

**Game Lands** Some 2,000,000 acres of public and private lands in North Carolina are managed by the Wildlife Resources Commission for public hunting, trapping and inland fishing. They are designated collectively as "game lands." Hunting on the Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission through a joint venture. Additional regulations apply to the Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge. **A map book with detailed maps for the game lands may be purchased through the Commission's Wild Store at 1-866-945-3746.** Maps are also available online free of charge at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

**GAME LANDS LICENSE** The game lands license is required, in addition to the appropriate hunting or trapping license, to hunt, trap, train dogs or participate in field trials on any game land. (The game lands license is included with some lifetime or sportsman's licenses.) A special permit may be required for some species on these areas. On field trials scheduled on game lands by the Wildlife Resources Commission, nonresidents in possession of hunting licenses from their own states and persons serving as judges, handlers, scouts or owners may participate without the license. Persons who are observing only at field trials do not need to have any license.

### GAME LANDS RESTRICTIONS

#### Waterfowl Hunting

- On posted waterfowl impoundments, it is unlawful on the legal hunting days for hunters to be within the posted impoundment area before 4 a.m., and hunting is prohibited after 1 p.m.; decoys may not be set out prior to 4 a.m. and must be removed by 3 p.m. each day.
- Waterfowl blinds may be constructed on most game lands; however, they become public property and can be used by anyone on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Blinds on areas not owned by the state must be removed after the hunting season; and on some game lands, the property owners may prohibit construction of permanent hunting blinds by posting a sign at the entrances stating such restrictions.
- It is unlawful to hunt in or within 100 yards of a designated "Disabled Sportsman's Waterfowl Blind" during the waterfowl season except by a disabled access permit-holder and his or her permitted companion or holders of applicable disabled waterfowl hunt permits.
- It is unlawful to 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.
- It is unlawful to operate internal combustion engine-powered vessels or vehicles on posted waterfowl impoundments.
- If a waterfowl impoundment has a posted scouting-only zone, all activities except hunting and trapping are restricted to that zone from Nov. 1 to March 15.

#### Vehicle Usage

- Driving a motorized vehicle is allowed only on those roads constructed, maintained and open for vehicular travel and those trails posted for vehicular use. This does not apply to participants in scheduled bird dog field trials held on the Sandhills Game Land or to persons holding special vehicular access identification cards issued to qualified disabled hunters. (See Disabled Access Permit Requirements).

- It is unlawful to block traffic or gates or otherwise prevent vehicles from using any roadway.
- Operation of any motorized land vehicle, including ATVs, not licensed for highway use is prohibited, except by those persons holding a Disabled Access Permit on areas under the Disabled Access Program or holders of applicable disabled hunt permits. This does not apply to those areas specifically designated in national forests for unlicensed vehicle use.

#### Weapons

- It is unlawful to discharge any weapon:
  - from a vehicle,
  - within 150 yards of any residence located on or adjacent to game lands,
  - within 150 yards of any game lands building or game lands camping area (unless otherwise posted).
 The 150-yard provision of this rule does not apply to the use of archery equipment on Butner-Falls of Neuse and Jordan game lands.
- During spring turkey season, it is unlawful to possess a rifle on game lands, but bow-and-arrow may be used.
- During closed seasons and closed hunting days on game birds (waterfowl, doves, woodcock, snipe, rails, gallinules, moorhens, coots, grouse, pheasant, quail, turkey) and game animals (deer, bear, fox, rabbits, squirrels, boar, bobcats, opossum, raccoon), it is unlawful to possess any firearm or bow and arrow readily available for use. During that time in which fox season is the only open season for a game animal, it is also unlawful to possess these weapons. The following exceptions, however, should be noted:
  - Possession is allowed on field-trial and designated target shooting areas and in camping areas for defense of person or property.
  - 22-caliber pistols with barrels, not greater than 7.5 inches in length and shooting only short, long or long rifle ammunition, may be carried as side arms on game lands at any time, except by hunters during the special bow-and-arrow and muzzle-loading firearms deer hunting season.
  - Individuals training dogs during closed season without field-trial authorization are prohibited from carrying any weapon.
  - A bow and fishing arrows may be possessed when used as a licensed special fishing device in those waters, where such use is authorized.

