



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

May 15, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Commission Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman John Coley*

ROLL CALL – Betsy Haywood, *Commission Liaison*

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY - North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(e) mandates that the Commission Chair shall remind all Commissioners of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Chapter, and that the chair also inquire as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict, to notify the Chair of the same.
Chairman John Coley

TEMPORARY RULEMAKING

Wildlife Management Rule Proposals – Consider staff recommendations for proposed temporary rules to approve Noticing for proposed amendments to wildlife management rules, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period. – *Dr. David Cobb, Wildlife Management Division Chief (EXHIBITS A, B)*

Game Lands Rule Proposals - Consider staff recommendations for proposed temporary rules to approve Noticing for proposed amendments to game land rules, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period. – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Section Chief (EXHIBITS C)*

North Carolina Alligator Management Plan Discussion – *Gordon Myers, Executive Director*

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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EXHIBIT A

May 15, 2018



Proposed Temporary Amendments to 10B .0124. Importation of Animal Parts Rule Recommended by Agency Staff for Public Notice and Hearing

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a highly infectious, contagious, fatal neurological disease that affects the Cervidae family, which includes deer, moose, and elk. The source of the disease is an abnormal prion (a form of protein) that collects in the animal's brain cells and produces small lesions. CWD is classified as a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy and is similar to mad cow disease. It is characterized by loss of body condition, behavioral abnormalities, and death. It spreads through animal-to-animal contact, contact with infected carcasses, and contact with contaminated soils and plants. CWD has long incubation periods, which can result in an infected cervid appearing healthy while spreading the disease to other cervids. Additionally, CWD is persistent in the environment, which is the most significant obstacle to eradication once the disease is present in a cervid population. When a state's cervid herd is CWD-positive, on-going monitoring and management efforts require the expenditure of millions of dollars in public resources.

In 2006, the WRC adopted the Importation of Animal Parts rule (15A NCAC 10B .0124) which banned the importation of whole cervid carcasses from states known to be positive for CWD and limited importation of cervid parts from these states to specifically identified and treated meat and body parts. There were 11 CWD-positive states when the Importation of Animal Parts rule was adopted. Since 2007, there has been an increase in reported cases of CWD across the United States and internationally. There are currently 25 CWD positive states. Four southeast states are among these, two of which (Arkansas and Mississippi) confirmed their first case of CWD within the past three years. During this same time, CWD has appeared in free-ranging reindeer and moose in Norway and Finland. Three Canadian provinces are also CWD-positive.

Due to the accelerated rate and great distances by which CWD has been transferred across the continent (14 additional CWD-positive states since 2006), 13 states have prohibited the importation of cervid carcasses and carcass parts that originate from outside their state. The importation of cervid carcasses and carcass parts poses an imminent threat to the health and continued existence of North Carolina's white-tailed deer and elk populations. To provide immediate protection to North Carolina's wildlife resources, these new measures must be in place before other states initiate their fall 2018 deer hunting seasons. Adherence to normal notice and hearing requirements provides an additional year that CWD could be released into NC's environment via the importation and disposal of infected deer parts.

15A NCAC 10B .0124 Importation of Animal Parts (page 2)

1 **15A NCAC 10B .0124 IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL PARTS**

2 (a) ~~It shall be unlawful to import, transport, or possess a~~ No cervid carcass or carcass part part(s) originating from
3 any state or province where Chronic Wasting Disease occurs as identified by the Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance
4 on the Internet at <http://www.cwd-info.org/index.php/fuseaction/about.map> shall be imported, transported, or
5 possessed in outside of North Carolina except as provided herein: except:

- 6 (1) ~~meat that is cut and wrapped;~~
- 7 (2) ~~quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;~~
- 8 (3)(1) meat that has been boned out; out such that no pieces or fragments of bone remain;
- 9 (4)(2) caped hides; hides with no part of the skull or spinal column attached;
- 10 (5)(3) antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates; plates, or cleaned skulls with no meat or brain tissue
11 attached;
- 12 (6) ~~antlers;~~
- 13 (7)(4) cleaned lower jawbone(s) with teeth or cleaned teeth; or
- 14 (8)(5) finished taxidermy products, products and tanned hides.

