. January 1, 2015

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# EXHIBIT P-2

February 27, 2014

## Wildlife Poacher Reward Fund Rule

Create a Wildlife Poacher Reward Fund to pay rewards to persons who provide information that results in the arrest and conviction of persons who have committed wildlife offenses, specifically Class 1 and Class 2 misdemeanors identified in N.C.G.S. 113-294 and N.C.G.S. 113-337, and Class 1 misdemeanors involving wildlife resources on game lands. The Commission proposes reward amounts be equivalent to the amount of the fine, replacement costs, or restitution assessed by the court, whichever is greatest, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Current Commission employees or family members, current Commissioners, sworn law enforcement officers, perpetrators of the crime for which the information has been given and accomplices or accessories of that crime would not be eligible to receive a reward.

*Adopt the following rules:*

*15A NCAC 10A .1301*

*15A NCAC 10A .1302*

*15A NCAC 10A .1303*

Proposed rule text for 15A NCAC 10A .1301, 10A .1302, and 10A .1303 is as follows:

### **SECTION .1300 WILDLIFE POACHER REWARD FUND**

#### **15A NCAC 10A .1301 FUNDING SOURCES**

The Wildlife Resources Commission shall direct at least ten percent (10%) of compensatory restitution associated with replacement costs and investigative costs as defined in G.S. 15A-1343(b1)(5) and specified in Rules 10B .0117 and 10C .0215 of this Chapter to the Wildlife Poacher Reward Fund.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134;113-294.1*  
*Eff. May 1, 2014*

#### **15A NCAC 10A .1302 OFFENSES AND REWARD AMOUNTS**

(a) Rewards shall be paid only for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who have committed Class 1 or Class 2 misdemeanors specified in G.S. 113-294 and G.S. 113-337, and Class 1 misdemeanors involving wildlife resources specified in G.S. 113-264(b).

(b) The reward amount shall be equivalent to the amount of the fine, replacement costs, or restitution assessed by the court, whichever is greatest, not to exceed \$1,000.00. If no fine, replacement cost or restitution is assessed, including in cases that result in a prayer for judgment, the reward shall be \$100.00.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134;113-294.1*  
*Eff. May 1, 2014*

#### **15A NCAC 10A .1303 ELIGIBILITY**

(a) Rewards shall be paid only to individuals who provide information that results in the arrest and conviction of persons who have committed the offenses specified in Rule 10A .1302(a) of this Section. If more than one individual provides information leading to the arrest of a person for the same offense, the Commission shall pay reward money in equal amounts to each individual not to exceed the amount specified in Rule 10A .1302(b) of this Section.

(b) Rewards shall be paid after the final disposition of a case has resulted in a conviction or a prayer for judgment. For purposes of this Rule, a conviction shall be as defined in G.S. 113-171(a).

(c) The following individuals are not eligible to receive reward money:

- (1) any current Wildlife Resources Commission employee or members of his or her immediate family;

- (2) any current Wildlife Resources Commissioner;
- (3) any sworn law enforcement officer;
- (4) the perpetrator of the crime for which the information has been given and any accomplice or accessory to that crime; and
- (5) any individual who refuses to provide the Commission with his or her name and contact information.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134;113-294.1*  
*Eff. May 1, 2014*

# EXHIBIT P-3

February 27, 2014

## Disabled License Eligibility Rule

Establish the eligibility criteria for totally and permanently disabled residents for the purpose of obtaining a discounted lifetime license to include individuals certified by the Civil Service Retirement System, Railroad Retirement Board, and the North Carolina State Retirement System.

*Adopt the following rule:*

*15A NCAC 10G .0601*

Proposed rule text for 15A NCAC 10G .0601 is as follows:

### **SECTION .0600 – LICENSE ELIGIBILITY**

#### **15A NCAC 10G .0601    TOTALLY DISABLED LICENSE ELIGIBILITY**

(a) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall accept documentation from individual residents who are certified as totally and permanently disabled by the Social Security Administration, Civil Service Retirement System, Railroad Retirement Board, or the North Carolina State Retirement System for the purpose of obtaining a lifetime totally disabled hunting and fishing license as described in G.S. 113-270.1C, 113-270.1D, 113-271 and 113-351.

*History Note:    Authority G.S. 113-270.1C; 113-270.1D; 113-271; 113-351*  
*Eff. August 1, 2014.*



# EXHIBIT P-4

February 27, 2014

## Hunter Education Course – Mandatory Time Requirement Rule

Remove the mandatory time requirements for the Hunter Education Course.

*Adopt amendments to the following rule:*

*15A NCAC 10K .0101*

Proposed rule text for 15A NCAC 10K .0101 is as follows:

### **15A NCAC 10K .0101 COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

(a) ~~The hunter safety course shall provide a minimum of 10 hours of instruction except that a self-paced, independent study hunter safety course that~~ A hunter education instructor-led course or a self-paced, independent study option shall be provided that meets the standards required by International Hunter Education Association. ~~Association and includes instruction on safe management of all terrain vehicles and proper use of hunting dogs may also be administered.~~

(b) Of the ~~10 hours of~~ instruction required by Paragraph (a) of this Rule, 60 percent of the time shall be devoted to instruction related to the safe handling of firearms. The remaining ~~four hours~~ course time shall include instruction on hunter responsibility (ethics), wildlife conservation and wildlife ~~management, management; and may include~~ wildlife identification, game care, specialty hunting, survival and first aid, water safety, and special concerns (alcohol and drugs, turkey hunting, trapping, all terrain ~~vehicles, vehicles and~~ hunting dogs).

(c) The hunter education course shall be administered by an instructor certified by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

(d) The following requirements must be satisfied by the course participant in order to successfully complete a hunter education course and be entitled to the issuance of a Certificate of Competency:

- (1) complete all ~~10 hours~~ of the instruction or all the material contained in the independent study course;
- (2) score a minimum of 70 percent on the final examination; and
- (3) ~~demonstrate review safe firearm handling skills.~~ skills, except current and former military personnel, current and former law enforcement officers, and National Rifle Association certified firearms instructors are exempt from this requirement. Exempt individuals must show current documentation of their exempt status.

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