

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0123 POSSESSION OF CERTAIN SPECIES OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

2 (a) It is unlawful ~~for any individual~~ to import, transport, export, purchase, possess, or sell any species of Tongueless
3 or African Clawed Frog (~~Xenopus spp.~~)(Xenopus spp.), Brown Anole (Anolis sagrei), Cuban Treefrog (Osteopilus
4 septentrionalis), or any Asian Newts (genera Cynops, Pachytriton, Paramesotriton, Laotriton, Tylotriton); or to stock
5 or release ~~them~~ any of the species identified in this Rule in the public or private waters or lands of North Carolina,
6 except as authorized under permit issued to the entities identified in Subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this Paragraph by
7 the ~~Executive Director Commission~~, pursuant to G.S. 113-274(c)(4) 113-274(c)(4), and subject to the following
8 limitations: limitations as specified in this Rule:

9 (1) Retail and Wholesale Establishments. Importation, possession, ~~sales, sale, transfer,~~ transportation,
10 and exportation ~~of these species within North Carolina, will be allowed under permit~~ by retail and
11 wholesale establishments whose primary business function is providing scientific supplies for
12 research; ~~provided that they must be possessed in indoor facilities; and that all transportation of~~
13 ~~specimens provides adequate safeguards against accidental escape; and that sale or transfer is~~
14 ~~permitted only as listed in Item (2) of this Rule. Written applications for permits shall include plans~~
15 ~~for holding, transportation, advertisement, and sale in such detail as to allow a determination of the~~
16 ~~safeguards provided against accidental escape and sales to unauthorized individuals. research, shall~~
17 be allowed by permit, provided the following conditions are met:

- 18 (A) the application for a permit shall be in writing and include detailed plans for holding,
19 transportation, advertisement, and sale to allow a determination of the safeguards employed
20 to prevent accidental escape and sales to unauthorized individuals;
21 (B) in-state sale or transfer is allowed only to agencies, entities, and institutions listed in
22 Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph; or to out-of-state persons;
23 (C) exportation shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the importing state;
24 (D) all specimens shall be possessed in indoor facilities; and
25 (E) transportation of specimens employs safeguards that prevent accidental escape.

26 (2) Government Agencies and Research Institutions. ~~Purchase, importation, and possession~~
27 Importation, possession, transfer, transportation, and exportation of this these species within North
28 Carolina shall be allowed ~~by permit~~ by permitted state and federal governmental agencies, corporate
29 research entities, and research institutions; ~~provided that sales are permitted to lawful out of state~~
30 ~~consumers; and, provided that they must be possessed in indoor facilities and that all transportation~~
31 ~~of specimens provides adequate safeguards against accidental escape; and that the agency's or~~
32 ~~institution's Animal Use and Care Committee has approved the research protocol for this species;~~
33 ~~and, further provided that no specimens may be stocked or released in the public or private waters~~
34 ~~or lands of North Carolina and may not be transferred to any private individual. institutions,~~
35 provided the following conditions are met:

- 36 (A) The application for a permit shall be in writing and include detailed plans for holding,
37 transportation, final disposition, and safeguards to prevent accidental escape;

- 1 (B) exportation shall only be to out-of-state agencies, entities, and institutions identified in this
- 2 Subparagraph;
- 3 (C) all specimens shall be possessed in indoor facilities;
- 4 (D) transportation of specimens shall employ safeguards that prevent accidental escape; and
- 5 (E) the agency's, entity's, or institution's Animal Use and Care Committee has approved the
- 6 research protocol for this species.

7 (b) Except as provided in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, it is unlawful for private individuals to import, purchase, or sell
8 live specimens of Red-eared Sliders (Trachemys scripta elegans); or to stock or release them in the public or private
9 waters or lands of North Carolina.