#### Training or Hunting with Dogs

- Except for authorized field trials, dogs may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed from April 1 through Aug. 15 on any game land located west of I-95 and from March 15 through June 15 east of I-95.
- Dogs also may not be trained or allowed to run unleashed during daylight hours on dates when special hunts are scheduled for the Disabled Sportsman Program hunts on these game lands. Additional restrictions apply to some bear sanctuaries and game lands.
- It is unlawful to train dogs or allow dogs to run unleashed on bear sanctuaries in and west of Madison, Buncombe, Henderson and Polk counties from March 1 to the Monday on or nearest Oct. 15.

#### Bear Sanctuaries

- It is unlawful to take wild boar on bear sanctuaries, except during the bow season, muzzleloading season, deer gun season and any small game season, but hunters are restricted to the weapons and manner of take legal for that particular season.
- On bear sanctuaries, bear may not be taken and dogs may not be used to take wild boar.

**Posted Zones on Game Lands**

- Safety Zone – unlawful to hunt or discharge a weapon. Falconry is allowed.
- Restricted Zone – no entry without a permit.
- Temporary Restricted Zone – no entry without a permit.
- Archery Zone – bow-and-arrow hunting and falconry only. On such areas, deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of any applicable open deer season.
- Restricted Firearms Zones – unlawful to hunt with a center-fire rifle.
- Scouting-only Zone – unlawful to discharge firearms or bow and arrow.

**Other Restrictions**

- Disabled sportsman blinds are for use by those individuals who possess a lifetime Disabled Veteran or Totally Disabled license or a Disabled Sportsman Hunt Certification, in addition to a valid hunting license and their able-bodied companions on a first-come basis during non-permit, open hunting days, except for the Restricted Area of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land. During permit hunts, the Commission will designate use of disabled sportsman blinds.
- Use of game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping and fishing is subject to the control of the landowners.
- It is unlawful to release pen-raised or wild birds or animals on game lands without written authorization from the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- It is unlawful to hunt while under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drug.
- It is unlawful to litter or dispose of refuse, except in receptacles provided for the purpose.
- Live wild birds or animals may not be removed.
- It is unlawful to obscure the sex or age of any bird or animal by mutilation of the carcass.
- Placing bait on game lands is prohibited without written authorization.
- Game birds or game animals may not be taken with the aid of bait.
- It is unlawful to erect or to occupy for the purpose of hunting, any tree stand or platform attached by nails, screws, bolts or wire to a tree on any game land designated herein. This prohibition shall not apply to lag-screw steps or portable stands that are removed after use with no metal left remaining in or attached to the tree.
- It is unlawful to camp on game lands, except on an area designated by the landowner for camping, or to camp on those U.S. Forest Service lands that have been closed by posted order of the U.S. Forest Service. See the individual game lands listings beginning on page 58 for further restrictions.
- Hunting on Cowan’s Ford Waterfowl Refuge is by permit only.
- Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7 a.m. on Tuesdays, until 7 a.m. on Thursdays and until midnight on Saturdays on three-day-per-week game lands.
- U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and U.S. Corps of Engineers regulations prohibit permanent structures (including permanent duck blinds and permanent deer stands) on all lands under their management.
- Hunting Creek Swamp in Davie County and John’s River Waterfowl Refuge in Burke County are closed to hunting.
- With the exception of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties, properly licensed hunters may take feral hogs on game lands during the open season for any game animal using any legal manner of take allowed during those open game seasons. Dogs may be used for hunting feral hogs only on those

- game lands where the use of dogs is allowed for hunting deer or bear and only during the applicable deer or bear season.
- Public nudity on any game land is prohibited.

**Trapping on Game Lands** Trapping fur-bearing animals is permitted on game lands during the open seasons and in accordance with the trapping regulations, except on posted “Safety,” “Temporary Restricted” and “Restricted” zones and the regulated areas listed below that are closed to trapping:

- John’s River Waterfowl Refuge, Burke Co.
- Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge, Davie Co.
- J. Robert Gordon Sandhills Field Trial Area
- Harmon Den Bear Sanctuary, Pisgah Game Land
- Sherwood Bear Sanctuary, Pisgah Game Land
- Cowan’s Ford Waterfowl Refuge, Mecklenburg Co.