15 (b) ~~Pursuant to G.S. 113-291.2, any~~ Any cervid carcass, carcass part, part(s), or container of cervid meat or carcass
16 parts processed and packaged cervid meat imported as in (a) listed in Subparagraph (a)(1) through (4) of this Rule
17 above from a state or province where Chronic Wasting Disease is known to occur as identified by the Chronic Wasting
18 Disease Alliance on the Internet at <http://www.cwd-info.org/index.php/fuseaction/about.map> shall be tagged
19 identifying: labeled with the following information:

- 20 (1) Hunter's the individual's name and address;
- 21 (2) State or province the state, Canadian province, or foreign country of origin of any cervid carcass,
22 carcass part, or container of processed and packaged cervid meat; origin;
- 23 (3) Date the date the cervid was killed and the hunter's individual's hunting license number number,
24 permit number, or equivalent identification from the state or province state, Canadian province, or
25 foreign country of origin of any cervid carcass, carcass part, or container of processed and packaged
26 cervid meat; origin; and
- 27 (4) Destination the destination of the cervid carcass, carcass part part(s), or container of processed and
28 packaged cervid meat or carcass parts within North Carolina.

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

EXHIBIT B

May 15, 2018



Proposed Temporary Amendments to 10B .0202. Bear Recommended by Agency Staff for Public Notice and Hearing

The immediate amendment of this rule is necessary to clarify that there is no open season for bear in any area of the Green Swamp Bear Sanctuary (sanctuary spans two counties).

This clarification was made in 2017 but was inadvertently omitted when the rule was amended in 2018. It is imperative that this amendment be adopted before the 2018 bear season so that no bear are taken.

15A NCAC 10B .0202 Bear (page 2-3)

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

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

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

26 (b) Restrictions

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

1 (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.

3 (5) Bears shall not be taken while in the act of consuming bait.

4 (6) Hunters shall not take bears using dogs in the following counties: Alamance south of Interstate 85,
5 Anson west of N.C. Hwy 742, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davie, Davidson, Franklin, Forsyth, Gaston,
6 Guilford, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange south of Interstate 85, Randolph,
7 Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake south of N.C. Hwy 98. In all other counties and
8 parts of counties, hunters may take bears using dogs and may release dogs in the vicinity of bait.

9 (c) No Open Season. There is no open season in those parts of counties included in the following posted bear
10 sanctuaries:

11 Avery, Burke, and Caldwell counties--Daniel Boone bear sanctuary except by permit only

12 Beaufort, Bertie, and Washington counties--Bachelor Bay bear sanctuary

13 Bladen County--Suggs Mill Pond bear sanctuary

14 Brunswick ~~County~~ and Columbus Counties --Green Swamp bear sanctuary

15 Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties--Pisgah bear sanctuary

16 Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties--Croatan bear sanctuary

17 Clay County--Fires Creek bear sanctuary

18 Columbus County--Columbus County bear sanctuary

19 Currituck County--North River bear sanctuary

20 Dare County--Bombing Range bear sanctuary except by permit only

21 Haywood County--Harmon Den bear sanctuary

22 Haywood County--Sherwood bear sanctuary

23 Hyde County--Gull Rock bear sanctuary

24 Hyde County--Pungo River bear sanctuary

25 Jackson County--Panthertown-Bonas Defeat bear sanctuary

26 Macon County--Standing Indian bear sanctuary

27 Macon County--Wayah bear sanctuary

28 Madison County--Rich Mountain bear sanctuary

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

30 Mitchell and Yancey counties--Flat Top bear sanctuary

31 Wilkes County--Thurmond Chatham bear sanctuary

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

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

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EXHIBIT C

May 15, 2018



Proposed Temporary Amendments to 10D .0103. Hunting on Game Lands Recommended by Agency Staff for Public Notice and Hearing

The immediate amendment of this rule is necessary to correct language in 10D .0103(h)(11) and (h)(77), incorporating the agency's intent for an extended archery season on these Game Lands into the NCAC. It is also necessary to clarify that deer of either sex can be taken on the first Saturday of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season on the Cold Mountain Game Land.

The amendments to this Rule will align the NCAC with the agency's intent, codifying seasons that are known to the public and are consistent with the WRC's management objectives. Immediate adoption is needed to avoid further confusion and prevent undue hardship on the public for unknowingly hunting out of season.

15A NCAC 10D .0103 Hunting on Game Lands (page 2-23)

1 **15A NCAC 10D .0103 HUNTING ON GAME LANDS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (e) Definitions:

- 30 (1) For purposes of this Section, "Dove Only Area" refers to a Game Land on which doves may be
31 taken and dove hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day,
32 Christmas Day, and New Year's Days within the federally-announced season.
- 33 (2) For purposes of this Section, "Three Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any
34 game may be taken during the open seasons and hunting is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays,
35 Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Days, except for game lands in this
36 Rule that specifically allow hunting on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays. Falconry may also be
37 practiced on Sundays. These "open days" also apply to either-sex deer hunting seasons listed under
38 each game land. Raccoon and opossum hunting may continue until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, until
39 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Saturdays.