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11 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274; 113-292;*
12 *Eff. February 1, 1994;*
13 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; April 1, 1997.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0202 BEAR**

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

- 3 (1) First Monday in ~~on or nearest~~ October 15 ~~to~~ through the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the third
4 Monday after Thanksgiving ~~to~~ through January 1 in and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke,
5 and Cleveland ~~counties.~~ counties;
- 6 (2) Second Monday in November ~~to~~ through January 1 in Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus,
7 Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, ~~Pamlico,~~ Pender, Robeson, and Sampson ~~counties.~~
8 counties;
- 9 ~~(3) First Monday in December to the third Saturday thereafter in Robeson County~~
- 10 ~~(4)(3) Second Monday Saturday in November ~~to~~ through the following Saturday second Sunday thereafter~~
11 and the third ~~Monday Saturday~~ after Thanksgiving ~~to~~ through the fifth ~~Saturday Sunday~~ after
12 Thanksgiving in Beaufort, ~~Bertie, Camden, Chowan,~~ Craven, ~~Dare, Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax,~~
13 Hyde, ~~Hertford,~~ Jones, ~~Lenoir,~~ Martin, Nash, ~~Northampton, Pasquotank, Pitt, Tyrrell, Pamlico, and~~
14 Washington ~~Washington, Wayne, and Wilson~~ counties. counties;
- 15 (4) Second Saturday in November through the first Sunday after Thanksgiving and the third Saturday
16 after Thanksgiving through the fifth Sunday after Thanksgiving in Dare, Hyde, and Tyrrell counties;
- 17 (5) Second Saturday ~~preceding the second Monday~~ in November ~~to~~ through the following second
18 Sunday thereafter ~~Saturday~~ and the third ~~Saturday Monday~~ after Thanksgiving ~~to~~ through the fifth
19 Saturday ~~Sunday~~ after Thanksgiving in ~~Bertie, Currituck, Gates, Hertford,~~ and Perquimans ~~counties.~~
20 counties;
- 21 (6) Second Sunday in November through the following Sunday and the third Saturday after
22 Thanksgiving through the fifth Sunday after Thanksgiving in Camden, Chowan, and Pasquotank
23 counties;
- 24 (7) Third Saturday in November though the fifth Sunday thereafter in Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax,
25 Lenoir, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, Wayne, and Wilson counties; and
- 26 ~~(6)(8) Concurrent with the open season for all lawful weapons for hunting deer as specified in 15A NCAC~~
27 10B .0203(a)(1) in Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Davie,
28 Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Johnston,
29 Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond,
30 Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, and Yadkin counties.

31 (b) Restrictions

- 32 (1) For purposes of this Paragraph, "bait" means any natural, unprocessed food product that is a grain,
33 fruit, nut, vegetable, or other material harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw
34 components.
- 35 (2) Bears shall not be taken with the use or aid of:

- 1 (A) any processed food product as defined in G.S. 113-294(r), any animal, animal part or
2 product, salt, salt lick, honey, sugar, sugar-based material, syrups, candy, pastry, gum,
3 candy block, oils, spices, peanut butter, or grease;
- 4 (B) any extracts of substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph;
- 5 (C) any substances modified by substances identified in Part (A) of this Subparagraph,
6 including any extracts of those substances; or
- 7 (D) any bear bait attractant, including sprays, aerosols, scent balls, and scent powders.
- 8 (3) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait from the Monday on or nearest October 15 to the Saturday
9 before Thanksgiving in the counties in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.
- 10 (4) Bears may be taken with the aid of bait during the entire open season in the counties identified in
11 Subparagraphs (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this Rule.
- 12 (5) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.
- 13 (6) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85,
14 Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston,
15 Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph,
16 Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other counties and
17 parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.
- 18 (c) No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear
19 sanctuaries:
- 20 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 21 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary
- 22 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary
- 23 Brunswick County--Green Swamp bear sanctuary
- 24 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary
- 25 Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary
- 26 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary
- 27 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary
- 28 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary
- 29 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only
- 30 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary
- 31 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary
- 32 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary
- 33 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary
- 34 Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary
- 35 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary
- 36 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary
- 37 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary

1 McDowell and Yancey counties--Mt. Mitchell bear sanctuary except by permit only

2 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary

3 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

4 (d) The daily bag limit for bear is one, the possession limit is one, and the season limit is one.