Bait may not be used on the national forest lands bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway on the south, U.S. 276 on the north and east, and N.C. 215 on the west.

**Trespassing on Game Lands** Entry on game lands for purposes other than hunting, trapping and fishing is subject to the control of the landowners. Written permission of the owner is required to remove any plant or other materials.

**Youth Waterfowl Day** No special permit will be required on game lands for youth to hunt on the day officially designated as “Youth Waterfowl Day” unless specified for an individual game land.

**Waterfowl Management Areas** On those areas established by the Wildlife Resources Commission for either waterfowl restoration or waterfowl resting and feeding, and posted as waterfowl management areas, it is unlawful to hunt or harass waterfowl.

**Field-Trial Facilities** Field trials may be scheduled on the J. Robert Gordon Sandhills “Field Trial Area” and the Laurinburg “Fox-Trial Facility” by application in advance, accompanied by the appropriate facility use fee. No person or group shall use these facilities without having obtained specific written approval from an authorized agent of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

**Shooting Ranges** Shooting ranges on state-owned game lands are open from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Saturday, for the purpose of firearm marksmanship and development of shooting skills. All shooting-range users shall abide by the game lands restrictions and handle firearms and archery equipment in a safe manner. They also shall obey all regulations posted at the range. Additional restrictions:

- No use of glass targets.
- Firearms must be unloaded and cased in transport to and from the shooting range.
- No intentional shooting into a target holder or other permanent structure.
- No shooting at targets off the range.

Currently the Commission has one shooting range, the Wayne E. Smith Shooting Range, located at the Cold Mountain Game Land.

## DISABLED ACCESS PROGRAM

**Disabled Access Permit** A Disabled Access Permit allows persons with limited physical mobility to operate vehicles only on OPEN-GATED or UNGATED roads, otherwise closed to vehicular traffic on game lands listed in the Disabled Access Program and to have access to special disabled hunting blinds. It does not authorize operation of vehicles on closed roads on game lands not listed in the Disabled Access Program. The disabled hunter will be issued a companion and vehicle access card. One able-bodied companion may accompany the disabled hunter, provided that person possesses the companion card. This permit is valid as long as the qualifying disability persists. There is no fee associated with this permit. Refer to the “Disabled Sportsman Information” section on page 11 for qualification and application information.

NOTE: Disabled individuals, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may use a wheelchair or other mobility device designed for indoor pedestrian use on any area where foot travel is allowed on properties owned or controlled by the Commission.

**Areas Involved** Vehicular access under this permit is provided on the following game lands: *(Additional access may be provided on some U.S. Forest Service-owned game lands. Those areas are not listed below, but details may be obtained by contacting the local ranger station for the district in which you wish to hunt.)*

- Bertie
- Bladen Lakes
- Butner-Falls of Neuse (waterfowl blind for disabled hunters only)
- R. Wayne Bailey – Caswell
- Goose Creek (waterfowl blind for disabled hunters only)
- Holly Shelter
- Roanoke River Wetlands
- Sandhills
- Suggs Mill Pond
- **Tillery**
- Thurmond Chatham

See current *Game Lands Map Book* online for details and disabled access locations.

Currently there is a waterfowl blind for the disabled on the Spring

Creek Impoundment of Goose Creek Game Land and on the Beaver Dam Impoundment of Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land. A disabled access permit is required. On permitted days on Spring Creek and on the Beaver Dam Impoundment, users must apply through the Permit Hunting Opportunities Program.

**Disabled Sportsman Permit Hunt Program** All of the hunts the Commission offers to the disabled sportsman require permits. Information about qualifications required for these hunts and available disabled blinds can be found in the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication.

