

1 15A NCAC 10D .0102 General regulations regarding use is proposed for amendment as follows:

3 **15A NCAC 10D .0102 GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING USE**

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

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

11 (b) Trespass. Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping, or fishing shall be as authorized by the

12 landowner. The Wildlife Resources Commission has identified the following areas on game lands that have additional

13 restrictions on entry or usage:

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

(7) Restricted Deer Hunting Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Restricted Deer Hunting Zones" the use of dogs for taking deer is prohibited, except as allowed by permit as provided in G.S. 113-264(d).

(8) Day Use Only Zone. On portions of game lands posted as "Day Use Only Zones" ~~for~~ use by the general public shall be prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

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

(c) 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.

(d) 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 shall 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 Butner-Falls of Neuse, Jordan, Kerr Scott, and Vance game lands, no person shall possess loaded firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons except as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327.13, and may be found at: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=75b0c14fb2c26906cf64a267eb69b052&mc=true&node=se36.3.327_113&rgn=div8, in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.6. On Buckhorn, Chatham, Harris, Hycos, Lee, Mayo, and Sutton Lake game lands; 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.

(e) Game Lands License: Hunting and Trapping

1 (1) Requirement. Except as provided in Subparagraph (4) of this Paragraph, any person entering upon
2 any game land for the purpose of hunting, trapping, running dogs, or training dogs using wildlife
3 shall have in his or her possession a game lands license in addition to the appropriate hunting or
4 trapping license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege.

5 (2) For commission-sanctioned field trials, active participants (as defined in 15A NCAC 10B .0114) in
6 a field trial using wildlife shall possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North
7 Carolina hunting license, or a license that conveys the game land use privilege, except non-residents
8 may substitute hunting licenses from their state(s) of residence.

9 (3) For any other field trial using wildlife occurring on game lands, judges and active participants shall
10 possess a game lands license in addition to the appropriate North Carolina hunting license, or a
11 license that conveys the game land use privilege.

12 (4) Exceptions:

13 (A) a person under 16 years of age may hunt on game lands on the license of his parent or legal
14 guardian;

15 (B) on the game lands described in Rule .0103(e)(1) of this Section, the game lands license is
16 required only for hunting doves; all other activities are subject to the control of the
17 landowners.

18 (f) Field Trials and Training Dogs. Any individual or organization sponsoring a field trial on the Sandhills Field Trial
19 area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility, shall file with the Commission an application to use the area and facility
20 accompanied by the facility use fee computed at the rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each scheduled day of
21 the trial. The total facility use fee shall cover the period from 12:00 noon of the day preceding the first scheduled day
22 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
23 all intermediate days on which for any reason trials are not run but the building or facilities are used or occupied. A
24 fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day shall be charged to sporting, educational, or scouting groups for scheduled
25 events utilizing the club house only. No person or group of persons or any other entity shall enter or use in any manner
26 any of the physical facilities located on the Sandhills Field Trial area or the Laurinburg Fox Trial facility without first
27 having obtained written approval of such entry or use from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission,
28 and no such entry or use of any such facility shall exceed the scope of or continue beyond the approved use. The
29 Sandhills Field Trial facilities shall be used only for field trials scheduled with the approval of the Wildlife Resources
30 Commission. No more than 16 days of field trials may be scheduled for occurrence on the Sandhills facilities during
31 any calendar month, and no more than four days may be scheduled during any calendar week; provided, that a field
32 trial requiring more than four days may be scheduled during one week upon reduction of the maximum number of
33 days allowable during some other week so that the monthly maximum of 16 days is not exceeded. Before October 1
34 of each year, the North Carolina Field Trial Association or other organization desiring use of the Sandhills facilities
35 between October 22 and November 18 and between December 3 and March 31 shall submit its proposed schedule of
36 such use to the Wildlife Resources Commission for its consideration and approval. The use of the Sandhills Field
37 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 mission of the agency.

(g) 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.

(h) 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 (k) 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).

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

- (1) No person shall camp on any game land except on an area designated by the landowner for camping.
- (2) On game lands owned by the State of North Carolina, where the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is the primary custodian, the maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated camping area 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.

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

(k) 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, 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.

(l) 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 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.

(m) 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 (k) of this Rule and people who have obtained a Disabled Access Program permit are exempt from the previous sentence but shall comply with the terms of their permit. Furthermore, disabled persons, as defined under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 126) may use wheelchairs or other mobility devices designed for indoor pedestrian use on any area where foot travel is allowed.