5 ~~(e) Kill Reports. The carcass of each bear shall be reported as provided by 15A NCAC 10B .0113.~~

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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.7; 113-305;*

8 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

9 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; September 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; July 1, 1994; April 14, 1992;*

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

11 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*

12 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002;*

13 *Amendment Eff. August 1, 2002;*

14 *Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2003;*

15 *Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. December 27, 2003;*

16 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2010; May 1, 2009; May*

17 *1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May 1, 2006; June 1, 2005;*

18 *Temporary Amendment Eff. May 31, 2016;*

19 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2016.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0203 DEER (WHITE-TAILED)**

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

3 (1) Deer With Visible Antlers. Except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, Sandhills,
4 and South Mountains Game Lands, Deer deer with antlers or spikes protruding through the skin, as
5 distinguished from knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet, may be taken during the following
6 seasons (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for Deer With Visible Antlers seasons on these Game
7 Lands):

8 (A) Saturday on or nearest October ~~15~~ 22 through the first Sunday in January ~~+~~ in all of
9 Beaufort, ~~Bertie~~, Bladen, Brunswick, ~~Camden~~, Carteret, ~~Chowan~~, Columbus*,
10 Cumberland, Craven, ~~Currituck~~, Dare, Duplin, ~~Edgecombe~~, ~~Franklin~~, ~~Gates~~, ~~Greene~~,
11 ~~Halifax~~, Harnett, ~~Hertford~~, Hoke, Hyde, ~~Johnston~~, Jones, Lenoir, ~~Martin~~, Moore, Nash,
12 New Hanover, ~~Northampton~~, Onslow, Pamlico, ~~Pasquotank~~, Pender, ~~Perquimans~~, ~~Pitt~~,
13 ~~Richmond**~~, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, ~~Scotland**~~, Scotland, Tyrrell, and ~~Vance~~,
14 ~~Wake~~, ~~Warren~~, Washington, ~~Wayne~~, and ~~Wilson~~ counties.

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

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

18 (B) Saturday on or nearest October 29 through the first Sunday in January in all of Bertie,
19 Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford,
20 Johnston, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Vance, Wake,
21 Warren, Wayne, and Wilson counties.

22 (C) Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the first Sunday in January ~~+~~ in all of
23 Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Catawba, Cleveland, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell,
24 Lincoln, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, ~~Wilkes*~~ Wilkes, and Yadkin counties.

25 *Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103(h) for seasons on ~~Buffalo Cove Game Land.~~

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

30 ~~(D)(E)~~ Two Saturdays before Thanksgiving Day through the first Sunday in January ~~+~~ in all of
31 Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford,
32 Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly,
33 and Union counties.

34 ~~(E)(F)~~ Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the first Sunday in January ~~+~~ in those parts
35 of Camden, Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the Dismal Swamp National
36 Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties known as the
37 Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in that part of Hyde county known as Lake

1 Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Dare and Hyde counties known
2 as Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson and Richmond
3 counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in that part of Currituck
4 County known as the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

5 ~~(F) Monday of Thanksgiving week through January 1 in all of Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford~~
6 ~~counties, except for South Mountain Game Land.~~

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

12 (A) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
13 during the period from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the first Sunday
14 in January 4 in those parts of Camden, Gates, and Pasquotank counties known as the
15 Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington
16 counties known as the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; in those parts of Anson
17 and Richmond counties known as the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge; and in those parts
18 of Currituck County known as the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge and the Mackay
19 Island National Wildlife Refuge.