- 1 (3) For purposes of this Section, "Six Days per Week Area" refers to a Game Land on which any game
2 may be taken during the open seasons.
- 3 (f) Hunting with Dogs on Game Lands. Deer shall not be taken with the use of dogs on game lands in counties or
4 parts of counties where taking deer with dogs is prohibited as described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.
- 5 (g) Bear Sanctuaries. On Three Days per Week Areas and Six Days per Week Areas, bears shall not be taken on lands
6 designated and posted as bear sanctuaries except when authorized by permit only pursuant to this Chapter. Feral Swine
7 shall not be taken with the use of dogs on bear sanctuaries. Dogs shall not be trained or allowed to run unleashed
8 between March 1 and the Monday on or nearest October 15 on bear sanctuaries in and west of the counties and parts
9 of counties described in 15A NCAC 10B .0109.
- 10 (h) The listed seasons and restrictions apply in the following game lands:
- 11 (1) Alcoa Game Land in Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, and Stanly counties
- 12 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 13 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
14 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter in that portion in Montgomery county,
15 and deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
16 Antlers Season in those portions in Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stanly counties.
- 17 (C) On the Lick Creek Tract, deer and bear hunting is archery only.
- 18 (2) Alligator River Game Land in Tyrrell County
- 19 (A) Six Day per Week Area
- 20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
21 Antlers Season.
- 22 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and
23 the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- 24 (3) Angola Bay Game Land in Duplin and Pender counties
- 25 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 26 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
27 Antlers Season.
- 28 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 29 (4) Bachelor Bay Game Land in Bertie, Martin, and Washington 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 (5) Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County
- 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 (6) Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land in Bladen County
- 38 (A) Three Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (C) Except for blackpowder firearms, rifles larger than .22 caliber rimfire shall not be used.
- 4 (D) On the Singletary Lake Tract, the use of dogs for hunting deer and bear is prohibited.
- 5 (E) Wild turkey hunting on the Singletary Lake Tract is by permit only.
- 6 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March
7 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 8 (G) The use of dogs for pursuing or taking foxes is prohibited March 15 through July 15.
- 9 (7) Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County
- 10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
12 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 13 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 14 (8) Brunswick County Game Land in Brunswick County
- 15 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 16 (B) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 17 (9) Buckhorn Game Land in Orange County
- 18 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 19 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 20 (10) Buckridge Game Land in Tyrrell County.
- 21 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 22 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
23 Antlers Season.
- 24 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and
25 the first three hunting days of the second week of the December Bear Season. If any of
26 these days falls on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday, bear hunting is allowed on those days.
- 27 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 28 (11) Buffalo Cove Game Land in Caldwell and Wilkes Counties
- 29 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 30 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the
31 Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of
32 either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on
33 or nearest September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October
34 15 to the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day, ~~and during the Deer With Visible Antlers~~
35 ~~Season.~~ Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday
36 immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described
37 above in this Part, through January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on
38 open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the
39 second week thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.

- 1 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday day of the applicable Deer With
2 Visible Antlers Season.
- 3 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
4 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 5 (12) Bullard and Branch Hunting Preserve Game Lands in Robeson County
- 6 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
8 Antlers Season.
- 9 (13) Butner - Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake counties
- 10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
12 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 13 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 14 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 15 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 16 (iii) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 17 On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl
18 hunting after November 1.
- 19 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 20 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 21 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 22 (G) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of
23 Falls Lake.
- 24 (H) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
25 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
26 seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of
27 bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September
28 1 through May 14.
- 29 (I) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
30 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 31 (J) Camping is allowed at any time in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area
32 and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited
33 in this camping area.
- 34 (14) Buxton Woods Game Land in Dare County:
- 35 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 36 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
37 Antlers Season.
- 38 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 39 (15) Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land in Pender 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 (C) Turkey Hunting is by permit only on that portion known as the Roan Island Tract.
5 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on the portion of the game land that is west
6 of the Black River, north of Roan Island, east of Lyon Swamp Canal to Canetuck Road,
7 and south of NC 210 to the Black River.
8 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 9 (16) Carteret County Game Land in Carteret County
10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
12 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
13 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 14 (17) R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County
15 (A) Three Days per Week Area
16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
17 Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
18 (C) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August, and on Sundays during
19 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons. Horseback riding is
20 allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and on those gated roads and trails that
21 are posted for equestrian use. People age 16 or older horseback riding on this game land
22 shall possess a Game Lands license.
23 (D) The area encompassed by the following roads is permit-only for all quail and woodcock
24 hunting, and all bird dog training: From Yanceyville south on NC 62 to the intersection of
25 SR 1746, west on SR 1746 to the intersection of SR 1156, south on SR 1156 to the
26 intersection of SR 1783, east on SR 1783 to the intersection of NC 62, north on NC 62 to
27 the intersection of SR 1736, east on SR 1736 to the intersection of SR 1730, east on SR
28 1730 to NC 86, north on NC 86 to NC 62.
29 (E) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl hunting is by permit only after
30 November 1.
31 (F) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
32 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
33 (G) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Shooting Range.
- 34 (18) Chatham Game Land in Chatham County
35 (A) Six Days per Week Area
36 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
37 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
38 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.