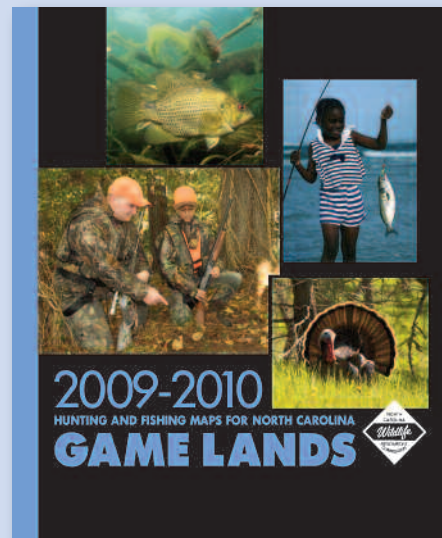
## EITHER-SEX SEASONS AND OTHER RULES APPLYING TO INDIVIDUAL GAME LANDS

Each game land falls into one of four categories and is so designated in the individual game lands listings. A special permit may be required for some species on any of these areas (see the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication). The four designations are as follows:

- **Six-day-per-week areas:** Game lands on which any game may be taken during the open seasons.
- **Three-day-per-week areas:** Game lands on which any game may be hunted unless otherwise noted. Open days are Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s and Martin Luther King Jr. days. These areas are closed to hunting on other days of the week, unless specifically opened under the individual game lands listings.
- **Dove-only areas:** Game lands on which doves may be hunted by game lands license-holders on Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s days during open dove seasons. On these dove areas, dove hunters must possess a game lands license. Other hunting activities, regardless of the day of the week, are controlled by the landowner or his agent.
- **Permit-only areas:** Game lands on which a special permit is required to hunt or trap. To apply for any special permits in the listings below, see the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication.
- **Falconry on Game Lands:** Within established hunting seasons and on open hunting days, falconry is allowed on Archery and Safety Zones in game lands.

# HUNTING AND FISHING MAPS FOR NORTH CAROLINA GAME LANDS

- ◆ The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission no longer provides a free copy of the full color version of the *Game Lands Map Book*.
- ◆ To better serve the public, our Web site ([www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org)) now provides interactive, updated maps, including a searchable Game Lands database.
- ◆ You can buy the map book online through the Wild Store at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) or by calling (866) 945-3746.



**Alcoa Game Land** – Davie, Davidson, Montgomery, Rowan and Stanly counties (8,372 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 14 – 20 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 in that portion in Montgomery County (moderate season); Nov. 21 – Dec. 19 in that portion in Davie County and Nov. 14 – Jan. 1 in that portion in Davidson, Rowan and Stanly counties (maximum season).

**Alligator River Game Land** – Tyrrell County (13,877 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season)
- Bear may only be taken on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the November Bear Season and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week of the December season.

**Angola Bay Game Land** – Duplin and Pender counties (24,483 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Bachelor Bay Game Land** – Bertie, Martin and Washington counties (4,470 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Bertie County Game Land** – Bertie County (4,090 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land** – Bladen County (32,363 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Handguns shall not be carried and, except for muzzleloaders, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used or possessed.
- On the Singletary Tract, deer and bear may be taken only by still hunting.
- Turkey hunting on the Singletary Tract is by special permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

**Brinkleyville Game Land** – Halifax County (1,819 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.

**Brunswick County Game Land** – Brunswick County (1,139 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

**Buckhorn Game Land** – Orange County (500 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.

**Buckridge Game Land** – Tyrrell County (18,194 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season)
- Bear may only be taken on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the November Bear Season and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week of the December Bear Season.

**Buffalo Cove Game Land** – Caldwell and Wilkes counties (6,575 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Deer Season: Nov. 23 – Dec. 12 in all portions of the game land
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 12 (introductory season) in all portions of the game land.

- Muzzleloader season: Oct. 5 – Oct. 10 in all portions of the game land
- Bow-and-Arrow Season: Sept. 7 – Oct. 3 and Oct. 12 – Nov. 21 in all portions of the game land.
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 through May 15. This rule includes all equine species.

**Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve** – Robeson County (283 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – 28 and Dec. 23 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).

**Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land** – Durham, Granville and Wake counties (41,115 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (conservative season).
- Waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Christmas, **Martin Luther King Jr** and New Year's days, and on opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons. On the posted waterfowl impoundments, a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after Nov. 1.
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in designated camping areas.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply), except on those areas posted as Archery Zones.
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of N.C. 50 and south of Falls Lake.
- Except while hunting, bicycle riding is restricted to designated areas.

