

1 15A NCAC 10B .0113 Big game kill reports is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0113 BIG GAME KILL REPORTS**

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

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

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

35 (d) Persons who kill a big game animal and leave it unattended shall identify the carcass with their name, their hunting
36 license number, and the date of kill. Once an unattended animal is registered the animal need only be identified with
37 the authorization number received by registering the kill. It is unlawful for a person to possess a Big Game Harvest

1 Report Card or Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Report Card on which the species validation box has been cut or
2 punched out, but on which the authorization number received by registering the kill has not been recorded, or to
3 possess a used or affixed Commission-issued DMAP tag without a valid authorization number. unless the animal is
4 in the person's possession or is identified as described in this Paragraph and not more than 24 hours have passed since
5 the harvest.

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

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

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14 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291*

15 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

16 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; July 1, 1993; July 1, 1989;*

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

18 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; June 1, 2009; May 1, 2007; May 1,*
19 *2004; July 1, 2000.*

1 15A NCAC 10B .0119 Wildlife collectors is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0119 WILDLIFE COLLECTORS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 taken. The additional information may be required on the form of report or by a separate writing accompanying the
2 form.

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

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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-272.4;*

8 *Eff. January 1, 1981;*

9 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; January 1, 2013; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; April 1, 2001; February*
10 *1, 1994; November 1, 1990; September 1, 1989.*

1 15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

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

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

24 (b) Restrictions

- 25 (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain,
26 fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw
27 components.
- 28 (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:
- 29 (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or
30 product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum,
31 candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease;
- 32 (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph;
- 33 (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph,
34 including any extracts of those substances; or
- 35 (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.
- 36 (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday
37 before Thanksgiving in the counties in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.

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History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;
Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;
Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;
Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;
Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;
Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012;
August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005.
Temporary Amendment Eff. May 31, 2016

1 15A NCAC 10B .0203 Deer (white-tailed) is proposed amendment for amendment as follows:

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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, 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 that part of Hyde county known as Lake Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Dare and Hyde counties known as Alligator River 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 January 1 in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties, except for South Mountain Game Land.

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

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

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

19 (C) Youth either-sex deer hunts. First Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer hunting
20 by permit only on a portion of Belews Creek Steam Station in Stokes County designated
21 by agents of the Commission; the third Saturday in October for youth either-sex deer
22 hunting by permit only on Mountain Island State Forest in Lincoln and Gaston counties;
23 and the second Saturday in November for youth either-sex deer hunting by permit only on
24 apportion of Warrior Creek located on W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, Wilkes County designated
25 by agents of the Commission. A youth is defined as a person under ~~18~~16 years of age.

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

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

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

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

- 1 (F) The first six open days and the last seven open days of the Deer with Visible Antlers season
2 described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford
3 counties.
- 4 (G) All the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1)
5 of this Rule in and east of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln, and
6 Gaston counties and in the following parts of counties: Buncombe: That part east of NC
7 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC
8 280; and Henderson; That part east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280.
- 9 (H) The fourth Saturday in September, subject to the following restriction: only persons under
10 the age of 18 ~~46~~ years may hunt.

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

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

- 15 (A) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday thereafter in the counties and parts
16 of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (A) of
17 Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and
18 Sandhills Game Lands.
- 19 (B) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday before Thanksgiving in the
20 counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer with Visible Antlers
21 specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule except for that portion of Buffalo
22 Cove Game Land in Wilkes County.
- 23 (C) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the Sunday prior to the opening of the blackpowder
24 firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule; and the Sunday
25 immediately following the closing of blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season
26 identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the counties
27 and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by
28 Part (C) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule and in Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford
29 counties.
- 30 (D) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving in the
31 counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers
32 specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek,
33 Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.
- 34 (E) Sunday immediately following the closing of the open season for Deer With Visible
35 Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(C) of the Rule through January 1 in the counties and parts
36 of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part
37 (a)(1)(C) of this Rule.

1 (2) Restrictions

2 (A) Dogs may not be used for hunting deer during the bow and arrow season, except a single
3 dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-
4 291.1(k).

5 (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer
6 may be used during the bow and arrow deer hunting season.

7 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken during bow and arrow seasons specified by Parts (A), (B),
8 (C), and (D) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule.

9 (D) Only deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as distinguished from knobs
10 or buttons covered by skin or velvet, shall be taken during the bow and arrow season
11 specified by Part (E) of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule.

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

13 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, deer may
14 be taken only with blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow during the following seasons:

15 (A) The Saturday on or nearest October 1 to the Friday of the second week thereafter in the
16 counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers
17 specified by Part (A) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek,
18 Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.

19 (B) The third Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week thereafter
20 in the counties* and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible
21 Antlers specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.

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

23 (C) Monday on or nearest October 1 to the Saturday of the second week thereafter in Cleveland,
24 Polk, and Rutherford counties and in the counties and parts of counties having the open
25 seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part C of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this
26 Rule.

27 (D) The fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving until the Friday of the second week thereafter
28 in the counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers
29 specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek,
30 Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.

31 (2) Restrictions

32 (A) Deer of either sex may be taken during blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season
33 in and east of the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell,
34 Watauga, and Ashe. Deer of either sex may be taken on the last day of this season only in
35 all other counties.