- 1 (D) Horseback riding is allowed only during June, July, and August; and on Sundays during
2 the remainder of the year except during open turkey and deer seasons.
- 3 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 4 (19) Chowan Game Land in Chowan County
- 5 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 6 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
7 Season.
- 8 (20) Chowan Swamp Game Land in Bertie, Gates, and Hertford counties.
- 9 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 10 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
11 Antlers Season.
- 12 (C) Bear hunting is restricted to the first three hunting days during the November bear season
13 and the first three hunting days during the second week of the December bear season except
14 that portion of Chowan Swamp Game Land in Gates County that is east of Highway
15 158/13, south of Highway 158, west of Highway 32, and north of Catherine Creek and the
16 Chowan River where the bear season is the same as the season dates for the Gates County
17 bear season.
- 18 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
19 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 20 (E) Horseback riding is prohibited except during May 16 through August 31 and on Sundays
21 only September 1 through May 15 on those roads that are open to vehicular traffic and on
22 those gated roads and trails posted for equestrian use.
- 23 (F) Target shooting is prohibited in the area west of Sand Banks Road, east of the Chowan
24 River and north of US 13/158 to the NC-VA state line.
- 25 (21) Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County
- 26 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
28 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 29 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open ~~day~~ Saturday of the applicable Deer With
30 Visible Antlers Season.
- 31 (22) Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County.
- 32 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 33 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
34 Antlers Season.
- 35 (23) Croatan Game Land in Carteret, Craven, and Jones counties
- 36 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 37 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
38 Antlers Season.
- 39 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:

- 1 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 2 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 3 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 4 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl day in October through the end of the waterfowl
- 5 season, waterfowl hunting from designated Disabled Sportsmen blinds on the Catfish Lake
- 6 Waterfowl Impoundment is by permit only.
- 7 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only for the first two open days of dove season on posted areas.
- 8 During the rest of dove season, no permit is required to hunt doves.
- 9 (24) Currituck Banks Game Land in Currituck County
- 10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Permanent waterfowl blinds in Currituck Sound on these game lands shall be hunted by
- 12 permit only from November 1 through the end of the waterfowl season.
- 13 (C) Licensed hunting guides may accompany the permitted individual or party provided the
- 14 guides do not use a firearm.
- 15 (D) The boundary of the game land shall extend 5 yards from the edge of the marsh or shoreline.
- 16 (E) Dogs are allowed only for waterfowl hunting by permitted waterfowl hunters on the day of
- 17 their hunt.
- 18 (F) No screws, nails, or other objects penetrating the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand
- 19 or blind to a tree.
- 20 (G) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
- 21 season.
- 22 (25) Dan River Game Land in Rockingham County
- 23 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 24 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted for equestrian use. People age
- 25 16 or older horseback riding on this game land must possess a Game Lands license.
- 26 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 27 (26) Dare Game Land in Dare County
- 28 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 29 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 30 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 31 (C) No hunting is allowed on posted parts of bombing range.
- 32 (D) The use and training of dogs is prohibited from March 1 through June 30.
- 33 (27) Dover Bay Game Land in Craven County
- 34 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 35 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the days of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers
- 36 season.
- 37 (28) DuPont State Forest Game Lands in Henderson and Transylvania counties
- 38 (A) Hunting is by permit only.