(n) 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

1 and those trails posted for vehicular travel and ungated or open-gated roads otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on
2 game lands owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and on game lands whose owners have agreed to such use.
3 Those game lands, or parts thereof, where this Paragraph applies are designated in the game land rules and map book.
4 This Paragraph does not permit vehicular access on fields, openings, roads, paths, or trails planted for wildlife food or
5 cover. One companion, who is identified by a companion card issued to each qualified disabled person, may
6 accompany a disabled person to provide assistance, provided the companion is at all times in visual or verbal contact
7 with the disabled person. The companion may participate in all lawful activities while assisting a disabled person,
8 provided license requirements are met. Any vehicle used by a qualified disabled person for access to game lands
9 under this provision shall display the vehicular access permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission in the
10 passenger area of the vehicle where it can easily be seen by Commission staff outside the vehicle. It is unlawful for
11 anyone other than disabled persons as defined in Paragraph (k) of this Rule and those holding a Disabled Access
12 Permit to hunt, during waterfowl season, within 100 yards of a waterfowl blind designated by the Wildlife Resources
13 Commission as a Disabled Sportsman's hunting blind.

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

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

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

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

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11 *143-318.10.*
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16 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*
17 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
18 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 31, 2001;*
19 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002;*
20 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004; (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July 17,*
21 *2003);*
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23 *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; November 1, 2005;*
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1 15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on game lands is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (e) Definitions:

- 32 (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be
33 taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day,
34 Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- 35 (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any
36 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,
37 Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this

1 Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be
2 practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed under
3 each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until
4 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.

- 5 (3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game
6 may be taken during the open seasons.

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

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

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

- 15 (1) Alcoa Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties

16 (A) Six Days per Week Area

17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
18 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season in that portion in Montgomery county, and
19 deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
20 Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.

21 (C) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.

- 22 (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County

23 (A) Six Day per Week Area

24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
25 Antlers Season.

26 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and
27 the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.

- 28 (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties

29 (A) Six Days per Week Area

30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
31 Antlers Season.

32 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.

- 33 (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin, and Washington counties

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 (5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 3 Antlers Season.
- 4 (6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County
- 5 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 7 Antlers Season.
- 8 (C) Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
- 9 (D) On the Singletary Lake Tract the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.
- 10 (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
- 11 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March
- 12 31through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 13 (G) The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes is prohibited March 15 through July 15.
- 14 (7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County
- 15 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
- 17 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 18 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 19 (8) Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County
- 20 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 21 (B) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 22 (9) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
- 23 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 24 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 25 (10) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.
- 26 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 28 Antlers Season.
- 29 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and
- 30 the first three hunting days of the second week of the December Bear Season. If any of
- 31 these days falls on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those days.
- 32 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 33 (11) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
- 34 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 35 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the
- 36 Monday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer may be
- 37 taken with bow and arrow on open days beginning the Saturday 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 blackpowder 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~~ all the 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:
- (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, Thursdays, and Saturdays 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. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14.
- (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.
- (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (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.
- (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (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 and on those gated roads and trails that are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- (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 SR 1746 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 NC 62 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.

- 1 (E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after
2 November 1.
- 3 (F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
4 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 5 (G) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.
- 6 (18) Chatham Game Land in Chatham County
- 7 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
9 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 10 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 11 (D) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August; and on Sundays during
12 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
- 13 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 14 ~~(19) Cherokee Game Land in Ashe County~~
- 15 ~~(A) Six Days per Week Area~~
- 16 ~~(B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible~~
17 ~~Antlers Season.~~
- 18 ~~(20)~~(19) Chowan Game Land in Chowan County
- 19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
21 Season.
- 22 ~~(21)~~(20) Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties.
- 23 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
25 Antlers Season.
- 26 (C) Bear hunting is restricted to the first three hunting days during the November bear season
27 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December bear season except
28 that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway
29 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the
30 Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County
31 bear season.
- 32 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
33 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 34 (E) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays
35 only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on
36 those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- 37 ~~(22)~~(21) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
- 3 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 4 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 5 Antlers Season.
- 6 ~~(23)~~(22) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
- 7 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 9 Antlers Season.
- 10 ~~(24)~~(23) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
- 11 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 12 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 13 Antlers Season.
- 14 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- 15 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 16 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 17 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 18 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of the waterfowl
- 19 season, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake
- 20 Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
- 21 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas.
- 22 During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- 23 ~~(25)~~(24) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
- 24 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 25 (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by
- 26 permit only from November 1 through the end of the waterfowl season.
- 27 (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the
- 28 guides do not use a firearm.
- 29 (D) The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- 30 (E) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of
- 31 their hunt.
- 32 (F) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand
- 33 or blind to a tree.
- 34 (G) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
- 35 season.
- 36 ~~(26)~~(25) Dare Game Land in Dare County
- 37 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
- 4 (D) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- 5 ~~(27)~~(26) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County
- 6 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
8 season.
- 9 ~~(28)~~(27) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
- 10 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 11 (B) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders
12 during scheduled permit hunts.
- 13 ~~(29)~~(28) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County
- 14 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 15 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
16 Antlers Season.
- 17 ~~(30)~~(29) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
- 18 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 19 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
20 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 21 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 22 ~~(31)~~(30) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico counties
- 23 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
25 Antlers Season.
- 26 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
27 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 28 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 29 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 30 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 31 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
32 waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl
33 impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith
34 Creek, and Hobucken.
- 35 (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except
36 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 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit.