20 (B) The open either-sex deer hunting dates established by the appropriate military commands
21 at each of the military installations listed in this Paragraph, during the period from Saturday
22 on or nearest October 15 ~~22~~ through the first Sunday in January 4 in that part of Brunswick
23 County known as the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, in that part of Craven County
24 known and marked as Cherry Point Marine Base, in that part of Onslow County known
25 and marked as the Camp Lejeune Marine Base, on Fort Bragg Military Reservation, and
26 on Camp Mackall Military Reservation.

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

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

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

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

5 (E) The ~~last six~~ first open days day of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in
6 Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule through the first Friday thereafter in all of Avery, Burke,
7 Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, and Yancey counties.

8 (F) The first ~~six~~ open days ~~and the last seven open days~~ of the Deer with Visible Antlers season
9 described in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule through the second Friday thereafter in all of
10 Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford counties.

11 (G) All the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers season described in Subparagraph (a)(1)
12 of this Rule in and east of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, Lincoln, and
13 Gaston counties and in the following parts of counties: Buncombe: That part east of NC
14 191, south of the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers, west of US 25, and north of NC
15 280; and Henderson; That part east of NC 191 and north and west of NC 280.

16 (H) The fourth Saturday in September in all counties, subject to the following restriction: only
17 persons under the age of 18 years may hunt.

18 (b) Open Seasons (~~Bow and Arrow~~ Archery) for hunting deer:

19 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph and the bag
20 limits set out in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, deer may be taken with ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment
21 ~~during the following seasons:~~ from the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the day
22 immediately preceding the first open day of the Blackpowder Firearms and Archery Seasons
23 described in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek, Rockfish
24 Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for Archery
25 seasons on these Game Lands).

26 (A) ~~Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday thereafter in the counties and parts~~
27 ~~of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part (A) of~~
28 ~~Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, except on Nicholson Creek, Rockfish Creek, and~~
29 ~~Sandhills Game Lands.~~

30 (B) ~~Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the third Friday before Thanksgiving in the~~
31 ~~counties and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer with Visible Antlers~~
32 ~~specified by Part (B) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule except for that portion of Buffalo~~
33 ~~Cove Game Land in Wilkes County.~~

34 (C) ~~Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the Sunday prior to the opening of the blackpowder~~
35 ~~firearms and bow and arrow season identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule; and the Sunday~~
36 ~~immediately following the closing of blackpowder firearms and bow and arrow season~~
37 ~~identified in Part (c)(1)(C) of this Rule to the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the counties~~

1 and parts of counties having the open seasons for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by
2 Part (C) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule and in Cleveland, Polk, and Rutherford
3 counties.

4 ~~(D) Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving in the~~
5 ~~counties and parts of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers~~
6 ~~specified by Part (D) of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, and on Nicholson Creek,~~
7 ~~Rockfish Creek, and Sandhills Game Lands.~~

8 ~~(E) Sunday immediately following the closing of the open season for Deer With Visible~~
9 ~~Antlers specified by Part (a)(1)(C) of this Rule through January 1 in the counties and parts~~
10 ~~of counties having the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers specified by Part~~
11 ~~(a)(1)(C) of this Rule.~~

12 (2) Restrictions

13 (A) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as
14 provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs ~~Dogs~~ may not be used for hunting deer during the ~~bow~~
15 ~~and arrow archery~~ season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded
16 deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

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

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

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

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

25 (1) Authorization. Subject to the restrictions set out in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, deer may be
26 taken only with blackpowder firearms and ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment on the Saturday
27 preceding the Deer with Visible Antlers seasons described in Parts (a)(1)(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and
28 (F) of this Rule through the first Friday thereafter except on Buffalo Cove, Nicholson Creek,
29 Rockfish Creek, Sandhills, and South Mountains Game Lands (Refer to 15A NCAC 10D .0103 for
30 Blackpowder Firearms and Archery seasons on these Game Lands); during the following seasons:

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

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

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

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

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

10 (2) Restrictions

11 (A) Deer of either sex may be taken during blackpowder firearms and ~~bow and arrow~~ archery
12 season in and east of the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke,
13 Caldwell, Watauga, and Ashe. Deer of either sex may be taken on the ~~last~~ first day of this
14 season only in all other counties.