**Buxton Woods Game Land** – Dare County (956 acres)

- **Six-day-per-week area**
- **Gun Either-Sex Season: Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (conservative season)**

**Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land** – Pender County (5,281 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Turkey hunting is by permit only on the Roan Island Tract (see the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- On the Canetuck Tract hunting deer and bear with dogs is prohibited.

**Carteret County Game Land** – Carteret County (2,432 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season)
- Dogs may not be used for hunting deer.

**R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land** – Caswell County (17,788 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Dec. 23 – Jan. 1 (conservative season).
- Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July and August and on Sundays during the remainder of the year, except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic. Participants must obtain a game lands license prior to engaging in horseback riding on this area.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in designated camping areas.
- The area posted with signs stating “CURE Wildlife Game Lands, Special Regulations Apply” and encompassed by the following roads is closed to all quail and woodcock hunting and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on N.C. 62 to the intersection of S.R. 1746, west on S.R. 1746 to the intersection of S.R.

1156, south on S.R. 1156 to the intersection of S.R. 1783, east on S.R. 1783 to the intersection of N.C. 62, north on N.C. 62 to the intersection of S.R. 1736, east on S.R. 1736 to the intersection of S.R. 1730, east on S.R. 1730 to N.C. 86, north on N.C. 86 to N.C. 62.

- On the posted waterfowl impoundments, a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after Nov. 1.

**Catawba Game Land** – Catawba County (1,098 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 19 (introductory season).
- Deer may be taken with bow and arrow only from the tract known as Molly's Backbone.

**Chatham Game Land** – Chatham County (2,794 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 14 – 20 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Turkey hunting is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is allowed only during June, July and August and on Sundays during the remainder of the year, except during open turkey and deer seasons.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

**Cherokee Game Land** – Ashe County (327 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 14 – 19 (conservative season).

**Chowan Game Land** – Chowan County (30 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Chowan Swamp Game Land** – Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties (27,516 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Bear hunting is allowed on those parts of the game land in Bertie and Gates counties on Nov. 7, 9 and 10 and Dec. 14 – 16, 2009. Bear hunting is allowed on that part of the game land in Hertford county on Nov. 9 – 11 and Dec. 14 – 16, 2009.

**Cold Mountain Game Land** – Haywood County (3,295 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 12 (introductory season)
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 – August 31 and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species.

**Columbus County Game Land** – Brunswick and Columbus counties (9,426 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Croatian Game Land** – Carteret, Jones and Craven counties (160,724 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays and Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas, NewYear's and Martin Luther King Jr. days; and on the opening and closing of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- From opening day to the first Saturday of dove season, a permit is needed to hunt on posted areas.

**Currituck Banks Game Land** – Currituck County (228 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season)
- Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound adjacent to these game lands shall be hunted by permit only after Nov. 1. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).

- Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the guides do not possess or use a firearm.
- The boundary of the game land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- Dogs shall be allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted hunters on the day of their hunt.
- No screws, nails or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.

**Dare Game Land** – Dare and Hyde counties (45,149 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (conservative season).
- No hunting on posted parts of bombing range. Selected roads may be closed for military training.
- The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 – June 30.
- Bear hunting is by permit only (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply) on the Bombing Range Bear Sanctuary.

**Dover Bay Game Land** – Craven County (3,100 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season)

**DuPont State Forest Game Land** – Henderson and Transylvania counties (10,256 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Training and the use of dogs is prohibited except during scheduled permit hunts.

**Elk Knob Game Land** – Ashe and Watauga counties (728 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 14 – Dec. 19 (conservative season).

**Embro Game Land** – Halifax and Warren counties (8,892 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.

**Goose Creek Game Land** – Beaufort and Pamlico counties (10,027 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- **Prior to Oct 1, waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays and Saturdays and on the opening and closing days of the statewide waterfowl seasons on the posted impoundments.**
- **Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on posted waterfowl impoundments.**
- **Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from Sept. 1 to the end of February and April 1 – May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting opportunity permit (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).**
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

**Green River Game Land** – Henderson and Polk counties (14,308 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 12 (introductory season)
- Horseback riding is prohibited. This rule includes all equine species.