~~(32)~~(31) 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.

~~(33)~~(32) 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.

~~(34)~~(33) 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 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.

~~(35)~~(34) 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 the following days:

(i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;

(ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and

(iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

- 1 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
- 2 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 3 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 4 (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 5 (35) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 6 (36) Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County
- 7 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 9 Antlers Season.
- 10 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on the following days:
- 11 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 12 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 13 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 14 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 15 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- 16 (E) On that portion north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east
- 17 of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, deer hunting and
- 18 bear hunting are permit only.
- 19 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited:
- 20 (i) all open days on that portion of the game land that is south of Baby Branch
- 21 extending west to Stag Park Road, west of Shaw Road, north of Meeks Road
- 22 extending west to Stag Park Road and east of Stag Park Road; and
- 23 (ii) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the exception of Thanksgiving,
- 24 Christmas, and New Year's days, and except for the area north of Bear Garden
- 25 Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River,
- 26 south of NC 53 and west of NC 50, where the use of dogs for deer and bear hunting
- 27 is by permit only.
- 28 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from September 1 to the
- 29 last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting
- 30 opportunity permits, unless otherwise authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- 31 (H) Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit may operate an All Terrain Vehicle on and
- 32 within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access.
- 33 (I) Target shooting is prohibited, except on the Holly Shelter Shooting Range.
- 34 (J) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- 35 (37) Hyco Game land in Person County
- 36 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
2 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 4 (38) J. Morgan Futch Game Land in Tyrrell County, Permit Only Area.
- 5 (39) Johns River Game Land in Burke County
- 6 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 7 (B) During permitted deer hunts, deer of either sex may be taken by permit holders.
- 8 (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31,
9 except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the
10 permits.
- 11 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- 12 (40) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties
- 13 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
15 Antlers Season.
- 16 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
- 17 (i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 18 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
- 19 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 20 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail
21 and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is
22 permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for
23 use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed only during
24 June, July, and August, and on Sundays the remainder of the year except during open turkey
25 and deer seasons. People age 16 or older who ride horseback on trails occurring entirely
26 within the game land boundaries shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 27 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 28 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- 29 (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
30 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
31 seasons for game birds and game animals.
- 32 (41) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties
- 33 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 34 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 35 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
36 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 37 (42) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- 3 (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable
- 4 Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
- 5 (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating
- 6 the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- 7 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 8 Antlers season.
- 9 (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 10 (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- 11 (43) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
- 12 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 13 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 14 Antlers Season.
- 15 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 16 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
- 17 (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 18 (44) Lee Game Land in Lee County
- 19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
- 21 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 22 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 23 (45) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
- 24 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 25 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer with Visible
- 26 Antlers Season.
- 27 (46) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
- 28 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 29 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 30 Antlers Season.
- 31 (47) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
- 32 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 33 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
- 34 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 35 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 36 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 37 (48) Mayo Game Land in Person County

- 1 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 2 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
- 3 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 4 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 5 (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 6 (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
- 7 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 8 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 9 (49) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
- 10 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last six days of the applicable Deer with Visible Antlers
- 12 Season.
- 13 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
- 14 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 15 (50) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania
- 16 counties
- 17 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 18 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 19 Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- 20 (51) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
- 21 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 22 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
- 23 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 24 (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
- 25 (52) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County
- 26 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 28 Antlers Season.
- 29 (53) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties
- 30 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 31 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 32 Antlers Season.
- 33 (54) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- 34 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 35 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the
- 36 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.

- 1 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
2 the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week
3 thereafter.
- 4 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
5 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- 6 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
7 Antlers Season.
- 8 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 9 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 10 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
- 11 (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
12 (ii) Swimming.
- 13 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 14 (55) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties
- 15 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
17 Antlers Season.
- 18 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
19 shoreline.
- 20 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
- 21 (56) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
- 22 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 23 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
24 Antlers Season.
- 25 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
26 shoreline.
- 27 (57) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties
- 28 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 29 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last six open days of the
30 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 31 (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North
32 of US-74.
- 33 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 34 (E) Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and only during the
35 following times:
- 36 (i) during June, July, and August; and

- (ii) on Sundays during the other months or parts of months when deer and turkey seasons are closed.
- (58) Perkins Game Land in Davie 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) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- (59) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey 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 on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- (60) 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 from May 16 through August 31 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through May 15.
- ~~(D) Deer and bear hunting is by permit only.~~
- (61) 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.
- (62) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes 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) Bear hunting is prohibited.
- ~~(62)~~(63) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
- (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- ~~(63)~~(64) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties
- (A) Hunting is by Permit only.