- 1 (B) The training and use of dogs for hunting is prohibited except by special hunt permit holders
2 during scheduled permit hunts.
- 3 (29) Elk Knob Game Land in Watauga County
4 (A) Six Days per Week Area
5 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
6 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 7 (30) Embro Game Land in Halifax and Warren counties
8 (A) Six Days per Week Area
9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
10 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
11 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 12 (31) Goose Creek Game Land in Beaufort and Pamlico 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) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
17 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
18 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
19 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
20 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
21 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
22 waterfowl season, waterfowl hunting is by permit only on the following waterfowl
23 impoundments: Pamlico Point, Campbell Creek, Hunting Creek, Spring Creek, Smith
24 Creek, and Hobucken.
25 (E) On Pamlico Point and Campbell Creek Waterfowl Impoundments all activities, except
26 waterfowl hunting on designated waterfowl hunting days and trapping during the trapping
27 season, are restricted to the posted Scouting-only Zone during the period November 1
28 through March 15.
29 (F) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
30 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
31 (G) Hunting and vehicular access on the Parker Farm Tract is restricted from September 1
32 through January 1 and April 1 through May 15 to individuals that possess a valid hunting
33 opportunity permit.
- 34 (32) Green River Game Land in Henderson, and Polk counties
35 (A) Six Days per Week Area
36 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
37 Antlers Season.
38 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 39 (33) Green Swamp Game Land in Brunswick 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 (C) On that portion north of Big Macedonia Road, east of Makatoka Road, south of Little
- 5 Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road, hunting for bear, deer, and turkey is by
- 6 permit only.
- 7 (D) Pursuing or chasing deer or bear with dogs for the purposes of training or hunting is
- 8 prohibited on that portion of the game land that is north of Big Macedonia Road, east of
- 9 Makatoka Road, south of Little Macedonia Road, and west of Green Swamp Road.
- 10 (34) Gull Rock Game Land in Hyde County
- 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 on posted waterfowl impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 15 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons; and
- 16 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 17 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl season.
- 18 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
- 19 through May 14 in areas designated and posted as camping areas.
- 20 (E) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and
- 21 the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season, except
- 22 for that portion designated as bear sanctuary.
- 23 (35) Harris Game Land in Chatham, Harnett, and Wake counties
- 24 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 25 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 26 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 27 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on the following days:
- 28 (i) Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 29 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
- 30 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 31 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds shall be prohibited.
- 32 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- 33 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 34 (G) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 35 (36) Headwaters State Forest Game Land in Transylvania County
- 36 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 37 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 38 Antlers Season
- 39 (37) Hill Farm Game Land in Stokes County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.

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

- 1 (C) Entry on posted waterfowl impoundments is prohibited October 1 through March 31,
2 except by lawful waterfowl hunting permit holders and only on those days written on the
3 permits.
- 4 (D) The use or construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited.
- 5 (42) Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties
- 6 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 7 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
8 Antlers Season.
- 9 (C) Waterfowl may be taken only on:
- 10 (i) Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 11 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days; and
- 12 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 13 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on those areas posted as American Tobacco Trail
14 and other areas posted for equestrian use. Unless otherwise posted, horseback riding is
15 permitted on posted portions of the American Tobacco Trail anytime the trail is open for
16 use. On all other trails posted for equestrian use, horseback riding is allowed only during
17 June, July, and August, and on Sundays the remainder of the year except during open turkey
18 and deer seasons. People age 16 or older who ride horseback on trails occurring entirely
19 within the game land boundaries shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 20 (E) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 21 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an Archery Zone.
- 22 (G) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not
23 apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the applicable
24 seasons for game birds and game animals.
- 25 (43) Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick and Columbus counties
- 26 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- 28 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
29 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 30 (44) Kerr Scott Game Land in Wilkes County
- 31 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 32 (B) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
- 33 (C) Use of blackpowder firearms, shotguns, or rifles for hunting deer during the applicable
34 Deer With Visible Antlers Season is prohibited.
- 35 (D) Tree stands shall not be left overnight; and no screws, nails, or other objects penetrating
36 the bark shall be used to attach a tree stand or blind to a tree.
- 37 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken on all open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
38 Antlers season.
- 39 (F) Hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.

- 1 (G) The use of firearms for hunting wild turkey is prohibited.
- 2 (45) Lantern Acres Game Land in Tyrrell and Washington counties
- 3 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 4 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 5 Antlers Season.
- 6 (C) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 7 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer on the Godley Tract is prohibited.
- 8 (E) Waterfowl hunting on posted waterfowl impoundments is by permit only.
- 9 (46) Lee Game Land in Lee County
- 10 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 11 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 12 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 13 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 14 (47) Light Ground Pocosin Game Land in Pamlico County
- 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 (48) Linwood Game Land in Davidson County
- 19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken on all of the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 21 Antlers Season.
- 22 (49) Lower Fishing Creek Game Land in Edgecombe and Halifax counties
- 23 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 24 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 25 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 26 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 27 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 28 (50) Mayo Game Land in Person County
- 29 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 30 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 31 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 32 (C) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
- 33 (i) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 34 (ii) Christmas and New Year's Days; and
- 35 (iii) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 36 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 37 (51) Mitchell River Game Land in Surry County
- 38 (A) Three Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- 3 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
4 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 5 (52) Nantahala Game Land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania
6 counties
- 7 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 8 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
9 Antlers Season in that portion located in Transylvania County.
- 10 (53) Needmore Game Land in Macon and Swain counties.
- 11 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 12 (B) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
13 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 14 (C) On posted dove fields, dove hunting on the opening day of dove season is by permit only.
- 15 (54) Neuse River Game Land in Craven County
- 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 (55) New Lake Game Land in Hyde and Tyrrell counties
- 20 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season.
- 23 (56) Nicholson Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- 24 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 25 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the
26 Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- 27 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
28 the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday thereafter.
- 29 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
30 Saturday before Thanksgiving through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.
- 31 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
32 Antlers Season.
- 33 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 34 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 35 (H) On Lake Upchurch, the following activities are prohibited:
- 36 (i) Operating any vessel or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; and
37 (ii) Swimming.
- 38 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 39 (57) North River Game Land in Camden and Currituck counties