**Green Swamp Game Land** – Brunswick County (15,430 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Gull Rock Game Land** – Hyde County (34,346 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- On posted waterfowl impoundments, hunting of any species of wildlife is limited to Tuesdays and Saturdays; Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's and Martin Luther King Jr. days; and opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- Bear may only be taken Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the November segment of the bear season and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week of the December segment, **except that portion of the game land designated as bear sanctuary. Bear hunting is prohibited on the bear sanctuary.**
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.

**Harris Game Land (formerly Shearon Harris Game Land)** – Chatham, Harnett and Wake counties (14,090 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 14 – 20 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1, except those parts in Wake and Harnett counties where the season is Oct 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate seasons).
- Waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days; and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (See *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Target shooting is prohibited.

**Holly Shelter Game Land** – Pender County (64,743 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Waterfowl hunting is allowed only on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King Jr. days; and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- On the portion of the game land that is north of the Bear Garden Road, west of Shaw Road to Baby Branch, east of the Northeast Cape Fear River, south of N.C. 53 and west of N.C. 50, deer hunting and bear hunting are by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply). Other species may be hunted on this area only during the normal open days for this game land.
- Hunting deer and bear with dogs on the Pender 4 and Greentree impoundment tracts is prohibited.
- **Hunting and vehicular access on the Pender 4 Tract is restricted from Sept. 1 to the last day of February and April 1 to May 15 to individuals that possess valid hunting opportunity permits (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).**
- **Hunters who possess a Disabled Access Permit to operate all terrain vehicles are allowed on and within 100 yards of trails designated for Disabled Sportsman Access. See the *Game Lands Map Book* or online game land maps for designated trails.**

**Hyo Game Land** – Person County (4,229 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 14 – 20 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Target shooting is prohibited.

**J. Morgan Futch Game Land** – Tyrrell County (600 acres)

- Permit Only Area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).

**Johns River Game Land** – Burke County (3,870 acres)

- Permit Only Area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.

**Jordan Game Land** – Durham, Chatham, Orange and Wake counties (40,595 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 14 – Nov. 20 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 except that part in Wake Co. where the season is Oct. 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate seasons).
- Waterfowl may be taken only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days; and on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited except those areas posted on the American Tobacco Trail.
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply), except on those areas posted as Archery Zones.
- Except while hunting, bicycle riding is restricted to designated areas.

**Juniper Creek Game Land** – Brunswick and Columbus counties (18,624 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Kerr Scott Game Land** – Wilkes County (523 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 21 – Dec. 19 (maximum season)
- Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- Use of firearms for hunting deer is prohibited during the Gun Deer Season.
- Tree stands may not be left overnight and no screws, nails, or other objects may be used to aid in climbing or to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- Turkey hunting is archery only.

**Lantern Acres Game Land** – Tyrrell and Washington counties (1,852 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Dogs may not be used to hunt deer on the Godley Tract.
- Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.

**Lee Game Lands** – Lee County (2,421 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 14 – Nov. 20 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Target shooting is prohibited.

**Light Ground Pocosin Game Land** – Pamlico County (1,046 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Linwood Game Land** – Davidson County (126 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 14 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Lower Fishing Creek Game Land** – Edgecombe and Halifax counties (1,297 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).

- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.
- Dogs may not be used for hunting deer.

**Mayo Game Land (formerly Person Game Land)** – Person County (7,128 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 14 – Nov. 20 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Waterfowl may be hunted only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; Christmas and New Year’s days; and on opening and closing days, of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

**Mitchell River Game Land** – Surry County (1,729 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Dec. 7 – Dec. 19 (conservative season).
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31. All horseback riding is prohibited Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species.

**Nantahala Game Land** – Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties (528,782 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 12 in that portion in Transylvania County (introductory season).

**Needmore Game Land** – Macon and Swain counties (4,442 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31. All horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule applies to all equine species.