- 1 (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business
2 or by permit holders.
- 3 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
4 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however,
5 that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-
6 owned portion of the game land.
- 7 ~~(64)~~(65) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
- 8 ~~(65)~~(66) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County
- 9 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 10 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken ~~the first six open days and the last six~~ all the open days of
11 the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 12 ~~(66)~~(67) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- 13 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 14 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with bow and arrow on open hunting days from the
15 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving.
- 16 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
17 the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week
18 thereafter.
- 19 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
20 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- 21 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the last open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season.
- 23 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 24 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 25 (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
- 26 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 27 ~~(67)~~(68) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County: Hunting is by permit only.
- 28 ~~(68)~~(69) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
- 29 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
31 Antlers Season.
- 32 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 33 ~~(69)~~(70) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties
- 34 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 35 (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22
36 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 blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the blackpowder firearms season through the second Saturday before Thanksgiving; and with all legal weapons from the second Monday before Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
- (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through the third Saturday thereafter;
- (iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from second Monday before Thanksgiving, through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
- (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding Thanksgiving through the Saturday following Thanksgiving;
- (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
- (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen Program Permit Hunt; and
- (vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
- (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
- (D) The bow-and-arrow season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through January 1. Deer may be taken with archery equipment on all open hunting days during the bow and arrow season, the Deer with Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph.
- (E) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding Thanksgiving through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving through January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days during the blackpowder firearms season and the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
- (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- (I) The following areas are permit-only for all quail and woodcock hunting, and dog training on birds:

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

- blackpowder 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 hunting, quail hunting, woodcock hunting, and all bird dog training.
- ~~(75)~~(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.
- (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.
- (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- ~~(76)~~(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.
- (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife resources commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).

~~(77)~~(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.

~~(78)~~(79) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County – hunting is by permit only.

~~(79)~~(80) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting is by permit only.

~~(80)~~(81) 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)~~(82) 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. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.

(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)~~(83) 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)~~(84) 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)~~(85) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties

(A) Six Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first six open days and the last open six days of the
2 applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following
4 days:
- 5 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 6 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 7 (iii) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 8 (D) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.
- 9 ~~(85)~~(86) Vance Game Land in Vance County
- 10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
12 Antlers Season.
- 13 (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the
14 Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- 15 ~~(86)~~(87) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties
- 16 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 17 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
18 Antlers Season.
- 19 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and
20 the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- 21 (88) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 22 ~~(87)~~(89) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County
- 23 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
25 Antlers Season.
- 26 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
27 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 28 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 29 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 30 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 31 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
32 waterfowl season, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
- 33 (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:
- 34 (i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting
35 Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to
36 G.S. 113-264(d);
- 37 (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)~~(90) 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.
- (91) William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County
- (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.
- (i) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed applications shall 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 shall 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 may 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) Feral 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 feral 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.

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

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

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

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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;*

10 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

11 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 3, 1991;*

12 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; September*
13 *1, 1994; July 1, 1994;*

14 *Temporary Amendment Eff. October 1, 1999; July 1, 1999;*

15 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

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

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21 *August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; October*
22 *1, 2006; August 1, 2006; May 1, 2006; February 1, 2006; June 1, 2005; October 1, 2004.*

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

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.

- 1 ~~(3)~~ (4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in
2 Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this Rule. ~~from the first open Monday through the following~~
3 ~~Saturday only in the counties in Subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(5) of this Rule. In counties with~~
4 ~~a season split into two or more segments, this Subparagraph applies only to the first segment.~~
- 5 (4) (5) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
- 6 ~~(5) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in~~
7 ~~Subparagraph (a)(6) of this Rule.~~
- 8 ~~(5)~~ (6) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85,
9 Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston,
10 Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph,
11 Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other counties and
12 parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.
- 13 (c) No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear
14 sanctuaries:
- 15 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only
16 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary
17 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary
18 Brunswick ~~County~~ and Columbus counties--Green Swamp bear sanctuary
19 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary
20 Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary
21 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary
22 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary
23 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary
24 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only
25 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary
26 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary
27 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary
28 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary
29 Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary
30 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary
31 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary
32 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary
33 McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only
34 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary
35 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary
- 36 (d) The daily bag limit is one, the possession limit is one, and the season limit is one.
- 37 (e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B .0113.

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