- 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 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
- 5 shoreline.
- 6 (D) Hunting on the posted waterfowl impoundment is by permit only.
- 7 (58) Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County
- 8 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 10 Antlers Season.
- 11 (C) The boundary of the Game Land shall extend five yards from the edge of the marsh or
- 12 shoreline.
- 13 (59) Pee Dee River Game Land in Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Stanly counties
- 14 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 15 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 16 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 17 (C) Use of centerfire rifles is prohibited in that portion in Anson and Richmond counties North
- 18 of US-74.
- 19 (D) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 20 (E) Horseback riding is allowed only on roads opened to vehicular traffic and only during the
- 21 following times:
- 22 (i) during June, July, and August; and
- 23 (ii) on Sundays during the other months or parts of months when deer and turkey
- 24 seasons are closed.
- 25 (60) Perkins Game Land in Davie County
- 26 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 27 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 28 Antlers Season.
- 29 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited from November 1 through January 1.
- 30 (61) Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison,
- 31 McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey counties
- 32 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 33 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
- 34 Antlers Season.
- 35 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited on the Black Bear (McDowell County), Linville River
- 36 (Burke County), and Little Tablerock Tracts (Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell counties).
- 37 (62) Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 38 (A) Six Days per Week Area

- 1 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 3 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails from May 16 through August 31
4 and Sundays from September 1 through October 31. All horseback riding is prohibited
5 from November 1 through May 15.
- 6 (63) Pungo River Game Land in Hyde 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 (64) Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County
- 11 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 12 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
13 Antlers Season through the second Wednesday thereafter.
- 14 (C) Bear hunting is prohibited.
- 15 (65) Rhodes Pond Game Land in Cumberland and Harnett counties
- 16 (A) Hunting is by permit only.
- 17 (B) Swimming is prohibited on the area.
- 18 (66) Roanoke River Wetlands in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, and Northampton counties
- 19 (A) Hunting is by Permit only.
- 20 (B) Vehicles are prohibited on roads or trails except those operated on Commission business
21 or by permit holders.
- 22 (C) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
23 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas, provided, however,
24 that camping is allowed at any time within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on the state-
25 owned portion of the game land.
- 26 (67) Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land in Dare County-Hunting is by permit only.
- 27 (68) Robeson Game Land in Robeson County
- 28 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 29 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
30 Antlers Season.
- 31 (69) Rockfish Creek Game Land in Hoke County
- 32 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 33 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open hunting days from the
34 Saturday on or nearest September 10 to the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day.
- 35 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open hunting days beginning
36 the fourth Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week
37 thereafter.
- 38 (D) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the second
39 Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day.

- 1 (E) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
2 Antlers Season.
- 3 (F) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 4 (G) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 5 (H) Taking fox squirrels is prohibited.
- 6 (I) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 7 (70) Rocky Run Game Land in Onslow County - Hunting is by permit only.
- 8 (71) Sampson Game Land in Sampson County
- 9 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 10 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
11 Antlers Season.
- 12 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 13 (72) Sandhills Game Land in Hoke, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland counties
- 14 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 15 (B) Hunting is prohibited on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds from October 22
16 through March 31 except as follows:
- 17 (i) deer of either-sex may be taken with archery equipment on all the open days of
18 the archery season through the fourth Friday before Thanksgiving Day; with
19 blackpowder firearms and archery equipment all the open days of the
20 blackpowder firearms season through the third Wednesday before Thanksgiving
21 Day; and only deer with visible antlers may be taken with all legal weapons from
22 the second Saturday before Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following
23 Thanksgiving Day;
- 24 (ii) dove may be taken all open days from the opening day of the dove season through
25 the third Saturday thereafter;
- 26 (iii) squirrel (gray and fox) may be taken all the open days from second Monday before
27 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- 28 (iv) rabbit may be taken all open days from the second Saturday preceding
29 Thanksgiving Day through the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day;
- 30 (v) waterfowl may be taken on open days during any waterfowl season;
- 31 (vi) wild animals and wild birds may be taken as part of a Disabled Sportsmen
32 Program Permit Hunt; and
- 33 (vii) raccoon and opossum may be taken on open days from sunrise Monday on or
34 nearest October 15 through the last day of February.
- 35 (C) The Deer With Visible Antlers season is the open hunting days from the second Saturday
36 before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving Day except on the
37 J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds.
- 38 (D) The archery season is all open days from the Saturday on or nearest to Sept. 10 to the fourth
39 Friday before Thanksgiving Day and, except on the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds,