15 (B) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as
16 provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs ~~Dogs~~ shall not be used for hunting deer during the
17 blackpowder firearms and ~~bow and arrow~~ archery seasons, except a single dog on a leash
18 may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

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

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

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

32 (2) Participation. Cities that intend to participate in the urban season shall send a letter to that effect no
33 later than April 1 of the year prior to the start of the urban season to the Executive Director or his
34 designee at 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. ~~27699-1722~~, 27699-1700. Cities shall also
35 submit a map of the city's boundaries within which the urban season shall apply.

36 (3) Restrictions:

1 (A) In the areas of the State where the Commission is authorized to regulate the use of dogs as
2 provided in G.S. 113-291.5, dogs Dogs shall not be used for hunting deer during the urban
3 season, except a single dog on a leash may be used to retrieve a wounded deer in accordance
4 with G.S. 113-291.1(k).

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

7 (e) Bag limits. ~~In and east of Vance, Franklin, Wake, Harnett, Moore, and Richmond counties, the possession limit is~~
8 ~~six deer, up to four of which may be deer with visible antlers. In all other counties of the state the~~ The possession and
9 season limit is six deer, ~~up to two of which may be deer with visible antlers, antlers and four of which may be antlerless~~
10 ~~deer. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as distinguished from spikes~~
11 ~~protruding through the skin. The season limit in all counties of the State, is six deer.~~ In addition to the bag limits
12 described above, a hunter may obtain multiple bonus antlerless deer harvest report cards from the Wildlife Resources
13 Commission or any Wildlife Service Agent to allow the harvest of two additional antlerless deer per card ~~on lands~~
14 ~~others than lands enrolled in the Commission's game land program during any open deer season in all counties and~~
15 ~~parts of counties of the State identified in Part (G) of Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule. Antlerless deer harvested and~~
16 ~~reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not count as part of the possession and season limit. Hunters~~
17 ~~may also use the bonus antlerless harvest report cards for deer harvested during the season described in Paragraph (d)~~
18 ~~of this Rule within the boundaries of participating municipalities, except on State-owned game lands. Antlerless deer~~
19 ~~harvested and reported on the bonus antlerless harvest report card shall not count as part of the possession and season~~
20 ~~limit. Antlerless deer include males with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet as distinguished from spikes~~
21 ~~protruding through the skin.~~ The bag limits described above do not apply to deer harvested in areas covered in the
22 Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) as described in G.S. 113-291.2(e) for those individuals using
23 Commission-issued DMAP tags and reporting harvest as described on the DMAP license. Season bag limits shall be
24 set by the number of DMAP tags issued and in the hunters' possession. All deer harvested under this program,
25 regardless of the date of harvest, shall be tagged with these DMAP tags and reported as instructed on the DMAP
26 license. The hunter does not have to validate the Big Game Harvest Report Card provided with the hunting license for
27 deer tagged with the DMAP tags. Any deer harvested on lands enrolled in the DMAP and not tagged with DMAP tags
28 may only be harvested during the regularly established deer seasons subject to all the restrictions of those seasons,
29 including bag limits, and reported using the big game harvest report card or the bonus antlerless harvest report card.

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31 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-270.3; 113-276.1; 113-291.1; 113-291.2; 113-291.5
32 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*
33 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1998; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1996, July 1, 1995; December 1, 1994; July 1,*
34 *1994; July 1, 1993;*
35 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 1999;*
36 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2000;*
37 *Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2002; July 1, 2001;*

1 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2002 (Approved by RRC on 06/21/01 and 04/18/02);*
2 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 1, 2003;*
3 *Amended Eff. June 1, 2004 (this amendment replaces the amendment approved by RRC on July*
4 *17, 2003);*
5 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; August 1, 2017; August 1, 2016; August 1, 2015; August 1, 2014;*
6 *August 1, 2013; August 1, 2012; August 1, 2011; July 10, 2010; June 1, 2008; May 1, 2007; May*
7 *1, 2006; June 1, 2005.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0207 RABBITS**

2 (a) Open Season: The open season for taking rabbits ~~shall be is~~ the ~~first~~ Saturday ~~preceding before~~ Thanksgiving Day
3 through the last day of February.

