



Waterfowl Impoundment Condition Alerts

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Every effort has been made to accurately report existing and/or anticipated conditions that may negatively impact the waterfowl hunting experience, but please note that conditions are subject to change for a variety of reasons and in some cases may vary from the information presented in this report.

NOTE: For all areas, refer to the current North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest to determine applicable hunt days for waterfowl and special regulations which may apply.

On managed (posted) waterfowl impoundments, hunters shall not enter the posted impoundment areas earlier than 4:00 a.m. on the permitted hunting dates, and hunting is prohibited after 1:00 p.m. on such hunting dates; decoys shall not be set out prior to 4:00 a.m. and must be removed by 3:00 p.m. each day. No person shall operate any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine on a managed waterfowl impoundment. On waterfowl impoundments that have a posted "Scouting-only Zone," trapping during the trapping season and waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days are the only activities allowed on the portion of the impoundment outside of the posted "Scouting-only Zone."

For impoundments not otherwise noted in this report, conditions are believed to be adequate to support waterfowl hunting.

COASTAL REGION

Croatan Game Land

A project to improve the infrastructure of the Catfish Lake waterfowl impoundment will delay hunting opportunities until late December. The Commission will work closely with the contractor to provide limited hunting opportunities before the project is completed.

Goose Creek-Pamlico Point/Parker Farm

Ditch and dike maintenance conducted during September has created some ditches in new areas of Pamlico Point sub-impoundment two (2). See map below for locations.

Gull Rock

Hunters will find the majority of open water on the eastern side of the impoundment.

Rhodes Pond Game Land

Damage to the dam has required draining of the lake for repairs. Normal water levels are not expected throughout the 2016-2017 waterfowl season and no permits will be issued.

Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land

The Suzie Slough impoundments, the northern most impoundments in Conoho, may not be flooded for the waterfowl season although some water pumping is underway. The Deep Pond impoundment will likely not be flooded.

Suggs Mill Pond Game Land

Jessups Mill Pond will not likely provide waterfowl hunting opportunities for the rest of the 2016-2017 waterfowl season. Swift moving floodwaters created by heavy rainfall from Hurricane Matthew washed away a large section of NC Highway 53 and allowed all the water within the mill pond to be released. It is unknown at this time when repairs will be made.

Whitehall Plantation Game Land

The wetland that lies at the end of Camp Road is only holding water in the lowest pools and currently offers very little hunting opportunities. The lack of water has allowed dense vegetation to grow on the higher sites. We believe that a beaver dam downstream is no longer damming water due to a breach that has not been repaired. It is unknown when or if water levels will recover to optimal depths.

PIEDMONT REGION**Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land**

The Highway 98 Impoundment has developed a significant leak and is currently dry. It is not anticipated that necessary repairs can be made in time to provide for waterfowl hunting opportunities during the remaining 2016-2017 waterfowl season.

Otherwise, water levels in most of the impoundments are adequate for the November season, resultant from flooding by Hurricane Matthew. With another round of pumping effort soon where needed, water levels are anticipated to be at full pool for the December-January season. The Greentree Impoundments are set with the full number of stop-logs, and their water levels will be dependent on rainfall/runoff.

Upper Brickhouse Road, and Patterson Road Impoundments are not included in the 2016-2017 flooding schedule.

R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land

Water levels are anticipated to remain at full pool for the November and December-January seasons.

Jordan Game Land:

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Impoundments #1 Upper Little Creek, #4 Stagecoach, and #6 Beaver Creek are not included in the 2016-2017 flooding schedule.

Second Creek Game Land

The posted waterfowl impoundment on Second Creek Game Land does not include control structures to facilitate artificial manipulation of water levels. This area is completely dependent on rainfall and collection of surface water; therefore, conditions may vary throughout the season.