- 1 the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Deer may be taken with
2 archery equipment on all open hunting days during the archery season, the Deer with
3 Visible antlers season, and the blackpowder firearms season as stated in this Subparagraph.
- 4 (E) Blackpowder firearms season is all the open days from the fourth Saturday preceding
5 Thanksgiving Day through the Wednesday of the second week thereafter and, except on
6 the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds, the third Monday after Thanksgiving Day
7 through January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on all open hunting days
8 during the blackpowder firearms season and the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- 9 (F) Either-sex deer hunting during the Deer With Visible Antlers Season is by permit only.
- 10 (G) In addition to the regular hunting days, waterfowl may be taken on the opening and closing
11 days of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 12 (H) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 13 (I) Horseback riding on field trial grounds from October 22 through March 31 is prohibited
14 unless participating in authorized field trials.
- 15 (J) Camping and the presence of campers and tents in designated Hunter Camping Areas are
16 limited to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- 17 (K) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the John F. Lentz Hunter Education Complex.
- 18 (73) Sandy Creek Game Land in Nash and Franklin Counties
- 19 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 20 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
21 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 22 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 23 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 24 (74) Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe and Madison counties.
- 25 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 26 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer with Visible
27 Antlers season.
- 28 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
29 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 30 (D) Dogs shall only be trained on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays and only as allowed
31 in 15A NCAC 10D .0102(f).
- 32 (E) Dove hunting is by permit only from the opening day through the second Saturday of dove
33 season.
- 34 (75) Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County- hunting is by permit only.
- 35 (76) Shocco Creek Game Land in Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren counties
- 36 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 37 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
38 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 39 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.

- 1 (D) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
2 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 3 (77) South Mountains Game Land in Burke, Cleveland, McDowell, and Rutherford counties
- 4 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 5 (B) The Deer With Visible Antlers season consists of the open hunting days from the Monday
6 before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex
7 may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest
8 September 10 to the third Saturday thereafter, and Monday on or nearest October 15 to the
9 Saturday before Thanksgiving ~~Day and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season. Day.~~
10 Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Monday immediately
11 following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described above in this
12 Part, through January 1. Deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days
13 beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week
14 thereafter, and during the Deer With Visible Antlers season.
- 15 (C) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday day of the applicable Deer With
16 Visible Antlers Season.
- 17 (D) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
18 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 19 (78) Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County
- 20 (A) Six-Day per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season.
- 23 (C) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- 24 (D) Swimming in all lakes is prohibited.
- 25 (E) Waterfowl on posted waterfowl impoundments may be taken only on the following days:
- 26 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 27 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 28 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 29 (F) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 30 (G) Geocaching is restricted to closed days for taking bear, deer, turkey, and waterfowl.
- 31 (79) Suggs Mill Pond Game Land in Bladen and Cumberland counties
- 32 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 33 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
34 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 35 (C) Entry is prohibited on scheduled hunt or trapping days except for:
- 36 (i) hunters or trappers holding special hunt or trapping permits; and
- 37 (ii) persons using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.
- 38 (D) During the period of November 1 through January 31, except on Sundays, the use of vessels
39 on Suggs Mill Pond Lake and Little Singletary Lake is limited to waterfowl hunting only

- 1 by waterfowl hunters possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by
2 the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 3 (E) During the period of November 1 through March 15, the use of vessels on managed
4 waterfowl impoundments is limited to waterfowl hunting only by waterfowl hunters
5 possessing a valid and current Hunting Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife
6 Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 113-264(d).
- 7 (80) Sutton Lake Game Land in New Hanover and Brunswick counties
- 8 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 9 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
10 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 11 (C) Target shooting is prohibited.
- 12 (81) Tar River Game Land in Edgecombe County – hunting is by permit only.
- 13 (82) Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County - hunting is by permit only.
- 14 (83) Three Top Mountain Game Land in Ashe County
- 15 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 16 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
17 Antlers Season through the first Friday thereafter.
- 18 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 19 (84) Thurmond Chatham Game Land in Alleghany and Wilkes counties
- 20 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 23 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31, and
24 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15. People age 16 or
25 older horseback riding on this game land shall possess a Game Lands license.
- 26 (D) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any designated campground is
27 14 days within any 30 day period from May 1 through August 31. After 14 consecutive
28 days of camping all personal belongings must be removed from the game land.
- 29 (85) Tillery game Land in Halifax County
- 30 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 31 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
32 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 33 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 34 (D) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
- 35 (E) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 36 (86) Toxaway Game Land in Jackson and Transylvania counties
- 37 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 38 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
39 Antlers Season.