4 (b) Bag Limits: The daily bag limit for rabbits is five and there are no season and no possession limits.

5 (c) Box-traps: During the hunting season specified in Paragraph (a) of this Rule and subject to the bag limits set forth
6 in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, rabbits may be taken with box-traps. A valid hunting license shall serve as a
7 transportation permit for live rabbits taken pursuant to this Rule.

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9 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;*

10 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

11 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1987; July 1, 1986; July 1, 1985; July 1, 1984;*

12 *Temporary Amendment Eff. August 1, 1998;*

13 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; May 1, 2008; April 1, 1999.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0211 PHEASANT (NONNATIVE VARIETIES)**

2 (a) Open Season: The Saturday next preceding before Thanksgiving Day to February 1 on male pheasant only.

3 (b) Bag Limits: Daily, three; possession, six; season, 30.

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5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2;*

6 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

7 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; July 1, 1987; July 1, 1986; July 1, 1985; July 1, 1984.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0212 FOXES (GRAY AND RED)**

2 (a) ~~Seasons:~~ Fox Season:

- 3 (1) There shall be no closed season on taking foxes with dogs;
- 4 (2) Foxes may be taken with weapons or traps the first to fourth Saturday in January in the following
- 5 counties:

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7 Caswell Henderson

8 Clay Macon

9 Graham Tyrrell

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- 11 (3) Foxes may be taken the Saturday ~~next preceding~~ before Thanksgiving Day through January 1 using
- 12 archery equipment ~~by bow and arrow~~ in all areas of the State east of Interstate Highway 77 and in
- 13 Mitchell County.

14 (b) Bag ~~Limit:~~ Limit for Foxes:

- 15 (1) Except in areas of open season for taking foxes with weapons or traps, foxes ~~may~~ shall not be
- 16 intentionally killed by any method;
- 17 (2) In areas of open season in all areas east of Interstate Highway 77 as set by the ~~Legislature~~ General
- 18 Assembly and in Subparagraph (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this Rule, the following bag limit applies: Daily,
- 19 two; season, 10.

- 20 (c) ~~Note:~~ Where local laws governing the taking of foxes conflict with this Rule, ~~these Regulations~~, the local laws
- 21 shall prevail.
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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.2; 113-291.4; 113-291.4A*

24 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

25 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1987; December 1, 1985;*

26 *Temporary Amendment Eff. November 1, 1989;*

27 *Amended Eff. July 1, 1994; May 1, 1990;*

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

29 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2018; May 1, 2009; July 1, 2000.*

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0224 AMERICAN ALLIGATOR**

2 (a) The season for taking American alligators shall be September 1 to October 1.

3 (b) Take shall be by permit only.

4 (c) The bag limit shall be one per permit and the season limit is one.

5 (d) American alligators shall be restrained before being killed. American alligators shall only be restrained using a
6 hand-held restraining line or catch pole; a snatch hook attached to a hand-held restraining line or rod and reel; a
7 harpoon or gig attached to a hand-held restraining line; a baited wooden peg less than two inches in length attached to
8 a hand-held restraining line; or archery equipment with an arrow-attached restraining line.

9 (e) American alligators restrained by any method specified in Paragraph (d) of this Rule shall be killed immediately
10 upon capture.

11 (f) Alligators may be taken day or night and with the use of artificial lights.

12 (g) The use of baited hooks is prohibited.

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14 *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-291.1; 113-291.2;*

15 *Eff. August 1, 2018.*

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