1 (B) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the blackpowder firearms and bow and
2 arrow seasons, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in
3 accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

4 (3) As used in this Paragraph, blackpowder firearms means "Any firearm - including any firearm with
5 a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system - manufactured in or before
6 1898; any replica of this type of firearm if such replica is not designed or redesigned for using
7 rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; and any muzzle-loading rifle, muzzle-loading
8 shotgun, or muzzle-loading handgun that is designed to use blackpowder, blackpowder substitute,
9 or any other propellant loaded through the muzzle and that cannot use fixed ammunition."

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

11 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (3) of this Paragraph and the bag
12 limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow in
13 participating cities in the State, as defined in G.S. 160A-1(2), from the second Saturday following
14 January 1 to the fifth Saturday thereafter. Deer shall not be taken on any game land or part thereof
15 that occurs within a city boundary.

16 (2) Participation. Cities that intend to participate in the urban season shall send a letter to that effect no
17 later than April 1 of the year prior to the start of the urban season to the Executive Director or his
18 designee at 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1722. Cities must also submit a map of
19 the city's boundaries within which the urban season shall apply.

20 (3) Restrictions:

21 (A) Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the urban season, except a single dog on a
22 leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

23 (B) Only archery equipment of the types authorized in 15A NCAC 10B .0116 for taking deer
24 shall be used during the urban season.

25 (e) Bag limits. In and east of Vance, Franklin, Wake, Harnett, Moore, and Richmond counties, the possession limit
26 is six deer, up to four of which may be deer with visible antlers. In all other counties of the state the possession limit
27 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
28 deer. In addition to the bag limits described above, a hunter may obtain multiple bonus antlerless deer harvest report
29 cards from the Wildlife Resources Commission or any Wildlife Service Agent to allow the harvest of two additional
30 antlerless deer per card on lands others than lands enrolled in the Commission's game land program during any open
31 deer season in all counties and parts of counties of the State identified in Part (G) of Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.
32 Antlerless deer harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not count as part of the
33 possession and season limit. Hunters may also use the bonus antlerless harvest report cards for deer harvested during
34 the season described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule within the boundaries of participating municipalities, except on
35 State-owned game lands. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as
36 distinguished from spikes protruding through the skin. The bag limits described above do not apply to deer harvested
37 in areas covered in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) as described in G.S. 113-291.2(e) for those

1 individuals using Commission-issued DMAP tags and reporting harvest as described on the DMAP license. Season
2 bag limits shall be set by the number of DMAP tags issued and in the hunters' possession. All deer harvested under
3 this program, regardless of the date of harvest, shall be tagged with these DMAP tags and reported as instructed on
4 the DMAP license. The hunter does not have to validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card provided with the hunting
5 license for deer tagged with the DMAP tags. Any deer harvested on lands enrolled in the DMAP and not tagged with
6 DMAP tags may only be harvested during the regularly established deer seasons subject to all the restrictions of those
7 seasons, including bag limits, and reported using the big game harvest report card or the bonus antlerless harvest report
8 card.

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15 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
16 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*
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18 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
19 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*
20 *2003);*
21 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2013;*
22 *August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; July 10, 2010; June 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1,*
23 *2005.*

1 15A NCAC 10B .0209 Wild turkey is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0209 WILD TURKEY**

4 (a) Open Seasons:

5 (1) Spring Wild Turkey Season is from the second Saturday in April through the Saturday of the fourth
6 week thereafter on bearded or male turkeys only in all counties statewide.

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

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

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

16 (d) Kill Reports. The kill shall be validated at the site of kill and the kill reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B
17 .0113.

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.5;*
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 *July 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 06/21/01 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, 2017; January 1, 2013; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2007; November 1, 2005.*

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1 15A NCAC 10B .0215 Crows is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0215 CROWS**

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

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

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

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

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

12 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

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

14 *July 1, 1983;*

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

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

1 15A NCAC 10B .0406 Misuse of tags is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10B .0406 MISUSE OF TAGS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 *Eff. November 14, 1978;*

20 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2017; August 1, 2010; January 1, 1992; December 1, 1981; October 1,*
21 *1980.*

1 15A NCAC 10H .1302 Possession of reptiles and amphibians is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10H .1302 POSSESSION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS**

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

- 6 (1) 25 or more individuals of any combination of native amphibian species;
7 (2) five or more individuals of native reptile species.

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

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

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

- 20 (1) for the purpose of holding reptiles and amphibians that were acquired unlawfully;
21 (2) for the purpose of holding reptiles and amphibians for unlawful sale or trade;
22 (3) for the purpose of possessing or selling snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) less than 11 inches
23 (curved carapace length) however, individuals in possession of snapping turtles (*Chelydra*
24 *serpentina*) less than 11 inches (curved carapace length) prior to May 1, 2017 are exempt from this
25 restriction;

26 ~~(3)(4)~~ to persons who collect five or more individual native turtles or terrapins from the families Emydidae
27 or Trionychidae from the wild in a given year, except those entities exempted from collection in
28 Paragraph (c) of Rule .1301 of this Section;

29 ~~(4)(5)~~ to persons who collect five or more individuals in aggregate from other native reptile families or 25
30 or more individual amphibians from the wild in a given year without first having secured a valid
31 Collection License;

32 ~~(5)(6)~~ to persons found to be in violation of Collection License, Endangered Species Permit, or Possession
33 Permit requirements;

34 (7) to persons who do not first obtain possession permits prior to acquiring the following wildlife
35 resources unless the acquisition of these animals was made prior to the enactment of this Rule and
36 a permit is acquired within 12 months of the rule's effective date:

- 37 (A) 25 or more individuals of any combination of native amphibian species; or

1 (B) five or more individuals of native reptile species.

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

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

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

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