- 1 (C) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails May 16 through August 31 and
2 all horseback riding is prohibited from September 1 through May 15.
- 3 (87) Uwharrie Game Land in Davidson, Montgomery, and Randolph counties
- 4 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 5 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open day of the applicable Deer With Visible
6 Antlers Season through the second Friday thereafter.
- 7 (C) On the posted waterfowl impoundment, waterfowl may be taken only on the following
8 days:
- 9 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 10 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 11 (iii) Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 12 (D) Target shooting is prohibited, except at the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range.
- 13 (88) Vance Game Land in Vance County
- 14 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 15 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
16 Antlers Season.
- 17 (C) The use of dogs, centerfire rifles, and handguns for hunting deer is prohibited on the
18 Nutbush Peninsula tract.
- 19 (89) Van Swamp Game Land in Beaufort and Washington counties
- 20 (A) Six Days per Week Area
- 21 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
22 Antlers Season.
- 23 (C) Bear may only be taken the first three hunting days during the November Bear Season and
24 the first three hunting days during the second week of the December Bear Season.
- 25 (90) Voice of America Game Land in Beaufort County- hunting and trapping is by permit only.
- 26 (91) White Oak River Game Land in Onslow County
- 27 (A) Three Days per Week Area
- 28 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken all the open days of the applicable Deer With Visible
29 Antlers Season.
- 30 (C) Except as provided in Part (D) of this Subparagraph, waterfowl in posted waterfowl
31 impoundments shall be taken only on the following days:
- 32 (i) the opening and closing days of the applicable waterfowl seasons;
- 33 (ii) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
- 34 (iii) Tuesdays and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.
- 35 (D) Beginning on the first open waterfowl season day in October and through the end of the
36 waterfowl season, a permit is required for hunting posted waterfowl impoundments.
- 37 (E) The Huggins Tract and Morton Tracts have the following restrictions:

- 1 (i) access on Hargett Avenue and Sloan Farm Road requires a valid Hunting
2 Opportunity Permit issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to
3 G.S. 113-264(d);
4 (ii) hunting is by permit only; and
5 (iii) the use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited.
6 (F) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only.
- 7 (92) Whitehall Plantation Game Land in Bladen County
8 (A) Hunting and trapping is by permit only.
9 (B) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31
10 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- 11 (93) William H. Silver Game Land in Haywood County
12 (A) Six Days per Week Area
13 (B) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible
14 Antlers Season.
- 15 (i) On permitted type hunts, deer of either sex may be taken on the hunt dates indicated on the permit. Completed
16 applications shall be received by the Commission not later than the first day of September next preceding the dates of
17 hunt. Permits shall be issued by random computer selection, shall be mailed to the permittees prior to the hunt, and
18 are nontransferable. A hunter making a kill shall validate the kill and report the kill to a wildlife cooperater agent or
19 by phone.
- 20 (j) The following game lands and refuges are closed to all hunting except to those individuals who have obtained a
21 valid and current permit from the Wildlife Resources Commission:
- 22 (1) Bertie, Halifax and Martin counties—Roanoke River Wetlands;
23 (2) Bertie County—Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge;
24 (3) Bladen County—Suggs Mill Pond Game Lands;
25 (4) Burke County—John's River Waterfowl Refuge;
26 (5) Dare County—Dare Game Lands (Those parts of bombing range posted against hunting);
27 (6) Dare County—Roanoke Sound Marshes Game Lands; and
28 (7) Henderson and Transylvania counties—DuPont State Forest Game Lands.
- 29 (k) Access to Hunting Creek Swamp Waterfowl Refuge in Davie County requires written permission from the
30 Commission. Written permission may be granted only when entry onto the Waterfowl Refuge will not compromise
31 the primary purpose for establishing the Waterfowl Refuge and the person requesting entry can demonstrate a valid
32 need or the person is a contractor or agent of the Commission conducting official business. "Valid need" includes
33 issues of access to private property, scientific investigations, surveys, or other access to conduct activities in the public
34 interest.
- 35 (l) Feral swine may be taken by licensed hunters during the open season for any game animal or game bird using any
36 legal manner of take allowed during those seasons. Dogs may not be used to hunt feral swine except on game lands
37 that allow the use of dogs for hunting deer or bear, and during the applicable deer or bear season.

1 (m) Youth Waterfowl Day. On the day declared by the Commission to be Youth Waterfowl Day, youths may hunt
2 on any game land and on any impoundment without a special hunt permit, including permit-only areas, except where
3 prohibited in Paragraph (h) of this Rule.

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

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

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

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