**Neuse River Game Land** – Craven County (4,372 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).

**New Lake Game Land** – Hyde and Tyrrell counties (1,394 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Nicholson Creek Game Land** – Hoke County (1,027 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Deer Season: Open days during Nov. 14 – Dec. 12
- Bow-and-Arrow Season: Open days during Sept. 12 – Nov. 6
- Muzzleloader Season: Open days during Nov. 7 – 11
- Gun Either-Sex Season: Dec. 12 (introductory season)
- The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Swimming and internal combustion engines are prohibited at Lake Upchurch.

**North River Game Land** – Camden and Currituck counties (19,939 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1. (maximum season).
- Turkey hunting is by permit only in that portion in Camden Co. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- The boundary of the game land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline in Currituck County.
- Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).

**Northwest River Marsh Game Land** – Currituck County (3,045 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- The boundary of the game land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.

**Pee Dee River Game Land** – Anson, Montgomery, Richmond and Stanly counties (6,829 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 14 – Nov. 20 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1, except that part in Richmond Co. where the season is Oct. 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate seasons).
- Use of center fire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties north of U.S. 74.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

**Perkins Game Land** – Davie County (982 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 19 (introductory season).

**Person Game Land** – (See Mayo Game Land)

**Pisgah Game Land** – Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey counties (505,217 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun either-sex season: Dec. 12 (introductory season)
- Harmon Den and Sherwood Bear Sanctuaries in Haywood County are closed to hunting raccoon, opossum and wildcat.
- Bear hunting on Mt. Mitchell Bear and Daniel Boone sanctuaries is by permit only.
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River (Burke County), and Little Tablerock tracts (Avery, McDowell and Mitchell counties).

**Pungo River Game Land** – Hyde County (614 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Rhodes Pond Game Land** – Cumberland County (461 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Swimming is prohibited.

**Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land** – Dare County (1,766 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

**Roanoke River Wetlands Game Land** – Bertie, Halifax, Martin and Northampton counties (37,757 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails, except those vehicles operated on official Wildlife Resources Commission business or by permit holders.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas. (Camping is allowed anytime within 100 yards of the river.)

**Robeson Game Land** – Robeson County (42 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 17 – 28 and Dec. 23 – Jan. 1 (moderate season)

**Rockfish Creek Game Land** – Hoke County (2504 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Deer Season: Open days during Nov. 14 – Dec. 12
- Bow-and-Arrow Season: Open days during Sept. 12 – Nov. 6
- Muzzleloader Season: Open days during Nov. 7 – Nov. 11
- Gun Either-Sex Season: Dec. 12 (introductory season)
- The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).

**Rocky Run Game Land** – Onslow County (395 acres)

- Permit Only Area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).

**Sampson Game Land** – Sampson County (2,281 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).

**Sandhills Game Land** – Hoke, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties (61,225 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Deer Season: Open days during Nov. 14 – Dec. 12, except on the field-trial grounds, where the season is the open days during Nov. 16 – 28.
- Bow-and-Arrow Season: Open days during Sept 12 – Nov. 6.
- Muzzleloader Season: Open days during Nov. 7 – Nov. 11 (Deer of either sex may be taken on these days).
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: By permit only (see the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Opossum, raccoon and squirrel (fox and gray) hunting on the field-trial grounds will be allowed on open days during Nov. 16 – 28.
- Rabbit hunting on the field-trial grounds will be allowed on open days during Nov. 21 – 28.
- Except for the deer, opossum, raccoon, rabbit and squirrel seasons specifically indicated for the field-trial grounds and the special hunts for the Disabled Sportsman Program, the field-trial grounds are closed to all hunting during the period of Oct. 22 – March 31.
- Horseback riding is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field-Trial Area Oct. 22 – March 31, except by people riding in field trials.
- In addition to the regular open days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only (see the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Dove hunting on the field-trial grounds will be prohibited from the **third** Sunday in September through the remainder of the hunting season.
- Dog training is restricted to Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from Oct. 1 – April 1.
- Swimming in lakes is not permitted.
- Camping is restricted to Sept. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in designated camping areas.
- It is illegal to hunt quail and woodcock and to train dogs on birds on areas posted with signs stating “CURE Wildlife Game Lands, Special Regulations Apply.” All of these posted areas are on that part of the game land east of U.S. 1 in Richmond County or east of S.R. 1001 and west of U.S. 15/501 in Scotland County.
- All of Sandhills Game Land in Moore County is located within the Sandhill Township (see Moore County “local laws” for rifle caliber restrictions and additional restrictions).

**Sandy Creek Game Land** – Franklin and Nash Counties (928 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.
- Dogs may not be used for hunting deer.

**Sandy Mush Game Land** – Buncombe and Madison County (2,679 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species.
- **Dogs may only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and only during that time period when dog training is allowed on game lands.**

**Second Creek Game Land** – Rowan County (1,140 acres)

- Permit-only area. (See *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

**Shearon Harris Game Land** – (See Harris Game Land).

**Shocco Creek Game Land** – Franklin, Halifax, Nash and Warren counties (7,957 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.

**South Mountains Game Land** – Burke, Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties (21,613 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Deer Season: Nov. 23 – Dec. 12 in all portions of the game land.
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 12 (introductory season) in all portions of the game land.
- Horseback riding is prohibited, except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species.
- That part of South Mountains Game Land in Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford counties is closed to all grouse, quail and woodcock hunting and all bird dog training.

**Stones Creek Game Land** – Onslow County (2,923 acres)

- Six day-per-week area
- Swimming in all lakes is prohibited
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays and Saturdays; on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s and Martin Luther King Jr. days; and on the opening and closing days of the statewide waterfowl season.

**Suggs Mill Pond Game Land** – Cumberland and Bladen counties (9,588 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).
- Camping is restricted to Sep. 1 – Feb. 28 and April 7 – May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- During scheduled permit hunts, only hunters and trappers with permits may enter the game land, EXCEPT the public may use Campground Road to access the pond at the dam.

**Sutton Lake Game Land** – Brunswick and New Hanover counties (2,607 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (conservative season).
- Target shooting is prohibited.

**Tar River Game Land** – Edgecombe County (134 acres)

- Permit-only area (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply).

**Three Top Mountain Game Land** – Ashe County (2,808 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 14 – Dec. 19 (conservative season).
- Horseback riding is prohibited. This includes all equine species.

**Thurmond Chatham Game Land** – Alleghany and Wilkes counties (6,276 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 21 – 27 and Dec. 14 – Dec. 19 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species. Participants must obtain a game lands license prior to horseback riding on this area.

- The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is 14 days within any 30-day period from May 1 – Aug. 31. After 14 consecutive days of camping, all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.

**Tillery Game Land** – Halifax County (5,219 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – 23 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).
- Horseback riding, including all equine species, is prohibited.
- Dogs may not be used for hunting deer.
- Turkey hunting is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

**Toxaway Game Land** – Jackson and Transylvania counties (11,651 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Dec. 12 (introductory season).
- Horseback riding is prohibited, except on designated trails May 16 – Aug. 31, and all horseback riding is prohibited from Sept. 1 – May 15. This rule includes all equine species.

**Uwharrie Game Land** – Davidson, Montgomery and Randolph counties (50,189 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Nov. 14 – 20 and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1 (moderate season).

**Vance Game Land** – Vance County (752 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- The use of dogs, center-fire rifles and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the Nutbush Peninsula Tract.

**Van Swamp Game Land** – Beaufort and Washington counties (5,482 acres)

- Six-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- Bear may only be taken on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the November Bear Season and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week of the December Bear Season.

**White Oak River Game Land** – Onslow County (2,303 acres)

- Three-day-per-week area
- Gun Either-Sex Deer Season: Open days during Oct. 17 – Jan. 1 (maximum season).
- **Prior to Oct. 1**, waterfowl may be taken only on Tuesdays and Saturdays; and on the opening and closing days of the statewide waterfowl hunting seasons on the posted impoundments.
- **Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on posted waterfowl impoundments.**
- Waterfowl hunting on the Huggins tract is by permit only for the entire waterfowl season. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- A **hunting opportunity** permit is needed to access Hargett Avenue.
- On the Huggins Tract, dogs may not be used to hunt deer, there is no discharge of center fire rifles allowed, AND hunting is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)
- Turkey hunting is by permit only. (See the *Permit Hunting Opportunities* publication to apply.)

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